

1941

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

GENERAL

Personnel

✓ BLACK

Biographical

BREASTED

Maria C. Niehlsner to Aydelotte, January 23, 1941, covering
the above headings.

See source.

PA (Elsa Jenkins) 3/19/57, File no. 4.

1944

March and April

GENERAL (AMERICAN CIVILIZATION STUDY)

Academic Activities

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

GUDDENHEIM

Foundations

WARREN, R.

Biographical

✓ BLACKBUR

Copy of memoranda on the project.

Another memorandum--Warren to Lydelette on arrangements for
study or seminar April 10, 1944.

PA (Klisa Jenkins) 3/19/47, File No. 2)

1948

12/30

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Foundations

ELIOT, T. S.

Biographical

✓ BLACKMUR, R. P.

BARON, HANS

EVERETT, C. W.

Accounting of works to Rockefeller Foundation.

B, Rockefeller Foundation

1930-1950

✓ BLAKE, GWEN

Biographical

EICHELSER, MARIE

Miss Gwen Blake, 120 Prospect Place, South Orange, New Jersey, Secretary in the School of Mathematics, was the only senior to Marie Eichelser when Eichelser retired from I. A. S. (Secretary to Director and Assistant Secretary to Board of Trustees) Minutes 4/18/44, p. 10. (Over 10 years' service for both).

1956

5/7

DIRECTOR

Administration

SWARTHMORE

Educational Institutions

✓ BLANSHARD, BRAND (MRS.)

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

Interview with Mrs. Brand Blanshard, May 7, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Elizabeth Blanshard Interviews.

Interview with Mrs. Blanshard, 5/7/56

DIRECTOR

Administration

BLEGEN, THEODORE CHRISTIAN

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

BRONK, DETLEV WULF

MASON, EDWARD SAGENDORPH

PAULING, LINUS CARL

ERNE WOLFERS, ARNOLD OSCAR

Biographical data from Who's Who in America regarding
the above-named men.

Filed in Chronological file under 1947.

Earle, E. A. S., 1944-5

1933

3/24

✓ BLEICK

Biographical

DIRAC, P.A.M.

GENERAL

Finance

FOREIGN

Academic Personnel

Veblen to Flexner (NYC):

"I think I agree with you completely in your attitude with regard to American versus foreign appointments. The considerations which you adduce seem to be decisive. Also I appreciate your desire to be ~~xxx~~ cautious in view of the present economic situation.

"I have been expressing interest in Dirac in spite of the very small chance that he could be moved because he is a) young, b) extremely able, and c) interested in questions which are close to those being studied by Einstein, von Neumann and myself. I really think that the most we could hope to do would be to get him here for a single term once in a while.

"I mention Wiener largely because of a desire to be fair. He seems to be now the most deserving American who is available and he would bring into our group an element

which we lack (the sort of analysis of which Hardy is an exponent).

"Should we wait with further junior appointments until the additional \$5000 has been actually appropriated? I have about come to the conclusion that Mr. Bleick should be given a \$1000. scholarship or fellowship. He will receive the Ph.D. in Chemistry this year and wants to continue in mathematical physics. There would be no point in his taking a Ph.D. over again. Therefore, as he looks like an able man, I think he would be an appropriate student for the Institute and just about at a good point in his development to make use of the opportunities."

1933

4/5

✓BLEICK

GRANT-IN-AID

Biography

Finance

See PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION - Academic Personnel
Letter from Flexner to Veblen

File IV-21

✓ ELETICK

Biographical

GRANT-IN-AID

Finance

WILDER

Biographical

BERNAYS

See PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION - Academic Personnel
Letter from Veblen to Flexner and Flexner's reply

GENERAL (PURPOSE)

Corperation

DECREES

Academic Procedures

FLENNER, A.

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

TAUB, A.

GIVENS, W.

RIDENOUR

✓ BLEICK, W.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAT

Flexner to Veblen in regard to giving Ridenour a full-time post
as instructor. Filed under 1935, 12/18

File IV-20

Chronological file

1935

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12/18 and
12/23

GENERAL (PURPOSE

Corporation

DEGREE

Academic Procedures

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

VEBLER, G.

TAUB, A.

GIVENS, W.

RIDENOUR

✓ BLEICK, W.

HIRSCHFELDER, DR. J. L.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WCAT

Letters from Veblen to Flexner and Flexner to Veblen
Filed in Chronological File, 1935, 12/18

Source: IV-20

1935

12/27

GENERAL (PURPOSE)

Corporation

DEGREES

Academic Procedures

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

TAUB, A.

Givens, W.

RIDENOUR

✓ BLEICK, W.

HIRSCHFELDER, DR. J. L.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

Veblen to Flexner

"I appreciate your remarks about the part-time arrangement, and although my experience does not agree with that which you cite, I hope that you will find me accepting the decision in the same loyal spirit in which it is taken. Indeed, I did not suggest the meeting of the mathematical group at which your letter of December 11 was discussed, but merely circulated your letter for the information of my colleagues."

1956

~~3/23~~ 3/29

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

~~BLOCK, HERBERT~~

Biographical

Block was approved as Professor, March 29, 1956, by the
Faculty.

Faculty Minutes, 3/29/56

1929

12/19

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ BLUESTONE

LEIDESDORF

Initialed copy of a letter Bluestone to Flexner placing date above as of which Bluestone referred Leidesdorf to Flexner first.

Filed with this memo under Flexner in Biographical File.

Handed to me by Flexner, 10/24/56

1956

10/24

JONAS HOPKINS

Educational Institutions

INSTITUTE HISTORY

Institute History

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

✓ BIRNSTEIN

FLANNERY

Brief Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, October 24, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Oppenheimer Interviews.

1956

10/24

DIRECTOR

JOHNS HOPKINS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

INSTITUTE HISTORY

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

FLEXNER, A.

LEIDESDORF

✓ BLUESTONE

MAASS

VEBLEN

HARDIN

VON NEUMANN

ALEXANDER

DODIS

MOREY

AYDELOTTE

WARREN

STEWART

Administration

Educational Institutions

Facilities

Academic Personnel

Institute History

Relations WOA

Biographical

Interview with Abraham Flexner, October 24, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Flexner Interviews.

Interview with Flexner, 10/24/56

1930-1940

GENERAL

Relations WOI

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ BOAS, FRANZ

Correspondence with Franz Boas and other scientists/
with Flexner. Request of the scientists through Boas to
Flexner to cosign an answer to the Nazi attack on
theoretical physics and free learning.

File 1-10

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES
PRINCETON
LIBRARY
FACULTY
FLENNER, A.
DODDS, HERBERT
CAPPS
HENRY T
PANOFKY
EATLE
GATES
OPPENHEIMER
STEWART
FERGUSON
ELIOT
TOYNBEE
✓ BOAZ

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Academic Organization
Relations WPA
Facilities
Academic Personnel
Biographical

Interview with Professor W. J. Gates, Chairman
Classics Department, Princeton University, June 4, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Gates Interviews.

Interview with Gates, 6/4/56

1956

9/28

JOHNS HOPKINS

Educational Institutions

✓ BOAS, GEORGE

Biographical

FLEXNER

LOVEJOY, ARTHUR G.

GOODNOW, FRANK

AYDELOTTE, F.

ALBRIGHT

HENNAN

Conversation with George Boas, September 28, 1956.

Filed under Boas Interviews.

1956

10/19

JOHNS HOPKINS

Educational Institutions

GENERAL (GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD)

Foundations

ROCKEFELLER

FOUNDERS

Corporation

LOVEJOY, ARTHUR O.

Biographical

BOAS

FLEXNER, A.

AYDELOTTE, P.

Interview with Professor Emeritus (Johns Hopkins)
Arthur O. Lovejoy, October 19, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Lovejoy Interviews.

Interview With Lovejoy, 10/19/56

1957

3/31

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

✓ BOAS, GEORGE

Biographical

VEBLÉN, O.

Interview with George Boas, March 31, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Boas Interviews.

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6/12

ORIENTAL STUDIES (SINOLOGY)

Academic Activities

GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY

Facilities

BOS ✓BODDE, DERK

Biographical

Bodde's letter on Gest Oriental Library.

See source.

Gest Oriental Library--Vault file, Scholar's Suggestions for Posts

✓ BOHR, HAROLD

Biographical

BOHR, NIELS

Both were extremely active in assisting scholars who fled Germany in getting positions elsewhere in the world 1933 on. Thus Harold Bohr carried on a long correspondence with Flexner in 1933 and with Veblen also about placing Courant. It seems clear from other files that Veblen hung back on this and that Flexner was eager to make the provision. It is not clear that Flexner was responsible for Courant's opportunity to go to New York University.

Again in 1938 a typical letter from Niels Bohr to Ø Veblen: "I am sorry not to have written you for such a long time, but I have been very occupied all this winter with the organization of the Institute and with my own work and I have also had to give much time and thought in connection with the sad development in the world which is ever bringing more scientists in difficulties." ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ He agreed to come to Princeton in the spring of 1939 which he did.

On December 1, 1938, Veblen informed Harold Bohr, apparently officially, that the resignation of the American editors (Zentralblatt) was mailed November 22, 1938.

It was Harold Bohr who promoted the membership of Neugebauer at the Institute.

Aydelotte cabled Bohr: "Through generosity Rockefeller Foundation offer you visiting professorship for one year Institute for Advanced Study effective immediately; salary \$8,000 plus \$1,000 traveling expenses."

The cablegram was telephoned by Professor Veblen to Honorable Joseph E. Davies of the State Department to be transmitted through State Department channels. Davies said they would make an effort to get it through the first thing in the morning and report to Aydelotte on the results of the effort. This move was initiated by the Institute in a request to Mr. Fosdick and Mr. Weaver. (This was two days after the invasion of Denmark). Davies was unable to get the message through to Bohr, but had received word otherwise that Bohr

planned to remain in Denmark for the time being.

By October, 1943, it seemed apparent that Niels Bohr had escaped to Sweden. The Germans occupying Denmark were beginning to arrest Semites. His purpose in remaining in Denmark to protect these German refugees was no longer serviceable. The Institute then moved promptly with Courant and the Rockefeller Foundation to assure transportation of Harold and Niels and the families to this country.

It seems apparent from letters from Warren and Weaver October 8, 1943 and Courant October 6, 1943 in the file that Veblen and Courant were very eager to bring Harold in on an invitation which it was agreed would go out to Niels.

Strauss discussed Niels Bohr's coming with Vannever Bush who thought that if both men came to the Institute, the Institute would find them very shortly being bidden away anyway, so the implication was no one needed to be too concerned about guaranteeing their expenses.

October 16, 1943, Vaneever Bush to Aydelotte: "I have heard directly that Niels Bohr who is now in England is to become connected in some way with the matter, which I do not yet quite understand, but which will prevent him from accepting an invitation from the Institute for Advanced Study. I gathered that he might visit this country, however, in this other connection. Undoubtedly Bohr, himself, will write you, but I thought you might care to have this early word that he probably will not accept. I heard also, however, that his family had escaped to Sweden which is good news."

October 21, 1943, Vaneever Bush to Courant. It is true that Captain Strauss is willing to underwrite bringing Harold Bohr to this country. Bush was sure he could be fitted into the war effort at some point. Not sure where because ~~these~~ men are not citizens of this country, so Bush arranged with Strauss it would be quite in order to bring both these men over here if it worked out appropriately from other considerations. Bush says he also learned of the moves by the Rockefeller Foundation and by the Institute for Advanced Study; also understands M. I. T. is making some sort of move along the same lines. Bush concludes the men will be taken care of.

Bush says he didn't know Aydelotte had gone to England, but that Richard Tolman is there for matters of interest to the National Defense Research Committee, and that Tolman had planned to get in touch with Bohr "primarily from a personal standpoint because of his interest in Bohr's future."

Harold Bohr stayed in Sweden supported in part by the Rockefeller Foundation as Research Professor at Stockholm's Hoegskola.

December 20, 1943, Aydelotte informed Hanson of the Rockefeller Foundation that Bohr was coming to stay with him for a few days. He thinks Bohr will take the Institute position which is formally offered on December 22, 1943. On February 22, 1944, Bohr writes thanking Aydelotte for his kindness to him and his son before Christmas and saying that he is not yet able to say whether he can accept the Institute's invitation; his action depends on various arrangements not yet settled. He is staying at the Danish Legation in Washington.

D, Harold and Nield Bohr Files

1940

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ROCKEFELLER

Foundations

EMIGRES

Academic Personnel

VEBLER, O.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

STEWART, W. W.

BOHR, NEILS

✓ BOHR, HARALD

PAULI, WOLFGANG

Veblen to Flexner, April 10, 1940.

Stewart has told the Rockefeller Foundation that the Institute is interested in the fate of the two Bohrs. Stewart thought it was essential that any communication should come directly from the Director.

The Rockefeller Foundation has in April, 1937,
declined a request from Dr. ~~xxxxx~~ Flexner that they should
provide funds for calling Neils Bohr and Dirac to Princeton.
The fact that they declined in 1937 may mean an acceptance
now.

Perhaps it would be wise to anticipate the taking by
Nazi Germany of all its small neighbors; therefore, why not
take steps to move Pauli, at least temporarily, away from
Zürich.

Stewart thinks it is well to ~~ask~~ talk the whole idea
over with Mr. Fosdick, making use of letters written to
Aydelotte by Aydelotte and von Neumann together on the latter
subject.

File V-3