

1941

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POLICY

LECTURES

✓ D'ARCY, M.C.

MEDIEVALIST

Administration

Academic Procedures

Biography

Academic Activities

Robert Wilberforce to Frank Aydelotte:

Wrote June 24, 1941 asking if the Institute would be interested in the proposed visit to this country of Father D'Arcy, Master of Campion Hall, the Jesuit House of Oxford, and distinguished authority on scholastic philosophy, theology and medieval history.

On June 25th, 1941 President Aydelotte says there are no funds in IAS but he would be happy to extend a membership in the Institute to Father D'Arcy.

"There would be no opportunity for lectures at the Institute since our work is done practically entirely by personal conference." They would give him a place to work, a chance to meet the members of his field and for the rest he would be left in freedom to give lectures anywhere that he might be invited and to travel about the country..."

1941

On August 20, 1941 Pres. Aydelotte quærried members of the School of Humanistic Studies as to the D'Arcy project.

Dr. Herzfeld approved, as did Miss Goldman ("it will be requiting the Order for being helpful to keep liberty alive!"), and Dr. Panofsky ("I personally shall be especially gratified to benefit by his advice in the matter of scholastic art-theory of which I know a little, but, God knows, not enough."), and Dr. Lowe. In the end Dr. D'Arcy apparently did not reside in Princeton but is listed as a member 1941-1942.

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DAUNCEY, WES

Biographical

/ DAUNCEY, DOROTHY

Resignations.

A, 10/30/56 IAS

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

GENERAL

Facilities

✓ DAUNCEY, DOROTHY

Biographical

DAUNCEY, WES

FLEXNER, A.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Interview with Dorothy Dauncey, May 12, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Dauncey Interviews.

Interview with Dorothy Dauncey, May 12, 1956

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L/28 to

HOUSING

Facilities

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

HAAS, HERBERT H.

HILL, SHERIDTA

DAUNCEY

SCHLAP

April 11, 1947, Aydelotte to Haas. Schedule of rents
Hinesville Housing ranging from \$60 to \$75 for a one-bedroom
to a three-bedroom apartment, including water, cost of fuel
for heating and cooking, light, garbage pickup and care of
grounds. Each apartment has a coldspot electric refrigerator,
gas range, and is heated either by a furnace or a space heater.
Occupant handles furnace except in the dormitory. Rents fixed

from April 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 after which subject to adjustment by Trustees.

Represents joint consensus of Veblen, Miller, Kiefler, Fanofsky, Morse, Stewart and himself.

These are competitive with University apartments renting at \$20 which are held down by S. F. A. restrictions.

Veblen does not agree. Wants meeting. Not concerned about the amount of rent as about the question of admitting secretaries to these apartments.

April 21, Aycelotte to Haass. He speaks free / rent for Miss Miller who manages the project and who Aycelotte wants to have her apartment rent free.

April 23, Haass to Aycelotte. Thinks too much is being made of the allocation of the units housing, but ~~thinks~~ he and Leidesdorf agree that a business survey is necessary in

the hope of saving some charges applicable to Field Hall, the grounds, the apartments and other outbuildings.

Aydelette agrees but thinks that it will result in more cost if it is done. The help at the Institute is getting less and the help at the University doing the same things. He understands Van Ness may be leaving. Thinks salaries of the Institute are lower than those of the University and wants power given to him and Schep to make adjustments. (April 2, 1947)

Oppenheimer is coming in May to look over the Institute.

Ness agrees that Aydelette and Schep may look over the salary situation with power.

D. Haase, 1947-

1956

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

GENERAL

Facilities

DAUNCEY, DOROTHY

Biographical

✓ DAUNCEY, WES

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DIRECTOR
ARCHEOLOGY
PRINCETON
TEACHING
MEMBERS
ASSISTANTS
MERITT, B. D.
AYDELOTTE, F.
FLEXNER
✓ DAUNCEY, MRS.
CLEMENT
SHOE
GERY, WADE
DE TOLNAY
KANTOROWICZ
CHERNISS
THOMPSON
PANOFSKY
FRANKL
HERZFELD
LOWE
CAPPS
SIEGEL

Administration
Academic Activities
Relations WOAI
Academic Procedures
Academic Personnel

Biographical

Interview with Professor Meritt, June 7, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Meritt Interviews.

1947

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✓ DAUNCEY, WES

Biographical

DAUNCEY, DOROTHY

Resignations.

A, 10/30/56 IAS

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION

Foundations

ROCKEFELLER

CLEMENT, PAUL

Biographical

DAVIDSON, ADLAIDE

Planner to Heppel. Asks for \$1,500 grant for Paul Clement or Davidson. Heppel gives it for Clement; Corporation doesn't give to degree candidates. Planner to ask Stevens for other. (Rockefeller Foundation).

D, Carnegie Corporation

1953

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GIFTS

Finance

✓ DAVIS, RAYMOND S.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

See correspondence between Raymond S. Davis and
Oppenheimer in re possibility of a gift to the Institute.

See IAS - General "D" Davis, Raymond S. (In Director's Office)

1930-50

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Foundations

SPELMAN MEMORIAL

NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

BROOKINGS INSTITUTE

FOSDICK, RAYMOND

Biographical

SOCIAL SCIENCES (GENERAL)

Academic Activities

✓ DAY

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

Memorandum on notes made from Raymond Fosdick's
The Story of the Rockefeller Foundation filed in Chronological
File under 1930-50 and the first headings.

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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Foundations

✓ DAY, EDMUND EZRA

Biographical

Director for the Social Sciences, 1930-37

Rockefeller Foundation

Director for education with General Education Board, 1930-37

President Cornell University, 1937-1949

(This left Synd or Walker in charge of Social Sciences
until Joseph E. Willits was appointed Director of
Social Science 1939. Then she was associate director
(at least in 1940)

D, Rockefeller Foundation and Who's Who

6/19

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

Biographical

DEKNATEL, FREDERICK B. (Chairman Department
of Fine Arts, and Committee for the
Charles Eliot Norton Chair of Poetry)

Deknatel to Oppenheimer, June 19, 1948.

On behalf of the members on the Committee for the Charles Eliot Norton Chair of Poetry and his colleagues in the Department of Fine Arts at Harvard: "Professor Panofsky not only gave us a brilliant series of lectures which will be an important and permanent contribution to knowledge in our field when they are published, but also his enthusiasm and skill as a teacher made a deep impression and stimulated not only our advanced graduate students but all of us as well. We all came to feel that Professor Panofsky is one of the most gifted and one of the most effective people in our profession. It was with great regret that we saw him return to Princeton. We are, therefore, grateful that your Institute permitted us to borrow one of your most distinguished members for this academic year."

D File, Panofsky, ~~19~~ Erwin, 1945

1941

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✓ DELLA VIDA, G. LEVI

Biographical

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES
(Near East)

Academic Organization

Della Vida (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pa.) to Panofsky 9/9

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"I am considering the possibility of becoming connected in some way with the Institute for Advanced Study. This desire of mine may appear too ambitious, indeed, and people are likely to wonder why I should wish to shift from my present position as a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. I believe, however, to have many reasons for being dissatisfied with it.

"When I was appointed by the U. of P. as a successor to professor Montgomery (who retired in the summer of 1939) I was told that my main task would have been teaching Arabic and Islamic Civilization. The title of my teaching, which originally was "Semitic Languages", has been changed into "Arabic". Since the very beginning of my work, however, I realized that, in the Oriental Department of the U. of P., Arabic was only assumed as subsidiary to the other Semitic Languages, instead of being considered, as I think it ought to be, as an independent branch of Oriental scholarship.

"The Semitic section of the Oriental Department being chiefly, if not exclusively, interested in Assyriology and Linguistics, students are directed towards these two fields rather

rather than towards the study of Islamic Civilization, in which the knowledge of the Arabic Language only represents a first step, introducing into a deeper understanding of History, Literature, Religion and Science. As a consequence of this attitude, I failed to get any students who elected Arabic and Islam as their major subject, and am doubting whether I shall get any in the future. My teaching has been confined to the elements of the Arabic language.

"Furthermore, the financial situation of the U. of P. seems to be very difficult, at least in what refers to the Division of Humanities. New research fields and new teachings never can improve without a proper financial support, which is entirely lacking at the present time. The University Library is inadequate in all branches of learning and its accommodations are amazingly poor; but it is absolutely miserable for what Arabic books are concerned, since many of the most necessary are not to be found, nor there is any hope of a sensible improvement of this sad situation. At present, I am unable to carry on the different works which I had begun (my private library has unfortunately remained in Europe) or to suggest to my students any profitable reading subjects, and, even for the short and unpretentious articles which I have prepared during the last two years, I have been compelled to use the libraries in Princeton and New York, with much waste of time and money.

"Finally, on account of the lack of funds available, no scholarships of any kind have ever been awarded to students who might have been interested in Arabic and Islam. Two or three young men, residents of cities other than Philadelphia, came to me in the past years, and expressed their wish to attend my classes, but were unable to do so, since their applications for scholarships were refused.

"Things being as they are, the hope which I had nourished when I settled in

this country has been nullified, and I feel deeply disappointed, as I am getting more and more convinced that my work as a teacher is being impaired and my activity as a scholar handicapped.

.....

"Before I undertake any step, I would like to have your opinion. May I pray you to approach, quite informally of course, President Aydelotte and explain^{to} him my situation. You may well imagine how embarrassed I feel in being forced to extol my own merits, about which my opinion is rather negative. I feel even more embarrassed in pointing out that a call by the I.A.S. might be assumed as a compensation for what I have lost in Europe, for a reason about which I do not feel ashamed. You know that, as early as in 1931, I was dismissed from the University of Rome for no other reason (racial discrimination did not exist at that time either in Germany or in Italy) but my steady opposition to Fascism, at a time when few men and women, in Europe as well as in America~~s~~, had realized what it meant to our civilization. Of course, I do not presume to be a hero and a martyr, and still maintain that scholars should be given positions for their achievements in their special fields and not for their political past."

... "

Aydelotte to Herzfeld 9/19

"Dear Professor Herzfeld:

"I enclose a letter which I have just received from Della Vida, via Panofsky. When you have had time to read it over I should like very much to talk to you about it. I see no possibility of our making a place for Della Vida at the present moment, but nevertheless I should like to know what you think about him."

Aydelotte to Della Vida 10/28

"Dear Professor Levi della Vida:

"Professor Panofsky has showed me your letter to him and I have discussed it with several members of our School of Humanistic Studies. We are, of course, all of us familiar with your outstanding qualifications for research in your chosen field, but I regret to say that the financial situation of the Institute is such as to make it impossible for us to make any addition to our permanent staff in the field of Humanistic Studies at the present time.

"I deeply regret that you do not find conditions more satisfactory where you are and realize the loss to scholarship which is occasioned by the fact that you cannot make better progress with your researches. I regret, however, that there is no possibility of our offering you an appointment at this time."

File III-14

1957

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CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Educational Institutions

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY

✓ DE NEGRI, ENRICO

Biographical

WEINBERG, BERNARD

ORSINI, G. N. G.

Notes of a luncheon conversation, January, 8, 1957, with
de Negri and Weinberg.

Filed in Vertical File under Weinberg Interviews.

1940-1944

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓ DENNERY, ÉTIENNE

Biographical

GOTTMAN, JEAN

MANTOUX, ÉTIENNE

WEILLER, JEAN EKLVAEK SYLVAIN

COT, PIERRE

List of French Members of Professor Earle's Seminar
at the Institute for Advanced Study, 1940-1944 with biographical
sketches of each man.

Filed in Chronological file under ~~1940~~ 1940-1944.

Earle, I. A. S., 1947-8

1953

ROCKEFELLEN

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

✓ DENNES, WILLIAM R.

OPPENHEIMER, R.

CHERNISS

10/20

Foundations

Academic Organization

Biographical

See Dennes report of Conference on Philosophy and the
Social Sciences, I. A. S., Princeton, August 15, 16, 17, 1953;
also, Cherniss' comments.

July 1, 1953, the Rockefeller Foundation made available
\$1,000 for the expenses of the conferees.

D File, Dennes Conference on Philosophy

1939-1948

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

DE TOLNAY

Biographical

DeTolnay a stormy petrel--alienated Datus Smith, Princeton Press, over expensive author's charges; Panofsky over his uncertain tenure and short stipend (5/18/43). Gave a course Princeton 1945 spring term (1946) for which Baldwin Smith thanked Aydelotte, who promptly asked Princeton for honorarium. Smith's answer (6/25/46) reveals that Panofsky, Weitzmann (when he was entirely at I. A. S.) and Swarzenski taught graduate courses and never received honoraria. Smith embarrassed and irate. Suggested forming policy for future which Aydelotte refused. Meanwhile DeTolnay stirred up Flexner, Miss Greene and others for permanent appointment at I. A. S. DeTolnay a brilliant scholar, born 1899 -- Flexner might be right in his view that Panofsky got jealous of DeTolnay and if he didn't actively harm him, at least he did passively since he was the only one who could help. R. O. had to finish matter off--earned Flexner's hostility--Faculty refused to extend deTolnay's appointment. Baldwin Smith urged (1942) that he be retained by IAS to complete last 2 volumes of Michelangelo of which first was published by them--they couldn't have started if didn't think IAS would finish. Kept till end academic year 1947-48.

What Panofsky did for Frankl contrasts markedly.
DeTolnay difficult but his letter of charges against Panofsky
(5/18/42) more compelling than Panofsky's answer. Frankl
1940-54--over age.

D, deTolnay

12/17

✓ DE TOLNAY, CHARLES

Biographical

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

FLEXNER, A.

Flexner to Aydelotte, December 17, 1939.

De Tolnay has been unable to publish his monumental work on Michelangelo in French because of the war, and now it awaits publication in English. He needs a bilingual assistant. Flexner that morning of the letter had gone over to see Professor Panofsky about the request, and he encloses a long quote from Panofsky about the worth, the importance of the publication of this ^{one of} material in English. And Panofsky conceded that de Tolnay was ^{one of} the greatest, ~~living~~ if not the foremost, living Michelangelo scholars. Panofsky urged that aid not to exceed \$120 which was all that was asked be given..

Aydelotte readily granted the request.

D File, Aydelotte, Frank, 1930-1945

1939

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ DE TOLNAY, CHARLES

Biographical

BAILEY, MRS. ESTHER

AYDELOTTE, F.

Esther S. Bailey to Aydelette, December 17, 1939.

Letter describing relation of de Tolnay to the Institute and to the Carnegie Corporation of New York and his need for aid in the production of his work on Michelangelo.

A File, IAS (T)

1940-41

INSTITUTE

Publications

PANOFSKY, E.

Biographical

✓ DE TOLNAY

Foundations

CARNEGIE

Excerpts from File II-6 re publication of Panofsky's and
de Tolnay's books.

See INSTITUTE - Publications

1940-1942

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CARNEGIE CORPORATION

Foundations

GENERAL

Publications

PRINCETON (PRESS)

Relations WPAI

✓ DE TOLNAY

Biographical

PANOFSKY

Correspondence with David Goodchild, Secretary for
Grants-in-Aide of American Council of Learned Societies,
for the costs of printing Panofsky's Albrecht Dürer, and
De Tolnay's book.

File 11-6

1940

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CARNEGIE CORPORATION

Foundations

✓ DE TOLMAY

Biographical

PANOPSKY, ERWIN

AYDELOTTE, F.

Aydelotte to Panofsky, January 15, 1940.

Acknowledges a letter of January 12 which is not in the file. In it Panofsky says something about de Tolmay. Aydelotte says he is going over the whole business with the chairman of the budget committee day after tomorrow, and wants to talk with Panofsky about the question of application to the Carnegie Corporation for support of some of these candidates. My understanding is that we have received substantial help from them each year, and I hope that this will continue.

A IAS (T)

✓ DE TOLNAY

Biographical

PLEXNER, A.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Flexner to Aydelotte asking Aydelotte to arrange for the appointment of de Tolnay as "associate professor" indefinite tenure at \$6,000 plus T. I. A. A. He is now 45 years of age and of great distinction. He needs enough for himself and his wife to live on and hope for the future. He has served his probation and proved well.

FA Confidential Files, March 7, 1957

1944

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~~PROPYERXXX~~

~~AcademyXXXXXXXXXX~~

FLEXNER

Biographical

PANOFSKY

✓ DE TOLNAY

FRANKL

Letters from Flexner, 10/11/44 and Panofsky 10/12/44,
to Hydolotte regarding a row between Flexner and Panofsky over
Panofsky's lack of communication completely with de Tolnay.

Letters filed in Chronological File under 1944, 10/11.

(file # 56)

A, 10/18/56, Home, Material for Trustees Committee on Inst. Policy

1944

10/11
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PANOFSKY, ERWIN

Biographical

✓ DE TOLNAY

FLEXNER

AYDELOTTE

Panofsky to Aydelotte October 12, 1944 and Flexner to Aydelotte October 11, 1944. (Both these letters are filed in the Chronological file under 1944, 10/11), regarding de Tolnay. Aydelotte's answer was to deplore Flexner's dealing with a faculty member and to remind his Trustees should do so only through the Director or Board. He has brought matter to attention of Chairman of the ~~Executive~~ Policy Committee, Maass.

A, 10/17/44

1945

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

POLICIES

Administration

✓ METOLNAY

Biographical

GOLDENWISER, E.

SCOPER, JOHN C.

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

Meetings of faculty on advisability of making appointments of members to the Institute for a period of more than one year.

Digest of Faculty Minutes filed under Chronological file, 1945, 5/11.

1945

5/19

FACULTY PARTICIPATION

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

STIPENDS

✓ DE TOLNAY, C.

Biographical

GOLDENWEISER, EMMANUEL

RIEFLER, W.

COOPER, JOHN C.

Faculty Meeting of May 19, 1945 - discussion of proposed limitation in term
for short-term members. File V-1

See FACULTY PARTICIPATION - Academic Personnel

1946

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BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organisation

✓ DE TOLNAY

Biographical

POLICIES

Administration

De Tolnay had asked Institute bear half cost of his endowment insurance policy (in lieu of an annuity). School of Humanistic Studies had declined the request (had ~~been~~ voted to decline the request). The Standing Committee concurred and it would be a dangerous precedent to contribute to an annuity for a temporary member. Riefler raised the question of the policy to be followed in educational institutions which were not covered by the Social Security Law.

D, Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Faculty, 1940-1946

1947

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

FRANKL

Biographical

TOYNBEE

BARON, HANS

✓ DE TOLNAY

For reference to Baron and DeTolnay see memorandum of the same date filed under the date in Chronological File and under the first three headings.

Faculty Minutes, 4/21/47

1947
✓ DE TOLNAY

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

Flexner to Oppenheimer.

De Tolnay has been told to go June, 1948. Flexner is under obligations to continue bearing the burden of carrying out the founders' intentions. He says Panofsky is jealous. He requests Oppenheimer to do something about de Tolnay and invites ~~him~~ Oppenheimer to see him.

FA Confidential Files, March 7, 1957

1947

1948

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OPPENHEIMER, R.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

✓ DE TOLNAY

Flexner to Oppenheimer, December 10, 1947.

He writes a curious letter to Oppenheimer provoked by the termination of De Tolnay. He rehearses his relationship with Oppenheimer: "On April 15 I wrote you the following note:

"Doctor Aydelotte has written me a confidential letter, informing me that you have been chosen to be his successor.

"I can hardly find words to express my gratification. The Institute offers a superb opportunity for American scholarship and science. In my opinion, you are ideally qualified to accept the Directorship. Not since Gilman was made President of Johns Hopkins has a more fortunate choice been made!

"I am extremely eager to meet you when you come East. Please let me know, so that I can see you and make your

acquaintance either in New York or Princeton.'

"A week later you replied to me as follows:

'It gave me the greatest pleasure to have your little note of April 15. I know to what extent the Institute at Princeton was conceived and nurtured by you, and it is a great source of comfort to me that you should think my hands appropriate for carrying on the work. I shall often wish to have your counsel.

'I know that I come to this position rather woefully ill-qualified for it, but your note gives me confidence that you will be glad to advise me on the many occasions when I shall have need for that.'

Flexner remarks bitterly that it is nearly Christmas and he has not heard from Oppenheimer. Meanwhile, he has heard from two or three members of the Faculty who have spoken to him frankly and in unpleasant terms about what is happening there. Then De Tolnay comes in and says that he has been notified by Oppenheimer and Ayaclotte that on June 1, 1948 his connection with the Institute would cease.

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In paying his debt to the memory of Mr. Bamber and Mrs. Fuld and to the Institute for Advanced Study, he considers that his duty to protect the Institute from such errors is not finished, and "I propose to use every honorable means of doing this." He calls De Tolnay's work on Michael Angelo as creditable a performance as anything that has been done by at the Institute. His termination is an outrage. Three volumes have been or are being printed (some reprinted); three volumes remain for which de Tolnay has the material.

"For years Professor Panofsky has been insanely jealous of a younger man, whose career he should have encouraged in every possible way. This is not the only time when Panofsky's smallness as a man has been made evident." He then cites an example of Panofsky's smallness when he told Flexner that he would never again enter the Morgan Library because of his anger with MISS Miss Belle Greene, the librarian. Flexner threatened him that if he did not immediately return to the library and call on Miss Belle Greene he shall bring before the Trustees the proposal for Panofsky's dismissal. Panofsky went.

He says that in 1945 Panofsky came to see him in his office in New York. In the course of their conversation, Flexner mentioned de Tolnay's work; whereupon, Panofsky swore that he had not spoken to de Tolnay for several years, and will never speak to him as long as he lives. Then Flexner said, "Professor Panofsky, if I were Director, I would serve you with an ultimatum. You would speak to de Tolnay and cooperate with him or I would urge the Trustees to drop you from the Faculty."

He rushed out of my office like a mad man, and I have not seen him or heard from him since.

As to de Tolnay's work, Flexner asserts a university or a research institute "cannot drop a man doing work of this kind without suffering the consequences. Unless the Trustees reverse their action and continue the support of de Tolnay, which is far too niggardly, I shall bring the matter to the attention of the whole American public, for the Institute has violated freedom of learning, and it cannot do that with impunity. My voice still carries weight, and the American academic public knows me too well to believe that I would criticize adversely you or the Trustees or the Institute unless you had done something which you

and they should never have done. I shall give you the benefit of every doubt, for I cannot believe that you are familiar with what has happened and what is involved. I shall not act hastily, for such is not my nature, but I shall expect a reply within a reasonable time.

"If you desire to discuss the situation with me rather than to write about it, I shall be very happy to see you. I would be willing to come to Princeton, but I have had an attack of laryngitis, which makes traveling inadvisable at this moment.

"With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,"

Flexner to Oppenheimer, December 16, 1947.

Aydelotte has written to Flexner, and Aydelotte has advised him that Oppenheimer intends to review the matter with the Faculty. Flexner ventures that Oppenheimer is making a second mistake. He wonders if Oppenheimer has ever heard of a Faculty

that has been actually intelligent, courageous, or wise. "My experience with faculties leads me to distrust their wisdom, generosity or farsightedness." He refers Oppenheimer to his autobiography. He advised Oppenheimer to make up his own mind irrespective of the attitude of the Faculty, and do what is necessary to be done. He delivers a homily on Gilman, Eliot, Welch, Mawl, Halsted and Hale.

"More than ever I am anxious to meet you and I am not ashamed to say it. I will listen to anybody, but I will not abide by a vote. If I haven't the intelligence, surely the intelligence doesn't reside in a majority vote of persons who--whatever their individual merits in their own subject--know very little of the history of thought and progress.

"Forgive my concern. I am concerned for you--very deeply....and concerned for the Institute--very deeply concerned...and I know that if Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Paul were alive, they would approve the steps which I have taken.

"I hope you will see your way to get through all manner of red tape and, regardless of the approval or disapproval of the

faculty, do what your own sense of justice tells you to do in dealing with a young scholar whose whole work and whole career will be ruined if his work at the Institute is terminated next June.

"With every good wish,

"Sincerely your friend,

"Abraham Flexner."

Oppenheimer to Flexner, March 22, 1948.

"When we had our long talk many weeks ago I promised to write to you when the de Tolnay decision was made. It is time that I do that."

He says that not only Panofsky, but the other members of the Faculty were totally unwilling to reopen the case, and urged him to accept their earlier recommendation as binding.

Quite apart from any future situation involving a similar occurrence, Oppenheimer says he recognizes that in this situation he has no option which would not be meaningless and gravely offend his colleagues. And this more particularly since nothing was available to him in the way of professional insight or special information which would establish his competence to judge de Tolnay's work with as compared with theirs. He regretfully so informed de Tolnay, who, he understands, will enlist Guggenheim Fellowship to enable him to finish his work.

"In most other ways the Institute is prospering and I have a not unhopeful feeling for its future. When some of the hopes are translated into history I shall want very much to talk to you.

"With all cordial and warm good wishes,

"Robert Oppenheimer"

D File, Flexner, Abraham

1947

12/15

✓ DE TOLNAY

BIOGRAPHICAL

FLEXNER, A.

AYDELOTTE

GENERAL

PUBLICATIONS

Flexner to Aydelotte.

Acknowledges Aydelotte's promise he will help de Tolnay
~~maxxxx~~ complete publication.

FA Confidential Files, March 7, 1957

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SEGALL, DR. BERTA

Biographical

DE TOLNAY, CHARLES

Reappointment of Segall (Dr. Berta) and Charles de Tolnay (Dr.).
The School had decided to terminate Segall's appointment unless Princeton University agreed to provide her part-time support, which was very doubtful in the Director's opinion. In the case of Dr. de Tolnay, the Director asked whether the Faculty's past action to terminate his appointment was binding on the Director. "It was agreed that no adequate professional opinion on de Tolnay's work on Michelangelo could be given by the Faculty; (Famofsky was not present) that its merits would not be reviewed again; that the Faculty decision was binding."

Faculty Minutes, 2/2/48

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FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

✓ DE TOLNAY

Flexner to Aydelotte regarding "terrific struggle" over institutionalization of his wife, but best thing for all of them. Her mind completely gone.

As for his recommendation of de Tolnay for a Guggenheim, it would carry no wim weight.

A, Confidential Files, 3/7/57

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ DETOLNAY

Biographical

PANOFSKY

OPPENHEIMER

PLEXNER

Oppenheimer to Flexner informing him pursuant to agreement that faculty asked him not to reopen de Tolnay membership extension matter. Panofsky's refusal to take any position, and his own lack of ground to do anything but abide by this action much as he regrets it.

D, de Tolnay

April

GUGGENHEIM

Foundations

DeTOLNAY

Biographical

For work during academic year 1948-9 deTolnay was supported by stipends from both the fellowship fund of Guggenheim and the Institute. See letters Moe and Aydelotte from April, 1948, file A, Henry Allen Moe.

A File, Henry Allen Moe

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RELATIONS WOAI (PRINCETON)

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LEE, RENSSELAER

Biographical

MONEY

PANOFSKY

✓ de TOLWAY

Interview with Rensselaer Lee, May 28, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Lee Interviews.

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ASSISTANTS
MERITT, B. D.
AYDELOTTE, F.
FLEXNER, A.
DAUNCEY, MRS.
CLEMENT
SHOE
GERY, WADE
✓ DE TOLNAY
KANTOROWICZ
CHERNISS
THOMPSON
PANOFSKY
FRANKL
HERZFELD
LOWE
CAPPS
SIEGEL

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Biographical

Interview with Professor Meritt, June 7, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Meritt Interviews.

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BENEFITS (1, 2, 3)

SALARIES (1)

FACULTY (2)

TRUSTEES (2, 3)

DIRECTOR (2, 3)

ECONOMICS (4, 5, 6, 7)

SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICS (4, 5, 6, 7)

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (5)

WOLMAN (1, 2, 4, 7, 8)

AYDELOTT (1, 2, 3, 8)

✓ DE TOLNAY (1, 2, 3)

FANOFFEY (1, 2, 3)

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VEBLEN (2, 5)

MOE (2)

FLETCHER (2, 3, 8)

KINSTEN (3)

CLAY (7)

VINER (6)

WARREN (6)

BANKS (3, 5)

STEWART (4, 6, 7, 8)

RIPLEY (4, 5, 7)

MASS (5)

OPPENHEIMER (5)

Academic Personnel

Corporation

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Academic Activities

Academic Organization

Biographical

Interview with Wolman, May 3, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under
Wolman Interviews.

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GOLDMAN (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	Biographical
AYDELOTTE (1, 3, 4)	
BOUGHTON (1)	
OPPENHEIMER (2)	
VEBLEN (3, 6)	
MORSE (3)	
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THOMPSON (4)	
BAMBERGER, LOUIS (5)	
BAMBERGER, LAVINIA (5)	
WERRITT (6)	
PANOPSKY (6)	
✓ DE TOLNAY (6)	
EINSTEIN (1, 2, 3, 6)	

Interview with Hetty Goldman, June 27, 1957.
 Filed in Vertical File under Goldman Interviews.

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ASSISTANTS

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

DUKAS

~~DEYGE~~

~~REYDE~~

VON NEUMANN

SZILARD

Interview with Miss Dukas, June 14, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Dukas Interviews.

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FLEXNER, A.

Biography

✓DICKINSON, JOHN

LEGAL

Academic Activities

John Dickinson (Ass't. sec'y. of Commerce, Wash.) to Flexner (Princeton) Apr. 5, 1935

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"You think quite naturally of a scholar in the field of jurisprudence as being appropriately attached to a professional school of law. What has happened in this country has been that our professional schools of law, even of the highest grade such as Harvard and Yale, have been so professional that while they may maintain a professor of jurisprudence, nevertheless the study of the more profound and, if you will, theoretical aspects of the law does not proceed in a favorable atmosphere. Even a teacher like Pound, who succeeds in attaining a large reputation among students for the value of his lectures in some practical branch of the law like criminal law or wills and administration, cannot attract more than a handful of students to a course on jurisprudence. A professor who should seek to teach jurisprudence without having made a reputation for skill in some

technical subject like bills and notes or agencies would not be taken seriously. My own feeling is that if jurisprudence in its more fundamental and theoretical aspects is ever to have a chance in this country, it must be through some type of institution outside of the professional law school. At the present time we are in the situation where it falls completely between two stools."

Flexner (Princeton) to John Dickinson (Washington) April 8, 1935

"Thank you very much for your kind note of April 5th. The point you make has often occurred to me, namely, that the School of Economics and Politics should contain the right sort of lawyer, despite the fact that it has no interest whatsoever in the training of lawyers. The point is one which I am going to submit to the economics group when it assembles next fall. Should you have an opportunity, talk it over with Dr. Riefler in the meantime.

..."

File II-12

1931-1932

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

HARVARD

MORSE, MARSTON

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

EINSTEIN, A.

✓ DICKSON

BIRKHOFF

WEYL, HERMANN

Interview with Professor/ Morse, May 25, 1956/.

Filed in Vertical File under Morse Interviews.

Interview with Morse, 5/25/56

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GENERAL

Finance

✓ DIRAC, P.A.M.

Biographical

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Facilities

Veblen to Flexner:

"May I remind you that you were going to consult with Einstein about the desirability of P.A.M. Dirac for a chair of Mathematical Physics?"

"I have become much more favorable to Norbert Wiener than I was. Would favor him for a post coordinate with Alexanders and von Neumanns if you judged further expansion in Math. justifiable. He covers a distinct field of his own.

"If we are going to have inflation would it not be well to speed up the land question. At least two of the proposed sites seem good to me.

"None of these remarks requires an answer."

Flexner to Veblen:

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"I do not believe that I shall have a moment's opportunity to talk with Einstein during his brief visit to New York. In addition, as I wrote you yesterday, I believe it would policy to make no further moves until the financial situation is a good deal sounder than it now is.

"..."

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1933

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/DIRAC, P.A.M.

Biographical

Veblen to Flexner:

"Einstein says that he considers Dirac the best possible choice for another chair in the Institute. He would like to see us try for D. even if the chance of getting him is very small. He rates him ahead of everyone else in their field. He places Pauli of Zurich second, apparently.

"On further consideration of ways and means, he thought it might be good policy to invite him for a term, say, so as not to ask for a major decision at once. Why not invite him for the term from Oct. to Christmas at \$5000? These are the terms on which he was in Princeton in the fall of 1931.

"It would be extraordinarily interesting to see the two of them in action together.

"Dirac would be no problem. He knows how to look after himself in Princeton.

"The younger Mr. Bamberger seems very nice."

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1933

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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-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."

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MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

↓ DIRAC, P.A.M.

Biographical

Dr. Flexner reported in part:

".... If, as I hope, the Board will make an appropriation which will enable us to bring Professor Dirac, the English Nobel Prize man in mathematical physics, to the Institute for a year, it is important that there should be in the group next year at least two young Americans, who have won some distinction in the same field, for sooner or later we shall have to develop in this direction. Experimental physics is not only expensive but is a subject which we need not touch, since it is highly cultivated in many American universities and in some certain industries, but theoretical or mathematical physics, upon which experimental physics rests, is relatively undeveloped in this country. We have therefore an opportunity to make a very important contribution at a relatively small outlay. I shall suggest an appropriation not to exceed \$20,000, of which we may not have to spend more than \$5,000 in order to bring to the Institute for a single year the two most promising Americans in this field. Working with Professor Einstein and Professor Dirac, they would have an opportunity to show whether they can meet the standard which has already been set by the previous appointments in the field of pure mathematics. If so, we can, whenever we are ready, make this necessary extension at a minimum outlay."

Vol. I, No. 16, Minutes 1/29/34, pp. 6-7

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PROFESSORS (VISITING)

Academic Personnel

GRANTS-IN-AID

WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

✓ DIRAC, P.A.M.

Re: Reimbursement for Weyl for move from Germany to U.S.; invitation to Dirac for year 1934-35; fund for grants-in-aid for 1934-35; fund for expenses of visiting professors and funds for development in direction of theoretical or mathematical physics. Minutes 1/29/34, p. 11, Vol. I, No. 16.

See: PROFESSORS (VISITING) - Academic Personnel

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HEAD, SIR HENRY

Biographical

✓ DIRAC, PAUL A.M.

EINSTEIN, A.

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

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Educational Institutions

Flesher to Head (Hartley Court, England): (3/16/34)

"As Anne has written in her letter to your wife, Professor Dirac of Cambridge is coming to the Institute as visiting professor next year. The entire group agreed upon him as far the most desirable addition that we could make now that the trustees have created a visiting professorship, which will enable us to borrow distinguished persons from year to year.

"I wish that I could find the words to tell you how beautifully things have gone in the School of Mathematics this year. The Princeton people have been extremely kind and helpful. They have given us all the space we want in Fine Hall, a memorial building to one of their late professors of mathematics, erected by a grateful pupil. It is, I think, probably the best academic building in the United States, simple and in

admirable taste. In the professors' room there is a fine mantel-piece with an inscription which Einstein composed: 'Raffiniert ist der Herr Gott aber beschaft ist er nicht.' The Princeton mathematicians and our group are indiscriminately mingled together. Some of them conduct seminars together and they almost all attend one another's lectures, as they are not too frequent. Our white hope, so to speak, is a Hungarian, von Neumann, just passed thirty - a brilliant boy, charming and modest, and much like your own Dirac. Einstein, of course, has been the center of curiosity, of which he is altogether unconscious. When I went to congratulate him the other day on his birthday he said, 'I have been happy and satisfied here beyond anything I have experienced anywhere in my whole life.' Our own students are twenty-four in number, almost all of them men in the early thirties who are on leave of absence from good academic posts. They select, as they would at Oxford or Cambridge, the teacher with whom they are most interested to work, and make their individual arrangements for conferences and guidance. Of course, they all attend the lectures of practically the entire group. I let the whole thing alone and confine myself to doing errands and answering mail, for there is nothing that I can really do for the mathematicians. You will see from this description how much I owe to Cambridge and Oxford. Actually, the atmosphere of the whole place is, in its informality, much more like Oxford or Cambridge than like any American university. A German professor who visited us a week or so ago told Dean Eisenhart of Princeton as he left Fine Hall, 'This is surely an Island of the Blessed.' Think of the folly of Germany. Of our five professors three are Germans and two Americans. It is interesting to note that there are repercussions in other American Universities. We are, of course, counting no unhatched chickens, but I feel sure that in this atmosphere and environment something is bound to come forth."

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

ROCKEFELLER F

Foundations

PAULI

Biographical

BOHR

~~DIRAC~~

Adolette to Banberger, May 10, 1940.

The Rockefeller Foundation has offered to finance a visiting professorship for Pauli of Ehrlich. It has already financed a visiting professorship for Niels Bohr, who feels he ought to stay where he is for the time being, but when the time comes when he can no longer do work in Copenhagen he will be glad to accept the Institute's invitation.

Adolette is looking for money for a professorship for Dirac of Cambridge University. With these three, plus Einstein and von Neumann the Institute will have the greatest

concentration of mathematical physicists in the world, "and would make the Institute the center for that subject just at the moment when it may conceivably have greater importance than ever before, owing to recent developments in the uranium problem."

D. Eisenberger, Louis, 1937-1944

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

✓ DIRAC

Biographical

FEYNMAN

The Executive Committee authorized a joint arrangement with the University by which Richard Feynman would be appointed a permanent member of the Institute and an Associate Professor in the University at \$7,000. Aydelette will make no approach to this until he is approached by the University authorities.

The Mathematics Faculty decided Dirac would make an excellent permanent professor. Expressed to von Neumann he would be interested in a temporary appointment.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 11/29/46

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VISITING PROFESSORS

Academic Personnel

✓ DIRAC, P.A.M.

Biographical

Director authorized to offer Prof. Dirac of Univ. of Cambridge a visiting professorship for academic year 1947-48 at salary of \$12,000 per year or \$6000 for half year.

Exec. Comm. 2/18/47 p. 2