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✓ GENERAL (STATE -- BATTLEFIELD PARK)

Government Relations

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1950 I. A. S. to Driscoll.

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TAXATION

MAASS, H. H.

Biographical

MORSE

AYDELOTTE, F.

In accordance with Aydelotte's wishes, Morse who was going to see Brakley the next day on the Battlefield Park will say that Aydelotte and the Standing Committee have under consideration a possible gift to the Park Commission of 12 acres bordering the lower end of Blackwell Smith property. It is specially understood that the gift would have formally to be made by the Board of Trustees, and Morse will transmit to Brakeley the conclusions of Aydelotte regarding appropriate plan for the park. Mr. Bamberger promised to inform Mr. Maass and Mr. Ledicsdorf of the reasons back of this. (Bamberger was meeting with Morse Panofsky and Riefler), and to inform the Standing Committee of

the reaction of Maass and Leidesdorf.

Action on the New Jersey tax on the inheritance from Mr. Bamberger was discussed at length. Morse recalled that Aydelotte had already discussed with Gabrielson "the possibility of amending the State laws regarding inheritance on philanthropic institutions.", so that they might be exempt without an antecedent gift from the State. It was hoped that such a law might be passed retroactively as far as the Institute was concerned. Aydelotte's and Morse's suggestion that Gabrielson be asked to act as an agent in presenting such a measure to the Legislative Committee was not approved by Mr. Maass who obtained information from Mrs. Thompson which led him to believe that more influential representatives could be employed than Mr. Gabrielson. The Legislature was about to convene action should be prompt. Mr. Bamberger was asked to take the matter up with Mr. Maass as Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mr. Schaap as one of the Executors of the Bamberger estate and to find out what action was contemplated.

Riefler urged it was desirable to act with the approval of such institutions as Princeton University and other state institutions of like character, and in consultation with local officials and representatives of the State Legislature. But Morse pointed out that such approval could not be obtained in the short time before the Legislature convenes and that if action is to be taken it will have to be taken without such general approval. "The Standing Committee acts in this instance merely as a medium to transmit the views of Dr. Aydelotte to urge the importance of some action in this matter and to cooperate with Mr. Bamberger in obtaining a full and mutual understanding of the question among the Standing Committee, the Trustees, and Mr. Bamberger's executors.

Standing Committee is acting to transmit Aydelotte's views and to cooperate with Mr. Bamberger in obtaining full and mutual understanding of the question among the Standing Committee, the Trustees and Mr. Bamberger's executors, the last mentioned of whom have full authority to take action.  
D, Minutes Standing Committee of the Faculty, 1940-1946

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

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TAXATION

GENERAL (NAME)

Corporation

BAMBERGER, LOUIS

Biographical

Aydelotte reported the New Jersey Legislature had appropriated \$100,000 for the Battlefield Park. The Institute had taken no ~~quasi~~ action on a grant of land to the Park. "The action of the State on the question of the Institute's taxes will, of course, have some bearing on the size of the Institute's gift." In this connection and also because of the constant confusion of the Institute for Advanced Study with Princeton University, it was suggested that the name of the Institute might be changed to 'The New Jersey Institute for Advanced Study.' This name was that Mr. Louis Bamberger had favored. An alternative suggestion was 'The Mercer Institute for Advanced Study.'"

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

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✓ NEW JERSEY BATTLEFIELD PARK

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GABRIELSON

Government Relations

Biographical

AYDELOTTE

Standing Committee: Morse, Panofsky and Riefler, Bamberger, Aydelotte--Aydelotte reported on a conversation with ~~xxx~~ Gabrielson concerning a possible refund by the State of New Jersey of the Institute's inheritance taxes. Gabrielson optimistic and his request was that the members of the faculty and the Board leave the matter entirely to him. "He declined the offer of the Institute to retain him as counsel and added that he was glad to do what he could as a service to education in the Institute." It was Gabrielson's opinion that any ~~move~~ move to change the name of the Institute shall be initiated by the New Jersey Legislature. "He also advised the Institute to move slowly in the matter of donating land to the Princeton Battlefield Park."

"<sup>+</sup>There was some discussion by the Committee of whether the Institute should give some special recognition to the State

of New Jersey in the event that the latter should refund the inheritance taxes paid by the Institute. It was suggested that special living quarters might be set aside for citizens from New Jersey or that the Institute might sponsor a series of lectures of special interest to the people of New Jersey."

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

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✓ GENERAL (NEW JERSEY)

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The Board approved letting the state of New Jersey have a lowland piece of 13 acres for Battlefield Park on some appropriate manner such as a long-term lease. Maass and Oppenheimer were to visit Governor Driscoll again at Trenton.

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Facilities

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Government Relations

COMMITTEES

Academic Personnel

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

The Board gave to the State of New Jersey, subject to recapture if the Battlefield State Park should be abandoned, an area marked 2 in a map.

Veblen, though an Honorary Trustee, was re-appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and all standing committees were re-appointed by the chair.

Special Meeting of the Members of the Corporation, 10/25/51

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See Vertical under Battlefield Park. A lease (a 99 year lease) was finally concluded with the State (about March 19, 1952) for a few acres for addition to the Battlefield Park with rights of reversion to the Institute should the State for any reason abandon the Park.

See file for maps.

Also see the next file "Princeton Battlefield Park, Exhibits A to F," for historical articles, maps, etc.

D, Princeton Battlefield Park Correspondence (and Maps)  
D, Princeton Battlefield Park, Exhibits A to F

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AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

✓ PANOFKY, ERWIN

Panofsky to Aydelotte, September 29, 1947.

"October 1, a sad day for all of us, shall not pass without a word of gratitude. Working, God knows, against odds, you have succeeded in making the small world of the Institute a 'better place to live in'//; and everyone of us knows that you leave us, not only as a just and unselfish Director but also as a friend. We, personally, owe perhaps more to you than most of my colleagues; but if I should ever forget your unflinching kindness and understanding as a superior I shall never forget how you and Marie got me out of my house for dinner when Dora had gone to the hospital in Boston.

"Fortunately this is only 'farewell' (in the literal sense) and not 'good-bye.' You will remain our trusted adviser; both of you will remain our neighbours; and all the three of you our friends. And you will be able to do much good--perhaps even more than ever before--when all your time is your own. So it is with confidence and in hope rather than in sorrow that we offer you our thanks and our wishes."

Dora Panofsky to Marie Aydelotte, September 29, 1947.

"It is with deep gratitude that I think of the years that you have been our 'boss' because from the beginning you were not a boss but a dear friend to everybody. And I especially have felt again and again your great kindness when I was so sick and you never got tired of coming to see me and help me with your warm and understanding friendship..."

A File, Erwin Panofsky

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

Memorandum Concerning a Meeting of the School of Economics and  
Politics with the Director of the Institute.

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Memorandum Concerning a Meeting  
of the  
School of Economics and Politics  
with the Director of the Institute

Monday Morning, February 23, 1948

Mr. Stewart opened the meeting by asking Mr. Oppenheimer whether he wished at this time to discuss general plans concerning the work of the School of Economics and Politics. Mr. Oppenheimer indicated that it might be wiser to consider long-range plans at a later date. It seemed advisable, therefore, to confine the present meeting largely to questions of memberships for the year 1948-1949.

Mr. Earle said that plans previously made for a visit to the Institute by Professor E. L. Woodward during the autumn of 1948 are now definitive. Professor Woodward will arrive in Princeton on September 15 and will remain until he returns to England on the Queen Elizabeth on October 23. No further financial commitment is involved, as Professor Woodward has available at the First National Bank in Princeton the sum of about \$1800 which it is believed will be quite adequate.

The application of Professor Denna F. Fleming of Vanderbilt University for a grant of \$3000 for the academic year 1948-1949 was discussed. As Professor Fleming will be on sabbatical leave from Vanderbilt, the sum proposed would seem to be adequate to enable him to be in residence at the Institute. The School recommended to the Director, and the Director concurred, that a stipend of \$3000 (one-half to come from the School's stipend funds and one-half from a Carnegie seminar grant) be granted to Professor Fleming, although not necessarily for the support of either of the particular projects which he outlined in his letter of application. Mr. Oppenheimer said that he would inform Mr. Fleming that his application for a stipend had been favorably acted upon. The Director suggested that Mr. Earle write Mr. Fleming indicating that the grant was being made without specific reference to the projects which he has submitted, so that he will be free to pursue such research as may seem desirable after consultation with members of the School. (Mr. Oppenheimer telegraphed Mr. Fleming on February 23, and Mr. Earle wrote him on March 1.)

Mr. Earle reported that the Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant to W. K. Hancock, Chichele Professor of Economic History at Oxford, to enable him to be in residence at the Institute for Advanced Study for a period of about three months, beginning January 1949. The Rockefeller grant will provide trans-Atlantic steamship fares, \$10 per diem during his stay in the United States, plus domestic travel, if necessary. It is proposed that the Institute make a supplementary grant to provide for such additional expenses as Professor Hancock may have to incur.

Mr. Riefler brought up the subject of the Monetary Seminar which is operating at a very high level on problems that are now becoming immediate as well as acute. He suggested that it might be well to write

to the head of the Federal Reserve Board, the head of the International Monetary Fund, and the head of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, suggesting to them that the Institute would be prepared to consider the appointment of members nominated from the staffs of those institutions. The idea is that these younger economists come to Princeton for the full academic year to work on monetary problems and to participate in the seminar. They would be supported by their institutions. The Institute would, of course, reserve the right to accept or reject nominees.

There was a brief discussion of the Director's memorandum of February 11, 1948 concerning full-time appointment at the Institute. Mr. Oppenheimer indicated that he would welcome individual comments to assist him in clarifying a complicated problem.

The Director said that he would welcome a statement from individual members of the School concerning assistants. Mr. Earle said that he would like, if possible, to have an assistant. The other members of the School requested an opportunity to give the matter further consideration and to report their requirements at another time.

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Edward M. Earle

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Letter from George A. Buskoley to Dr. Ayblotte, 4/14/49, in regard  
to plans for the Princeton Battlefield.

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Facilities

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Finance

Further consideration of the gift of the Battleground  
State Park.

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MAASS, H. H.	Biographical
OPPENHEIMER, R.	

Maass acknowledges an unfound letter from Oppenheimer from Palm Springs, California. He comments on Oppenheimer's report to him of the Board meeting of February 20, 1950 on By-Laws saying that the new Committee should for the third time seek to define the responsibilities of the faculty, Trustees and Director clarifying what are now undefined areas of power and responsibility with a no man's land "here, there and elsewhere which can be illuminated." They were to have a two-day meeting in April for which he will return.

About the Battlefield he said the Institute could well afford to give away 30 acres but not any of the plots outlined in the request since they w (1) affect Institute's ingress and egress from Institute land and are highland. Suggests Institute's Real Estate Committee should confer with representatives

of the state and agree upon a gift which would deprive the Institute only of the least desirable part of the acreage requested and a minimum acreage to be deeded to the state after the location has been fixed.

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TRUSTEES  
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The Director was instructed to inform Governor Driscoll and former Governor Edge that the Trustees had no power legally to make a gift of Institute property for the battlefield park, since the purposes were so different from those intended by the founders.

Trustees' Minutes, April 21, 1950

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✓ GENERAL (STATE)

VEBLEN, O.

Facilities

Government Relations

Biographical

See pp. 4 and Appendix for report on negotiations with  
the Governor's office on the cession of land and taxation.

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