

ACHESON, DEAN

Biographical

Born Middletown, Connecticut, 1893

Education: A. B. Yale, 1915
M. A. (honorary), 1936
LL. B. Harvard University, 1918
LL. D. (honorary), 1950
LL. D. (honorary) Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.,
1947

Career: Private secretary to Louis D. Brandeis, Associate
Justice U. S. Supreme Court, 1919-1921
With Covington, Burling and Rublee, 1921-33
Undersecretary of Treasury, May 19, 1933, and
resigned November 15, 1933
mem. Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson & Shorb,
January 1, 1934 - January 31, 1941
Appointed Assistant Secretary of State, February 1, 1941
Under-Secretary of State, August 27, 1945 - July 1, 1947
Secretary of State, 1949
Vice-Chairman Commn. of Organization of Executive Board
of the Government Ensign United States Navy,
World War I

Honors: Awarded Order of Vasa (Swedish)
Award for Merit, 1947
Fellow Yale Corp.
Member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Scroll and Key

Who's Who in America, Volume 27, 1952-1953

1948-1949

TRUSTEES,

Corporation

ACHESON, DEAN G.

Biographical

Dean Acheson elected to Trustees at meeting on April 15, 1948, to serve for a five year term.

In late 1948 he was appointed Secretary of State, and resigned as Trustee February 16, 1949.

D, Acheson, Dean G.

1948

4/16

✓ACHESON, DEAN G.

Biographical

Oppenheimer to Acheson, April 16, 1948, notifying him
that he has been elected to serve as a Trustee.

Letter filed in Chronological file under 1948, 4/16.

D, Acheson, D. G.

1949

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✓ACHESON, DEAN

Biographical

Dean Acheson resigned because of his appointment
as Secretary of State.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, February 15, 1949

1949

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ACHESON, DEAN

Biographical

LINDER, H.F.

HANCOCK, JOHN M.

Mr. Leidesdorf recommended the election of Mr. H.F.Linder for a term of four years to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Dean Acheson, the term expiring in 1953.

In April 1948 it was recommended that Mr. John M. Hancock be elected for a term of four years to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Henry Allen Moe (1947); and Mr. Dean Acheson for a term of five years vice Mr. Leo Wolman (1948).

Corp. Min.

~~Transcribed~~ 4/15/49 p. 1

1953

✓Acheson, Dean

Biographical

Acheson held discussion with about 6 men at Institute, including R. Oppenheimer on the foreign policy of Government under his and present administrations. Very confidential.

Tape recording of discussions in Acheson's possession.
Transcript R. Oppenheimer's files.

Interview with R. Oppenheimer 10/8/55

GENERAL

Public Relations

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WCAI

✓ ADAMS, MILDRED

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

DOEDS, HAROLD

(See copy of story transmitted with letter of October, 1938,
Vertical File, Public Relations.)

November 2, 1938, Dodds to Flexner. Withholds approval on behalf of the University on Miss Adams' article and requests that it not be published in its present form. Its effect would be to embarrass relations between the Institute and the University on the part of our Faculty and alumni alike "who will resent the invitation running through the article that the University didn't amount to much before the Institute began importing distinguished scholars." He objects to the manner in which individual names were played up--Thomas Mann, for instance, and

rather
he dislikes the type of publicity. He suggests ~~either~~ that the article be revised to apply exclusively to the Institute. He considers the tone undignified to scholarship, and any publicity derived "will be far outweighed by / new friction generated."

Flexner to Adams, November 2, 1938. He has delayed commenting on the article submitted for comment because he attempted to revise it, but couldn't do so. He says he agrees with President Dodds that it is not possible within the compass of a newspaper article to do justice to a complex situation such as exists in Princeton where two institutions are quietly cooperating in the promotion of scholarship. He singles out for criticism "counting our chickens before the eggs are hatched." He asks that the project be dropped. His note to Miss Adams / is considerably milder than Dodds' to Flexner.

See Source Paragraph 1

1934
1935

11/29
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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

MARSCHAK

RIEFER, W.

FLEXNER, A.

ADAMS, W. G. S. (? WARDEN, ALL SOULS COLLEGE,
OXFORD ?)

Adams to Flexner, November 29, 1934.

Adams is answering Flexner's question as to whether inviting Marschak to visit the Institute to be considered for a position would be harmful to Marschak's standing. He raises this account of Frankfurter's objections. "I do not see that so doing would in any way prejudice his chance as a candidate for the Readership in Statistics and I do feel very strongly that the most should be made of Marschak and that nothing should be done to stand in the way of his not having such a rare experience as you can make possible." He suggests

Flemer

also making it clear that he is not offering a position or that he is not standing in the light of All Souls.

He also suggests a new form of cooperation between the Institute and Oxford as follows: A Readership in Statistics will receive an appointment in the coming year. The appointment will be in the hands of a University Board, then the field will be open. Harschak may well be a candidate. In considering his application, undoubtedly, says Adams, such as they want to do for emigres, they will not let them stand in the way of younger men, British, who qualify. Adams suggests that they have an Associate Director who would keep in close touch with the work at Oxford and spend a term at Oxford from time to time, but would ~~rather remain at the Institute~~ at other times be at the Institute, receiving a much smaller honorarium from the Institute.

Flemer to Adams, January 15, 1935.

He says that Riefler has been appointed to the School of Economics and Politics as Professor in the interim, and that he will not ask Harschak to come without consulting Riefler. (Did Riefler veto the suggestion?)
 D File. A-1 (W. G. S. Adams)

1938

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

GENERAL (ALL SOULS)

Educational Institutions

✓ ADAMS (WARDEN OF ALL SOULS)

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

A memorandum of Flexner of several long conversations with Adams going far into the night. Flexner learned from Adams that there had been far greater differences of opinion in Haffield College than he had learned from Lindsay. Flexner undertook to urge Adams to delay decision on details and not to tie Butler's hands, allowing him first to come to Oxford and find out what he thought was needed. Also, he urged von Adams that Butler should come to America and come in contact with what the Institute was doing in the School of Economics. Riefler would take him to Washington, to New York and other places. Adams agreed to come, or at least Flexner understood him to have agreed at the time he left.

D, Institute Organization

1950

5/24

GENERAL (CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

AYDELOTTE, P.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

✓ ADLER, MORTIMER, J.

Oppenheimer's letter to Adler, May 21, 1950.

Declines for the Institute any part of the great books
program.

D File, Adler, Mortimer J.

5/24

CHICAGO

Relations W.O.A.I.

✓ ADLER, MORTIMER J.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

"Summa Dialectica"

Filed in Chrono. file under 1959 5/24

1941

1946

MATHEMATICS

WEYL, HERMANN

✓ AHLFORS, L. V.

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Academic Activities

Biographical

Ahlfors to Weyl, August 1, 1941.

"I wish to thank you very much for your kind letter regarding my paper on meromorphic curves. I very much regret that I have in this way stepped into your son's way, and I cannot feel without guilt. I should of course at once have got into correspondence with your or with your son, and under ordinary conditions I could not have failed to do so. My excuse is the war which does not offer any encouragement for a transatlantic correspondence.

"As a historical fact I began to think of carrying over the methods in the theory of one meromorphic function to systems of several meromorphic functions already in 1935. I did not then achieve any satisfactory results so I left the question at that. Upon receipt of your paper I immediately realized

that you had got the key to the situation in your clever restriction to unitary transformations, and being familiar with the subject I also saw that your theory was not complete. I began to speculate how to improve your methods and very soon found that at least something could be done without very much effort. I then dropped the subject again with a clear feeling that I was trespassing on somebody else's territory. In December 1939, during the first war against Russia, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (he writes from Finland) I found myself in a war office with very little to do. In the rather desperate mood which was then prevalent in Finland I found that I could not concentrate on anything new nor on anything that required intense thinking, and 'malgré moi' I entered upon the long and tiresome calculations which are at the bottom of my paper. When the work was finished I found myself much more pleased with it than I had expected to be, and I could not help feeling that it had to be published. I offer you these explanations for what they are worth. Personally I am not interested in matters of priority, but I would be genuinely sorry if my paper would induce your son to leave this interesting field, which I believe is far from exhausted. If your son would like to take up a correspondence with me I might be able to give him a few hints for further investigations.

"Your great interest in the theory of functions and in Finland's share in its development is the best encouragement for future work. When conditions become more normal I hope for an occasion to get into profitable personal contact with you.

Cordially yours,

Lars V. Ahlfors"

Weyl responded September 13, 1941, with a very gracious letter telling him that there was no trespass on their territory, and that he will happily pass on to his son the suggestion that he may enter into a correspondence with Ahlfors.

On January 11, 1946, answering Professor D. V. Widder, Department of Mathematics, Harvard University, as to an appraisal of the mathematical work of Ahlfors, he ~~contains~~ includes in his letter the following quotation of a paragraph in the preface of Meromorphic Functions and Analytic Curves, Princeton, 1943:

"Five years ago my son Joachim and I discovered and brought home from the primeval forest of mathematics, a sapling which we called Meromorphic Curves. It looked healthy and attractive, but we did not know much about it. Soon after, a gardener from the North came along,--a skillful man of great experience, L. Ahlfors was his name, he knew: and under his care the plant, almost overnight, grew into a beautiful tree."

He concludes by the following sentence, "I think if you asked me which mathematician of the younger generation I should like most to see added to our American group, Ahlfors would be my first choice."

W (Weyl) File A

1948

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MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

WEYL, HERMANN

Biographies I

✓ AITKEN, A. C. (Mathematical Institute
Edinburgh)

Aitken to Weyl, May 6, 1948.

"I feel impelled to write to you to express, what I felt many times before, the sense of stimulus and exhilaration I always receive from your book The Classical Groups. It is constantly on my table, and I am accustomed to open it anywhere and to read on with profit and pleasure. In spite of its necessary compression, which in several places is rather excessive, I find it an entirely human book and a work of literature. One of the very great dangers of modern mathematics is, I always felt, that the writers may rattle the skeletons of logic in the Valley of Dry Bones. Logomachies and nothing more!"

July 27, 1948, Weyl to Aitkin:

"How kind of you to take the time to write me such a charming little note about my Classical Groups. My English being what it is, it makes me blush a bit to hear that book called a work of literature. I fully agree with you in what you say about the dangers of modern mathematics, and I have tried as best I could through my teaching to fight the sawdust of dry logic. I came to algebra at a comparatively late stage of my mathematical life; all the more reason for me to feel proud of having won the approval of an algebraist of your experience and acumen..."

W (Weyl) File A

1945

April - May

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ ALBRIGHT, WILLIAM F.

Biographical

Recommendations from Westermann Glueck and others for
appointment of Albright as an Orientalist.

A, 10/18/56, William F. Albright

1945

4/15

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

ARCHEOLOGY

Academic Activities

~~GLUECK, NELSON~~

Biographical

ALBRIGHT, WILLIAM F.

Nelson Glueck, American School of Oriental Research,
Jerusalem, Palestine, to Hetty Goldman.

An appraisal of William F. Albright of the Johns Hopkins University--one of the greatest living scholars in the entire general field of Near Eastern Oriental studies and archaeology; one of the greatest scholars that has ever labored in this field; one of the greatest scholars in Semitic philology that western civilization has had. In Assyrian, Babylonian, Ungaritic, Hebrew and Egyptian studies he has made pronounced and invaluable contributions. The list of his publications in these fields would cover literally hundreds of titles. He has been a great Palestinian archaeologist. He excavated at Tell Beit Mirsim, but he has been more than a Palestinian archaeologist. "He has known how to synthesize the results of archaeological and historical investigation in all the lands bordering Palestine. And he has been able to synthesize those results also as an

historian of great ability. He has trained a whole school of younger scholars, imparting to each of them a love for science, a passion for exactitude and thoroughness, and a painstaking methodology. His influence on Near Eastern studies in their narrowest and broadest interpretations will live long after him through the scholars he has trained."

He is a man of large sympathies, keen humor, great generosity.

School of Humanistic Studies File II

1945

5/22

FACULTY

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

SALARIES

APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEES (ON APPOINTMENTS)

Corporation

PAULI

Biographical

VINER

✓ ALBRIGHT

SIEGEL

Minutes of meeting of Committee on Appointments.

Extra Copy from D File filed in Chronological File under
1945, 5/22.

D, Committee on Appointments, Extra Copy

1945

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SALARIES
COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
(TROSCHE) (MOORE, WEID, ATHELLOTT)

Academic Personnel
Corporation

PAULI
VINER
✓ ALDRICH
SIEGEL

Biographical

Committee received appointment of Pauli, Siegel and Viner
at \$10,000. See draft Minutes for retirement arrangements.

Also approved increase salaries:

/A	Goldman	\$2,500 to 7
/A	Parofsky	10,000 to 12,500
/	Haris	10,000 to 12,500
/	Swann	3,600 to 4,500.

A, 10/10/56 Pensions

11/18

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

THOMPSON

Biographical

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Academic Organization

ALBRIGHT

*" HUMANISTIC
MATHEMATICS "*

Biographical

Question of Thompson brought up again. Merritt tactfully introduced question of marketability. Harvard, Cambridge Universities offering him positions might be considered equivalent of testimonials. Harle had solicited testimonials and read them.

Weyl held that Thompson was a solid and competent scholar whose reputation extended to excellence in as field archeologist--intelligent and critical scholar, well aware of the historical implications, "but showed that he had made no contribution as yet to the history of ideas."

Weyl suggested that Albright was the broader mind and more distinguished as linguist and interpreter of ideas.

Aydelotte said that, "it seemed had seemed opportune to substitute Thompson for Albright, at least for the moment."

Goldman apologized for archeology by saying it was necessary to produce more and better digs and materials.

The relation of archeology to history was debated, Meritt saying that for certain periods, such as Athens from 300 B. C. to 86 B. C., the only evidence was archeological.

Von Neumann characterized Thompson as the equivalent of a first-rate experimentalist. Morse opined that one might expect Thompson to develop into a scholar who would eventually synthesize knowledge on the basis of a great accumulation of facts, but suggested that it might be well to bring up the name of Albright too.

Veblen inquired whether Thompson might not be characterized as a topographer. Meritt enumerated his interests in ceramics, epigraphy and numismatics.

"The discussion gradually crystallized around the opinion that Thompson had already proved himself a first-rate archaeologist

and that in view of his reputation for sound classical scholarship and interest in broader problems...he might reasonably be expected ultimately to use his specific archaeological knowledge for studies of wider interest."

Faculty approved unanimously

Faculty Minutes, 11/18/46

1956

9/28

JOHN HOPKINS

Educational Institutions

BOAS, GEORGE

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

LOVEJOY, ARTHUR O.

GOODNOW, FRANK

AYDELOTTE, P.

✓ ALBRIGHT

KENNAN

Conversation with George Boas, September 28, 1956.

Filed under Boas Interviews in Vertical File.

ALEXANDER, J. W. (188)

Biographical

In Mathematics - Analysis Situs
B. S. Princeton University
Instructor of Mathematics, Princeton, 1911-12, 1915-16
Assistant Professor, 1920-1926
Associate Professor, 1926-1928
Professor, 1928-1933
Cambridge lectures, 1936

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS
ECONOMICS (p. 12)
FELLOWSHIPS (pp. 13, 14, 16)
ASSISTANTS (p. 11)
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION
SEMINARS (pp. 15, 16)
POLICIES (pp. 4, 17, 18)
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✓ALEXANDER (p. 17)

Academic Organization

Academic Personnel

Academic Procedures

Administration

Relations W.O.A.I.

Facilities

Corporation

Biographical

See Digest Veblen-Flexner Correspondence

VEBLEN - Biographical 1930-32

1931-35

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations W.O.A.I.

JOINT (ANNALS)

Publications

EISENHART, L. P.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

✓ ALEXANDER, J. W.

VON NEUMANN, J.

SCHRÖDINGER

Excerpts from file on L. P. Eisenhart, II-17

See EISENHART, L. P. - Biographical

1958-59
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

EISENHART

✓ALEXANDER

VEBLEN, O.

VON NEUMANN

Academic Organization

Relations WOAI

Biographical

Interview with J. W. Alexander, March 12, 1957.

(No notes made of this interview).

1932-1951

✓ALEXANDER, JAMES W.
(Permanent Member)

Biographical

Flexner to Alexander, December 22, 1932, offering appointment to begin October 1, 1933 at \$10,000 a year, T. I. A. A. on Alexander's option, retiring age 65, terms of academic freedom, etc., subject to Board meeting January 9, 1933.

Alexander's acceptance dated December 26 with decision of T. I. A. A. deferred.

April 15, 1936 Bailey to Alexander informing him "that at a meeting of the Trustees...held on April 13, 1936, your salary was increased to \$12,500 per annum beginning July 1, 1936. Mr. Flexner asks me to say that he would be pleased if this fact were regarded as confidential."

Thereafter letters directed "to whom it may concern."
In 1938 mentioned Alexander's salary as \$10,000.

Alexander to Aydelotte, December 12, 1946 formally requesting a one-year leave of absence at half salary to concentrate on organization of material which has been accumulating.

Alexander to Aydelotte January 4, 1946 asking leave of absence to be effective second term academic year 1945-46 because of the illness of his mother and the complication of her affairs. (mother famous died January 17, 1947) Granted effective February 1, 1947 for six months half salary.

August 23, 1950, Leary to David J. Levy notifying him of change of status.

Alexander was professor from 1933 to February 2, 1948. Thereafter presumably as a member on grant-in-aid. Ceased January 31, 1951 on his own request.

D, Prof. James W. Alexander M Permanent Mem.

1954
BIRKHOFF, GEORGE D.

BIOGRAPHICAL

DODDS, HAROLD

VEBIEN, O.

✓ ALEXANDER

VON NEUBAUER

Mrs. Birkhoff on George D. Birkhoff's acceptance and reversal.

See statement it took Veblen's raid to bring Dodds to his senses.

Interview with Marston Morse, 6/21/56

1932

December

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

LEFSCHETZ

Biographical

✓ ALEXANDER

EISENHART

VEBLER, O.

FLEXNER, A.

? See Veblen to Aydelotte December 11, 1944 explaining how Alexander was appointed by Institute and how salaries of Alexander and von Neumann were decided. See Veblen to Aydelotte November 10, 1944 on qualities of Alexander and Norse.

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1932

12/7

NOMINATIONS

Academic Personnel

WEYL, HEINRICH

Biographical

✓ ALEXANDER, JAMES W.

Minutes, p. 2:

"RESOLVED, That the letter presented by the Director to be sent to Professor Hermann Weyl of the University of Göttingen is approved and that the Director is authorized to transmit the same and to secure the services of Professor Weyl on the terms therein defined.

"The Director thereupon suggested the advisability of appointing an additional professor in the School of Mathematics and stated that he would like to secure the services of Professor James Wardell Alexander of Princeton University, a younger and yet distinguished mathematician.

"After discussion, the Director was authorized and empowered to negotiate with Professor Alexander and to report to the Committee or Board for approval the terms upon which such association might be established."

Vol. I, No. 9

1933

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

FACULTY

Academic Personnel

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

WEYL, H.

FLEXNER, A.

VON NEUMANN, J.

/ALEXANDER, J.

Excerpts from Mrs. Veblen's diary, 1933

See SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS - Academic Organization

1933

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SALARIES

Academic Personnel

BENEFITS

✓ ALEXANDER, JAMES WADDELL

Biographical

Minutes, p. 7:

"The Director nominated Professor James Waddell Alexander a professor in the School of Mathematics on the following terms:

"That his appointment as Professor in the School of Mathematics date from October 1, 1933; that his salary be fixed at \$10,000 a year, of which he will contribute 5% to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, the Institute contributing an equal sum monthly; and that, unless his term of appointment be prolonged by mutual consent, he retire at 65 years of age.

"On motion, the nomination of Professor James Waddell Alexander as Professor in the School of Mathematics was approved."

Vol. I, No. 10

1933

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NOMINATIONS

Academic Personnel

WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

✓ALEXANDER, JAMES W.

Biographical data; Minutes 1/9/33, pp. 3-5

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1933

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WCAI

WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

✓ALEXANDER, JAMES W.

Dr. Planner reported in part:

"I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to the authorities of Princeton University, who have whole-heartedly cooperated with me in the endeavor to make our own group as strong as possible. The men chosen are personal friends of the men already engaged in Princeton, and there is therefore every prospect of the most wholesome and intimate cooperation. Among themselves the men have agreed that their respective students may attend the seminars and lectures of each other, so that, while the identity of the two institutions will be absolutely preserved, they may functionally have the effect of a single great organization."

Vol. I, No. 10, Minutes, p. 5

1934

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SALARIES

Academic Personnel

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MORSE, MARSTON

Biographical

✓ALEXANDER

VEBLEN, O.

Re: Veblen to Flexner letter concerning invitation to Morse (should make definite offer as soon as possible); comparison of Alexander's (IAS) and Lefschetz's (PU) salaries. File IV-19.

See: SALARIES - Academic Personnel

1936

1/27

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

BUDGET

Finance

✓ALEXANDER

BIOgraphical

VON NEUMANN

Flexner makes general observation that to the effect that the budget for 1936-37 will contain adjustments calculated to bring salaries more in line in a few cases with original philosophy of compensation. He did not mention Alexander and von Neumann whose salaries were increased in the budget as of July 1, 1936 to \$12,500.

Tarck Trustees Minutes, January 27, 1936, p. 4.

1936

10/31

POLICIES

Administration

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

✓ ALEXANDER

Biographical

See Chronological file for letter Flexner to Veblen.

IV-20

1938

11/17

GENERAL

Public Relations

PLENER, A.

Biographical

ROSENTHAL, A.

✓ ALEXANDER

VERLBY, O.

Telegram to the President of the United States.

"Speaking in behalf of the Faculty of the Institute for Advanced Study we are authorized to endorse fully your condemnation of racial and religious intolerance in Germany and elsewhere to express the hope that the United States may become an active factor in the solution of this desperate and urgent problem."

B - "p"

1939

2/6

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

PLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ ALEXANDER

EINSTEIN

Hetty Goldman said Flexner was so abusive of faculty when Alexander said Princeton University A-S that faculty were horrified. To talk to Einstein particularly as though he were an inferior was shocking, but Flexner did. I asked why it was so important to faculty that Flexner recognize the charge and she was at a loss to respond.

Goldman Interview, July 12, 1957

1943

3/22

ROCKEFELLER

Foundations

BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

HERZFELD

Biographical

LOWE

STEWART

MITRANY

✓ ALEXANDER

WARREN

PANOFSKY

WEITZMANN, KURT

SWARZENSKI

See Chronological File, 1943, 3/22, for Minutes of Executive Committee, March 22, 1943, in regard to the above topics.

Executive Committee Minutes, March 22, 1943

1943

6/8

BENEFITS

Personnel

BENEFITS

Academic Personnel

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

HERZFELD

✓ ALEXANDER

PANOFSKY

WARREN

STEWART

MITRANY

See special action on benefits for academic personnel
and ~~xxx~~ personnel.. pp. 1-3.

Trustees' Minutes, 6/8/43

1944
1945

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SALARIES

Academic Personnel

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WPAI

LEFSCHEITZ

Biographical

✓ ALEXANDER

Letter of December 11, 1944 Veblen to Aydelotte discussing whether Lefschetz or Alexander should come to the Institute from Princeton University--with Sean Eisenhart they decided Alexander should come. Then it goes into the salary of Alexander which would later be put at the same as that of Einstein and Veblen.

Letter January 8, 1945 from Moe to Aydelotte questioning this salary business.

Letters filed in Chronological File under 1944, 12/11.

(File # 56)

A, 10/18/56, Howe, Material for Trustees Committee on Institute Policy

1945

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SALARIES

academic Personnel

MORSE

Biographical

VON NEUMANN

✓ALEXANDER

Extracts from Correspondence concerning Professors
Morse, von Neumann and Alexander regarding Flexner's promise
to increase salaries.

A, 10/18/56, Home, Material for Trustees Committee on
Institute Policy (In cardboard box) (file #56)

1945

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1/19

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

✓ALEXANDER, JAMES W.

Biographical

MORSE, MARSTON

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

The Board adopted the Director's recommendation that the salaries of Alexander, Morse, and von Neumann be increased to \$15,000 as of July 1, 1945 for reasons which the Committee on Policy recommends namely, that after discussion with Dr. Flexner, under commitments made by Dr. Flexner to these three men, the Institute is bound to increase their salaries.

Minutes 1/19/45, pp. 12 and 16

1945

11/26

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

DIRECTOR

Administration

AYDELOTTE, P.

Biographical

BARLE, E. M.

PANOFSKY, IRWIN

EA ✓ ALEXANDER

Barle, Panofsky, and Alexander appointed Faculty
Committee on successor to Director by Aydelotte.

Meritt, I. A. S.

1947

2/18

/ALEXANDER, James

Biographical

Granted leave of absence on half salary for six months from Feb. 1, 1947 to enable him to give full time to scholarly writing and to settling mother's estate.

Exec. Comm. 2/18/47 p. 3

1947

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ ALEXANDER

Biographical

EARLE, E. M.

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

Alexander, Earle, and Panofsky, to Stewart as a Committee of the Faculty to Consider a Successor to Aydelotte. At that time there were ~~NINE~~ nine outsiders and two unnamed Faculty members receiving consideration. By March 5, there were only five outsiders, including as before, Oppenheimer and Strauss.

Faculty Minutes, Meeting February 26, 1947

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✓ ALEXANDER

Biographical

Alexander asked for permission to change his status to member at half-salary, continuing this arrangement up to normal retirement age. Oppenheimer replied flexibility is desirable, and there was nothing in Alexander's contract that required a formal attendance at meetings or the performance of administrative duties. He stated he would be very reluctant to believe that a professor could not follow his own separate path without the burden of administrative details. Hoped that the School would back him up in doing just what Alexander wishes, if even if he desired to resign his professorship. The mathematicians expressed approval of Oppenheimer's attitude in this matter.

Oppenheimer left doors open for the future, suggesting the possibility of a leave of absence for Alexander. The

question of a new appointment of a professor of mathematics should be separate from Alexander's change of status. Any new appointee should be considerably younger than anyone then on the staff.

Von Neumann wanted an analyst appointed to the Editorship of the Annals of Mathematics instead of Lefschetz's suggestion of ~~Katherine~~ Artin and Steenrod. Von Neumann wanted to persuade Siegel.

At the November 3 meeting, Siegel agreed to serve as Editor, and von Neumann, Morse and Siegel were to talk over the Annals of Mathematics situation with Lefschetz.

Appended to the Minutes of November 3 was a note signed by Alexander, von Neumann, Siegel, Veblen, Weyl and Einstein and Oppenheimer to the effect that the Annals informally organized with the editorial work handled chiefly by Professor Tucker in the past has bogged down. Proposal made that the organization be made parallel with that being arranged for a similar series of publications in Physics under the editorial management of Oppenheimer and Bayh.

This suggestion was approved by Artin at a meeting of the Mathematics Department of Princeton University the prior week. Morse was nominated as the Institute's representative on the Editorial Board.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 10/21/47 and 11/3/47

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ALEXANDER, JAMES

Biographical

Prof. Alexander asked to be relieved of duties as other duties conflicted. He was granted leave of absence; during leave appointed Member with stipend of \$7,500; IAS will continue to contribute to TIAA (this is not to become precedent).

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VON NEUMANN, J.

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RIEFLER, W.

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Interview with O. Veblen 11/21/55

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WEYL, HERMANN

Biographical

BINSKOFF, GEORGE

PLANNER, A.

ALEXANDER, JAMES W.

Interview with James W. Alexander, June 27, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Alexander Interviews.

Interview with Alexander, 6/27/56

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Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, July 16, 1956.
Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

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Interview with Abraham Flexner, 10/24/56.
Filed in Vertical File under Flexner Interviews.

Interview with Flexner, 10/24/56

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VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

FLAXNER, A.

EINSTEIN

WIDENHART

WEYL

LEFSCHETZ

✓ALEXANDER

Luncheon conversation with Oswald Veblen, 12/10/56.
Filed in Vertical File under Veblen Interviews

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SCHROEDINGER (1)
✓ALEXANDER (1)
VON NEUMANN (1)
VEBLEN (1, 2)
EINSTEIN (5)

Biographical

Interview with Dean Eisenhart, May 15, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Eisenhart Interviews.

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MATHEMATICS (1, 2)

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EISENHART (1, 2)

DODDS (1~~2~~)

FLEXNER (1)

MOREY (1, 2)

✓ ALEXANDER (2)

VON NEUMANN (2)

~~MOREY~~

VEBLEN (2, 30)

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Interview with Dean Eisenhart, May 22, 1957.

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FLEXNER (1, 2, 3)

✓ ALEXANDER (2)

EINSTEIN (2)

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MOREY (2, 3)

Interview with Miss Hetty Goldman, June 7, 1957.

Filed in Vertical file under Goldman Interviews.

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DUYVENDAK

Biographical

← ALEXIEV, V. M.

Biographical

GRASS, MORTIMER (A.C.L.S.)

Grass suggests Alexeiev if Duyvendak not available for a year or two.

A, 10/18/56, IAS Suggested Members

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FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

EARLE, E. M.

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KANTOROWICZ, ERNST

WOODWARD, E. L.

ALFÖLDI, ANDREW

SIEGEL, CARL LUDWIG

PAULI, WOLFGANG

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

Interview with Professor Veblen, January 10, 1956.

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Interview with Professor Veblen, January 10, 1956

1884-1943

✓ AMES, JOSEPH SWEETMAN

Biographical

Physicist. President Johns Hopkins, 1929-1935.

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ROCKEFELLER

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✓ ARMSTRONG, EDWARD C.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

Armstrong to Flexner, December 24th, 1930, about
Universities. A very important book. "...if our philosophy is
a pragmatic philosophy it would seem to tell us that this is a
fight against the inevitable in which we are contending, not
merely against a present situation, but a situation which is the
logical outcome of a long, historical development.

"It is for this reason that I admire the work all the more.
It is not difficult to take the leadership in the fight where
conditions are favorable. It is difficult, but most important,
to find a leader for a minority and a minority against whom all
exterior circumstances combine...I believe it will be impossible to

upset your thesis as to what the real issue is.

"Your procedure of concrete illustration is causing no end of persons in educational posts to wince under the knife. I am taking no joy in their discomfort, but it was the only method of approach capable of producing results. In the institutions which were not selected as subjects for the dissecting, there may be a temporary elation, but I see no opportunity nor prospect of permanent hilarity on their part. One might even consider that their being passed over in silence is somewhat humiliating, as it merely marks them out as not sufficiently important to have the large artillery for the moment trained against them."

He read with understanding particularly about Johns Hopkins, because he had been there from 1897 to 1917 on the philosophy faculty; from 1910-17 Chairman of one of the departments. He left not as the result of a quarrel. He had adequate backing, liberal in the light of the financial situation of the University from President Hemen but from his successor neither cooperation nor backing. But Armstrong always won his way on every point.

"I left because I was convinced that there was no stopping the ~~down~~ drift in general university affairs which was increasing from a drift to a flood. I left with no anticipation that in a new place I should escape manifestation of the same tendency. The difference was that the Johns Hopkins as it had been and as it might be was so tied in with my heartstrings that I could not be content to stay there, simply trying to keep my own head above water and letting the devil take the rest. It was on this basis that C. C. Rarden, J. E. Shaw, and I deliberately decided that the time had come for us to seek to do our work in other places. For that Armstrong came to the Council of Learned Societies. His effort in that organization, he said, is that it will be to hold the organization fast to the ideal which Flexner set forth in his book.

"Now that the situation is changed so that gratitude need no longer be interpreted as thankfulness for favors still to come, I wish to tell you of the surprise and delight that came to me over the outcome of the one rather brief interview which I had with you regarding the application which the Council submitted to the General Education Board. It seemed to me then, and it

still seems to me, that you showed a marvelous understanding of the aims which the Council had in view, and a responsiveness which indicated that regardless of the limitations which might be placed upon the successful execution of the aims we had in view...you sensed the wholehearted and honest intent of our group to further the aims which are clearly in your mind of such great import."

Armstrong to Fleener, March 3, 1931, making recommendations: classics, Rhys Carpenter, Meritt; Oriental languages, William F. Albright; Semitics; English, John S. P. Tatlock, Harvard, etc.

D, Institute Organization, 1930-1931