

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Prof.

HARRY WOOLF
Director


October 8, 1984

Benjamin D. Merritt
712 W. 16th Street
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Ben:

Just a quick note to say thank you very much, indeed, for the copy of your recent article on "The Samian Revolt from Athens in 440-439 B.C." I look forward very much to reading it.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Woolf



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

Department of Classics

712 West 16th Street
Austin, Texas, 78701
January 7, 1980.

Dr. Harry Woolf, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Harry,

Today I received a cheque from the business manager for supplementary retirement income covering the last six months of 1979.

This is another and welcome evidence of the thoughtful concern which the Institute has for its retired faculty. Our group insurance, which I am also privileged to share, has been a constant and reassuring safeguard against unusual medical expense.

I want to say that I am grateful. It has been a wonderful New Year's gift. I shall use the new income conservatively in carrying on the work that I was busy with at the Institute, in spite of retirement. At Miss Horton's request I have recently sent a supplementary list of my publications.

With warm personal regards and with best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Benjamin D. Meritt

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Markham, Ontario,

Canada POA 1P0

August 24, 1982

Dr. Harry Woolf, Director
Institute for Advanced Study,

Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Harry,

Yesterday I received from our controller the statement
of my supplementary pension from the Institute for the coming
year. I want again to express to you my gratitude for the
continued support.

I have this year completed a study of the
war between Athens and Sparta in 440 B.C. which I have
submitted to the Canadian classical journal Phoenix. When
reprints are available I shall send you a copy and I
look forward to thanking you in person for my help from at a
meeting of the American Philosophical Society.

Yours sincerely yours
Ben

December 17, 1982

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
712 West 16th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Professor Meritt,

Thank you for sending us your up-dated résumé. It arrived just in time for our Visiting Committee which convenes today.

I thought you might like to know the names of our visitors. They are:

Professor Zeph Stewart, Chairman
Dr. Bernard Bailyn
Sir Isaiah Berlin
Dr. Northrop Frye
Dr. Henry Guerlac
Dr. Henry A. Millon

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Patricia H. Labalme

PHL/hjl

November 25, 1981

Dr. Benjamin D. Meritt
712 W. 16th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ben:

Just a short note to thank you for the
offprint of Kleon's Assessment of Tribute to
Athens.

I am most pleased to have it.

Cordially yours,

Harry Woolf

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WARM REGARDS AND ALL BEST WISHES ON YOUR 80TH BIRTHDAY

HARRY WOOLF
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

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MERRITT

January 22, 1979

Ms. Melva Lind
Director of International Affairs
Gustavus Adolphus College
St. Peter, Minnesota 56082

Dear Ms. Lind:

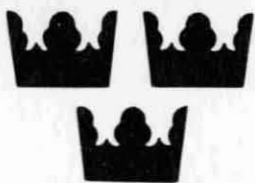
I apologize for this very late reply to your letter of 7 December 1978, which was inadvertently addressed to us at Princeton University.

According to our records, Mrs. Lucy Shoe Merritt's current address is: 712 West 16th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Once again I regret the delay in responding to your inquiry, and hope that the above information will prove useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Aida L. La Brutte
Secretary to the Director



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December 7, 1978

Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Sir:

Several months ago, I sent a letter to Lucy Shoe Merritt with a specific question; the letter sent to an address indicated by the Alumnae Office of Mt. Holyoke College. I had left Mount Holyoke in 1948, at which time we were colleagues in different departments.

Lucy's lack of answer I ascribe to three possibilities: (1) perhaps my letter was lost in the U.S. mail, an occurrence which regretfully happens with seeming frequency; (2) perhaps she is on a research project in Greece; or (3) perhaps the residential address in Texas has been changed to a suburban or outlying district and my query has not been forwarded to the current address.

A follow-up letter from me to the President's Office in Austin, Texas brought the information that my letter addressed to that office was being forwarded to the head of the Classics Department at the University of Texas. So far no further news has been forthcoming.

Thanking you for whatever information you may find it possible to give me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Melva Lind
Director of International Affairs
Docteur de l'Université de Paris
en Sorbonne

ML/vkm

cc: Wisnovsky

28 November 1978

Dear Ben:

The Institute for Advanced Study is now in the process of preparing an Einstein Centennial Celebration in honor of the one-hundredth anniversary of Albert Einstein's birth.

A principal feature of the Celebration will be a Symposium to be held at the Institute on March 4-9, 1979, dealing with the specific aspects of Einstein's scientific work. The emphasis throughout will be on both the historical context and the continuing importance of Einstein's ideas in various fields, perhaps bearing in mind Einstein's remark that "the most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible."

The Planning Committee for the Symposium consists of the following members:

Freeman Dyson
Herman Feshbach
Marvin Goldberger
Gerald Holton
Martin Klein
Abraham Pais
John Wheeler
Harry Woolf (Chairman)

The audience for the Symposium and its published product will be on the one hand the community of scientists of the present and immediate future and, on the other, future historians who will look to this record for some answers to the questions of how Einstein and the physics he helped to create influence, either explicitly or tacitly, the science being done today.

Dr. Benjamin Meritt

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It is our intention that the Symposium be an occasion where scientists and scholars can reflect on what science is, and how at its best it is carried out, with specific reference to Einstein's work.

On behalf of the Institute for Advanced Study and the Planning Committee, I am writing to invite you to participate in the Einstein Centennial Symposium. The attached preliminary program will give you a sense of the substance of the meeting; further details will be sent to you at a later date.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and very much hope that your answer will be affirmative.

Cordially yours,

Harry Wolf

Dr. Benjamin D. Meritt
c/o School of Historical Studies
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, NJ 08540



Mr. Pope
Mr. Morgan
P.O. Box 12 110

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

Department of Classics

712 West 16th Street
Austin, Texas, 78701

March 8, 1978.

Dr. Harry Wolf

Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I beg to thank you for your letter of March 1 welcoming us, and me back to the Institute for a short period of residence early in April. We look forward very much to being there, and are happy that we are able to come.

With warm thanks and sincere regards. I am

Yours,

Benjamin Meritt

*April 10-20 1978

cc. Mr. Pope*
Miss Horton

March 1, 1978

Dr. Benjamin D. Meritt
712 W. 16th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Dr. Meritt:

I was delighted to learn that you will be visiting the Institute during April 1978, and I look forward to seeing you here at that time. There will, of course, be an apartment available for your use, and Carl Pope will be in touch with you shortly concerning these arrangements.

With all best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harry Woolf

Benjamin Dean Meritt will reach the age of 75 March 31, 1974; this volume is a birthday-present. His has been a remarkable career. An impersonal paragraph in *Who's Who* records that he was born in Durham, North Carolina; that he passed through the academic *cursus honorum* at Hamilton College (A.B., A.M.), Princeton University (A.M., Ph.D.), and the American School of Classical Studies at Athens; that he holds honorary degrees from Hamilton College, Princeton University, Oxford University, the University of Glasgow, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Athens; that he taught at the University of Vermont, Brown University, Princeton University, the University of Michigan, the Johns Hopkins University, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens; that he became Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in 1935; that he has lectured as the George Eastman Professor at Oxford, as the Martin Lecturer at Oberlin, as the Sather Professor at California; that he has been decorated by the government of Greece. There is more.

Such paragraphs are, of course, useful; yet these somewhat brutal summaries seldom tell the whole human story. Who could infer that Benjamin Meritt devoted his life to what had been a disordered and chaotic field of Classical scholarship, introduced order and system, created a method, developed a school of disciples, and placed Greek Epigraphy irrevocably in the very centre of the study of Greek History?

Meritt began his epigraphical life as a student at the School in Athens (1920-1922). There he formed a partnership with Allen Brown West. The two focused their principal attention on the records of the Athenian Empire and between 1923 and 1930 there flowed from their individual and collaborative pens a stream of articles basic to the reconstruction of the Athenian quota-lists—and basic to the major unified work that they were even then contemplating. An immediate result was the rebuilding of the *lapis primus*, that magnificent monument that graces the Epigraphic Museum to this day. This must surely have been one of the most fruitful partnerships known to Classical scholarship.

In 1928 Meritt published *The Athenian Calendar in the Fifth Century Based on a Study of the Detailed Accounts of Money Borrowed by the Athenian State I.G. I², 324*. We do not exaggerate in calling this a fundamental study, for all subsequent research into the Athenian calendar depends on this book. Much has been written since and debate has sometimes become heated; yet, without *The Athenian Calendar*, this debate would have been impossible. For a young man of 29 it was an extraordinary achievement; it made Meritt's immediate reputation and in the next year, at the age of 30, he became a full professor at the University of Michigan.

Athenian Financial Documents of the Fifth Century (1932) repeated the lesson; the evidence must be systematically ordered before it can be used by the historian. Again, we are looking at a fundamental book, a reconstruction of a number of important Athenian accounts.

For some years Meritt and West had been identifying and putting together the fragments of the great assessment of the Empire undertaken by the Athenians in 425 B.C. Having rebuilt the stele, in 1934 they produced *The Athenian Assessment of 425 B.C.*; once more, scholars were

given evidence in a usable form. Three years later, Meritt himself wrote *Documents on Athenian Tribute*, a volume that continued the preparatory work for a comprehensive study of the physical evidence for the history of the Athenian Empire.

West's death in 1936 forced a change in plan and Meritt invited the collaboration of H. T. Wade-Gery and M. F. McGregor to write the book that he and West had planned and discussed for so many years. The initial purpose seemed straight-forward: to place between two covers all the evidence necessary for a history of the Athenian Empire. In fact, the one volume expanded into four: *The Athenian Tribute Lists* (1939-1953); they included an enlarged collection of texts and testimonia (Volume II), a series of special studies of the texts and a history, chiefly financial, of the Confederacy and Empire (Volume III), and comprehensive indices and bibliography (Volume IV). As was anticipated, the third volume incited controversy; in the first two volumes, however, the historian, whatever his interpretations may be, can find the evidence presented in reliable form. This kind of study has always been characteristic of Meritt. For, although the four volumes represent a true (and very congenial) collaboration, the organising mind was Meritt's.

In the mid-1930's Meritt accepted responsibility for publication of the epigraphic materials found in the excavations of the Athenian Agora conducted by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. It has been a heavy, if welcome, burden. He has himself assumed the major share of the writing, as is reflected by the title "Greek Inscriptions" that appears in so many volumes of *Hesperia*. Nor has he reached the end. Along with his scholarly programme Meritt served on the Publications Committee and spent innumerable hours editing manuscripts for *Hesperia*. The School should be humbly appreciative of such loyal application to its affairs.

There have been other books. We mention one, because it deals with epigraphic method rather than a specific problem: *Epigraphica Attica* (Martin Classical Lectures, 1940). This book remains the best introduction for the ambitious epigraphist who seeks guidance in method, as the titles of the chapters accurately promise: Readings, Reconstruction, Lettering, Restoration. The term "architectural epigraphy" was coined by W. S. Ferguson; it was Meritt who made it a cardinal principle of epigraphic research and it is in this book that he illustrates the indispensability of the principle.

At the Institute for Advanced Study Meritt created an epigraphic world: a collection of squeezes that must be second to none, photographs, the significant books, an unmatched sense of hospitality. Here many a scholar spent a year or a term or a few days working in the company of the Master; here *The Athenian Tribute Lists* was written, debated, rewritten, despatched to the printer. The Institute, with the enthusiastic support of Meritt's friend Abraham Flexner, the first Director, became the world's epigraphic headquarters and a generous source of information for all who cared to communicate. It was essentially the work of one man; we may never see the same again.

Over the years Meritt has gladly assisted many young men, on the threshold of scholarship, and many who had passed the threshold. In controversy, and he has had his share, his policy has been to state his case vigorously without infringing the rules of good taste. In the writing of *The Athenian Tribute Lists* there arose many disagreements and many vigorous arguments; but there were no quarrels. Differing views may be discovered in the first three volumes; there are no "minority reports." The aim of the argument was to identify the truth, a method that Meritt, a genuine Philhellene, has constantly practised and that is well set out in *Epigraphica Attica*.

Many of us have enjoyed Meritt's company outside the study, in Princeton, in Athens, or at his beloved cottage on Lake Ahmic at Magnetawan, Ontario. We recall evenings of Gilbert and Sullivan; good talk ranging over the normal human experience; the night-cap accompanied

by his reading from P. G. Wodehouse; cutting timber in the woods or hastening (in 1937) to Belle Mead from Princeton to watch the new express steam through the station: the simple tastes of an essentially simple man. We recall also his wife Betty, who made us feel comfortably at home in a happy home; his second wife, Lucy, who has continued the tradition of happiness and devotion.

In retirement—officially—Meritt lives in Austin, where he gives a seminar at the University of Texas and continues his writing: the inscriptions from the Agora, the calendar, the documents of the Athenian Empire, all these occupy his active and inventive mind. And he writes to his friends and helps to keep them intellectually aware.

But how can we, in words, express adequately what we and the world of scholarship owe to him, what we feel about him? Perhaps an old-fashioned expression, which, like the Greek ἀρετή, defies brief verbal description, best suits him: Benjamin Meritt is a scholar. Benjamin Meritt is a gentleman.

Of this volume itself there is little to add. We are grateful to those whose contributions made its publication possible. We owe a special debt to J. J. Augustin and to the Semple Fund of the University of Cincinnati; for many years Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Semple numbered themselves among Meritt's most articulate admirers. In the preparation of the manuscript we have been greatly assisted by Mrs. Gordon Young and Miss Jessie Field; to them we record our thanks.

January 1, 1974

DONALD W. BRADEEN†

MALCOLM F. MCGREGOR



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS

September 26, 1972

Dear Mrs. Bartell,

Thank you very much for
the engagement calendar and
for your thoughtfulness in sending
it to me.

I am sorry that Don
Merial is leaving us, but his call
to Minneapolis must have been
really irresistible. He will be
much missed in Princeton.

Ever sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

September 12, 1972

Dear Professor Meritt:

I thought you might like to have this
year's edition of the Institute Engagement
Calendar.

Hope all goes well with you and Mrs. Meritt.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.

Professor Benjamin Meritt
712 West 16th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Attachment

Merritt --

712 W. 16th St.
Austin, Texas
78701

Meritt

See also People file
(Bradeen)

September 7, 1972

Professor Donald W. Bradeen
Department of Classics
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

Dear Professor Bradeen:

I am sorry to have missed you last week, and I apologize for my failure to respond to your letter of May 5 which seems to have gone astray.

Unfortunately, I cannot accede to your request for support of the Festschrift for Professor Meritt. This is, of course, not a judgment on the enterprise, much less on the man's work. As a matter of policy, however, we use the publication fund of the Institute to support publication of the work of professors and, in special instances, of members of the Institute. While in the past there have been occasions when exceptions were made, in recent times this policy has been followed faithfully and will continue to be.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

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Dr. Kaysen:

Prof. Bradeen stopped in your office regarding the attached letter which was sent to you on May 5th. They never heard anything from you...

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER 8, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

May 5th, 1972.

The Director,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton,
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Benjamin Dean Meritt served as a Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study from 1934 until 1971. During that time he built a School of Greek Epigraphy that has never been matched. As a scholar he developed a new critical approach to Athenian documents on stone that has served as a model to his contemporaries and his followers. He has done more than any one man to organise the hitherto chaotic mass of fifth-century documents into an ordered array of evidence that can be credibly used by the historian. His reputation is recognised all over the scholarly world, as is the name of the Institute, which has been the home of his work and of the superb collection of epigraphic materials that he has assembled.

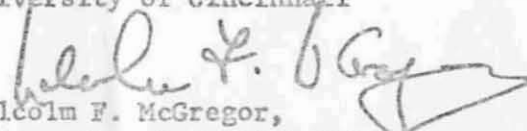
Meritt has now retired and we are preparing a Festschrift in his honour, to be presented to him on his seventy-fifth birthday in March, 1974. A well-known publishing house has offered to underwrite one third of the cost; his friends will also subscribe. We shall, however, need more. We are therefore asking the Institute for Advanced Study for a modest contribution; the figure we have in mind is \$3,000.00. Cheques are being written in favour of The Committee for the Meritt Festschrift and are being stewarded by Professor Bradeen.

We hope very much that the Institute for Advanced Study will be eager to participate in this venture.

Very truly yours,



Donald W. Bradeen,
University of Cincinnati



Malcolm F. McGregor,
University of British Columbia

Benjamin Dean and Lucy Shoe Meritt
send best wishes for the
Christmas Season and the New Year
and announce that their address
after January 1, 1972, will be
712 West Sixteenth Street,
Austin, Texas, 78701

Warm greetings

Lucy and Ben Meritt



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October 16, 1970

Memorandum of conversations with Professor Thompson and Professor Gilliam
in the Director's Office Thursday, October 15, at 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
respectively.

Professors Thompson and Gilliam came to see me seriatim, independently, of their own initiative. Both came to discuss the question of the appointment of a successor to Professor Meritt.

1. Thompson reported that, contrary to his own understanding and to what he believed was mine, Professor Meritt has shown himself most eager to have a successor appointed as soon as possible. He is, in fact, pressing this point privately with Professor Thompson and has since this summer. Further, he really wishes to see Woodhead appointed; in Thompson's opinion will tolerate no one else; and had said to Thompson at some point during the summer that if Woodhead were not appointed, he would simply leave Princeton and move to Texas. Thompson made clear that he cannot support the appointment of Woodhead. He himself is not prepared to say that Woodhead meets the appropriate standards and he thinks it would be most unwise for the History Faculty to recommend his appointment. I responded in rather strong terms to say that in my judgment even a unanimous recommendation of the History Faculty that Woodhead be appointed would be insufficient unless it was based on new evidence of achievement. If all that was involved was reconsideration of their past judgment, it would be insufficient in view of the history of the proposed appointment and the Faculty's reaction thereto. Thompson responded to this by saying that Woodhead's recent work, a book on the idea of power in Greek historical literature, growing out of some lectures Woodhead delivered at Oberlin, was competently and well done, but not a significant scholarly contribution. It would not merit a revision of previous views of Woodhead's accomplishments.

Thompson then raised the name of Lillian Jeffery, now a Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (born 1915). Miss Jeffery, he said, was a distinguished epigrapher well known for a standard work on early Greek inscriptions which cover the whole of Greece. In his judgment it would be wise to think of her coming for the academic year beginning 1972, assuming of course that the Faculty would recommend her appointment successfully. He thought she would be able to deal with the delicate situation of the continued use of Meritt's materials and Meritt's own activity while carrying on work of her own. In response to this I said

that I thought it would be inappropriate to consider merely the appointment of a successor to Meritt and start with the assumption that such an appointment was desired. I pointed to the age distribution of the historians and to the forthcoming retirements. In this context I thought a serious consideration of the whole of the future prospects of the School was necessary. Such consideration might lead to a judgment that it was desirable to appoint a Greek epigrapher or it might not. It was even conceivable that the School would leave the whole field of Greek and Roman Classical History, as it previously left the field of Near Eastern Archaeology, although I myself considered this the least likely outcome of any arrangement. In any event I thought that a broader view was indispensable to an examination of whether or not the appointment of Miss Jeffery, or of any other epigrapher, should be considered. Professor Thompson agreed that this would be desirable and indicated that he would put the question of Miss Jeffery on the agenda with the expectation that the broader questions would then be raised.

2. Professor Gilliam came essentially to register his concern with the possibility that the Faculty would be asked to reconsider Woodhead's appointment. He made it plain that he could not support that appointment and that he does not consider Woodhead to meet the standard of an Institute professorship. I repeated to him the substance of my conversation with Homer Thompson, and he registered strong agreement with it. In developing the theme further with him I pointed out that he, Clagett, Setton and White represented the present "younger generation" of the History Faculty, and that they had a special responsibility for looking ahead a decade or more. Further, there was a sense in which he, Clagett, and Setton were products of the same tradition of historical scholarship, broadly speaking, and it was up to them to represent that tradition. I indicated that I was skeptical about the wisdom of appointing an epigrapher and certainly doubted that any Attic epigrapher or Athenian archaeologist would again make the contribution to Greek history that Meritt and Thompson have made. Gilliam agreed that this work was now in the cleaning up and tidying up stage. He expressed an interest in the possibility of someone's being able to take responsibility for the great problems of Anatolian epigraphy who would be available but had no concrete suggestions. I took the occasion to observe that, just as it seemed to me there was no reason for assuming that Meritt's retirement warranted the appointment of an epigrapher, there was none for assuming that Cherniss's required that of a textual critic. Rather, the whole classical field should be surveyed, and it was not too soon to start.

I moved on to the question of Kennan's successor, recounting the substance of my conversation with Kennan on this point with particular emphasis on the possibility of selecting someone with an interest in Russian and Slavic history rather than a diplomatic historian. Gilliam had a strong positive response to this idea and agreed it was one to which he would, and should, give further thought.

C.K.

November 2, 1970

Dear Ben:

Here is what I hope is Howland's final
word in this matter.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study

Attachment: Letter from Mr. Howland
of 10-29-70

August 14, 1970

Mr. Richard J. Hoffman
Department of History
University of California
Berkeley, California 94720

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter of July 7. It has been difficult to locate someone who could make available to you any notes or findings of Professor Edson, but I can now tell you that Professor (Emeritus) Benjamin Meritt of the Institute believes he can be helpful to you in this matter. You might write to him here, perhaps explaining in more detail exactly what you hope to find so that he may have some guidance as to where it would be filed. He will be returning from his vacation about mid-September.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Paul Bortell, Jr.
Secretary to Dr. Kaysen

cc: Professor Meritt

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

July 7, 1970

Director
Institute for Advanced Studies
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I am writing an article on a Greek inscription (IG I² 71: Treaty between Athens and Perdikkas). About forty years ago Prof. Edson worked on the inscription, and subsequently left his notes and findings there. At the 1969 meetings of the American Philologic Association I talked with him, and he stated that I may use his data if I wish. Could you please tell me how I go about to get his materials.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard J. Hoffman'.

Richard J. Hoffman

AGORA EXCAVATIONS
AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES
ATHENS, 140, GREECE



April 18, 1970

Dear Betty,

The letter of congratulation to
Sir Howells on the occasion of his
80th birthday came to us here today
with signatures of the faculty of
our School. I too have signed the
letter and am now mailing it on.

Please express to the members of
the Faculty of our School my thanks
for letting me have a chance to
sign too.

With all good wishes. I am

Sincerely yours:

B. D. Merritt

April 14, 1970

Professor Benjamin Meritt
American School of Classical
Studies at Athens
54 Souiaias Street
Athens 140, Greece

Dear Professor Meritt:

By resolution of the Faculty, the enclosed letter has been prepared for Sir Woodward on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Since you are a friend of his, it was felt that you would probably wish to sign the letter, also.

I am enclosing an addressed envelope. Please send on the letter to Sir Woodward when you have signed it.

Thank you,

P.S. I am writing on behalf of Betty Horton.

Copy filed in J. Twele's file

November 4, 1969

Dear Ben:

I have talked with Twele about his immigration status. He seems confident that he is pursuing a course which, one way or another, will permit him to finish his planned year here. Without going through the mechanical details with you, his proposition seems to be reasonable. In any event, should he find himself at the terminal stage of his own proceedings, which would mean 60-day notice of the expiration of his visa, I believe I can at that time intervene to get it extended to the end of the academic year. So far his appeal has been purely on personal grounds, and that would make it easier for me if the necessity should arise to ask for a further extension on grounds of his contribution to your work at the Institute.

There is little to report here except that the weather continues beautiful; our hole in the ground grows; and perhaps some day we will see a building in it!

With warmest greetings to Lucy and you,

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
American School of Classical Studies
54 Soudias Street
Athens, 140, Greece

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54 SOUIDIAS STREET, ATHENS, 140
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ΟΔΟΣ ΣΟΥΔΙΑΣ 54, ΑΘΗΝΑΙ, 140
ΤΗΛ. 710-971

October 26, 1969.

Dr. Carl Kayser, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Carl,

The disquieting news has come to me that the Immigration Service recommends against allowing Tuelo to stay in the United States. This is, I believe, only the first hearing, and Tuelo will surely appeal.

Before we left Princeton I thought that Tuelo had an almost impregnable case for favorable consideration - and I still think so. But if he has to leave, it deals a heavy blow to my plan for getting on with the papyrography. Tuelo's work this year has been an essential element in our program.

I am sure I don't need to emphasize this to you. But it occurs to me that you might help Tuelo with his appeal if representations are made that his expulsion from the country would hinder seriously a major undertaking of one of the Institute's Faculty members.

My work here progresses normally, and well.

Yours sincerely yours,

Ben

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CABLES: AMSCHOOL ATHENS



cc. V. Brown
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ΤΗΛ. 710-971

September 28, 1969.

Dear Carl,

The confusion and the uncertainty of how or when we could reach Athens when we learned at the last minute (almost) that the sailing of the Anna Maria was cancelled have had their reward in a beautiful crossing to Naples on the Michelangelo and then five glorious days in Rome at the American Academy before sailing from Naples on the Smotria for Pisa.

We were met here at lockside yesterday by Dr. and Mrs. Mitsos and are now getting settled in our new quarters at the School.

The notice of our memorial service for Professor Louw was waiting for us in our mail. I note that the R.S.V.P. calls for a reply to the invitation to be sent to Room A-202. I am choosing rather to write to you, because I want especially to recall with you that Louw and I came to the Institute at the same time after a year in Oxford. He was one of our truly great scholars and, though absent, I want to pay my tribute to him on October 15.

Sincerely yours,
Ben

April 1, 1969

Dear Ben:

I cannot really authorize the payment of an extra travel grant to Dr. Mitsos from the Old Dominion Fund budget since the original grant request made no provision for travel money. However, I am asking Mr. Morgan to authorize a payment of \$300 out of the Contingency Fund as an extra allowance to Mitsos in view of his extra expenses.

I am now waiting for your report on the present state of the prosopographical enterprise so that I can make a final report to the Old Dominion Foundation.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study

Prof. Meritt has an invitation to go to Greece for the week April 2-9, expenses paid, and he is tempted. Do you feel he should not accept? It is a gathering in connection with the Olympiad year and involves a lot of young people as well as others. He was going to talk with Mrs. Meritt about it but he came to you first!

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

Telephone-609-924-4400

THE DIRECTOR

September 20, 1968

Memorandum for the Record

Conversation with Professor Meritt in the Director's
Office on Friday, September 20, at 3:00 P.M.

I agreed to find out and inform Prof. Meritt what the balance is in the Old Dominion Fund account and what the commitments against it are. We discussed the availability to Professor Meritt of an assistant after this year when he becomes emeritus, and I agreed that he was entitled to have an assistant as long as he was continuing to work. He expressed a desire to retain Twele and hoped that his salary could be charged to the Assistant's Fund and not to any balance in the Old Dominion Fund. This would be in connection with rounding off the prosopography, to which he now wanted to bring a definite terminus and add no new names not published in either the Corpus or Hesperiae. I agreed that Twele would be invited for 1969-70 if he wishes to stay, pointing out that this would be his third and, therefore, under the Faculty rule, his last year. I reserved the question of what account his salary should be charged to, indicating that I had some concern about setting a precedent of paying an assistant in the absence of the man himself. (Note: the Meritts plan to be in Greece in 1969-70.)

CK
Carl Kaysen

March 6, 1969

Dear Ben:

I am sorry to have missed you the other day. I think there is every reason for you to look in on the Olympiad and have a good time, and no reason not to.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study

CROSS REFERENCE

FILE: MERITT, Benjamin D.

RE: Request from the National Committee on the Emeriti, Inc. - list
of academic persons retiring 1968 - 1969

LETTER DATED: November 15, 1968

SEE: Faculty - List of Appointment and retirement dates

October 22, 1968

Dear Ben:

After further consideration, George Kennan decided not to apply for a sabbatical for the period of his absence. That leaves the slate clear.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study

October 17, 1968

Dear Ben:

I am informing George Kenman that, under the rules, he would be entitled to take a sabbatical this spring term. I don't know whether he will elect to do so. If he does, I will let you know for the record.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
School of Historical Studies

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 27, 1968

Note for File:

Professor Meritt will be away from
March 11 to 15.

C.K.

See file of Twele, Jochen

October 17, 1967

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your note. Attached
herewith my formal note to Twele.

Cordially,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Benjamin Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study

Enclosure

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

April 8, 1967.

Dear Miss Smith:

I have your letter of April 7 about joining the Trustees at lunch on April 21. As I told you last night, I shall be in Athens on that date, and must and regret.

My expectation is to be back in Princeton on June 13, as well as for a few days in May (19-22). But these few days hardly count.

Sincerely yours,

Admiral

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

April 7, 1967

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

Gentlemen:

The Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees will be taking place April 21st and 22nd.

I invite all of you who are free to do so to join the Trustees at lunch in the cafeteria at 1 PM on Friday, April 21st. Would you please let Miss Smith (Ext. 203) know whether you can come?


Carl Kayser

March 6, 1967

Dear Professor Meritt:

The tandem typewriter about which we have talked is at the Gas Dynamics Lab at the Forrestal Campus of the University. If you are not familiar with the area, I have a good map to which you may refer. Mrs. Rosenblad is the person who uses the typewriter; her extension is 452-5256. As I mentioned on the phone, she recommends no one time as being better than another for you to visit her; just call ahead to assure her being there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P.T.Bortell, Jr.

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Prof Meritt

January 25, 1967

Miss Joyce M. Reynolds
Newnham College
Cambridge, England

Dear Miss Reynolds:

I am pleased to be able to notify you that Professor Benjamin D. Meritt will be the representative of the Institute for Advanced Study at the Fifth Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy in Cambridge from 18th to 23rd September, 1967.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen
Director

cc: Professor Meritt

Thursday, 4 P.M.

A Bob McDonald of IBM in Trenton called; he has a carbon copy of a letter sent to Dr. Piore by Dr. Kaysen.

He would be happy to discuss the typewriter that Dr. Kaysen described in the letter, but ~~af~~ter the first of the year.

His number in Trenton is 392-3461.

Janet.

Mr. McDonald saw Dr. Kaysen 1-9-67. We will soon be hearing about a Tandem typewriter and shall then speak to Prof. Meritt about it.

REB

30 November 1966

Dear Mannie:

I have a little technical problem for you. Has IBM ever made what might be called a translator's typewriter? Ben Meritt, the eminent epigrapher who is here at the Institute, raised the question with me. When he is working on Greek texts, he uses two typewriters, one with a Greek, one with an English type face, and has to transfer the same piece of paper from one to the other several times during the course of writing a page. This is obviously laborious and wasteful. Wouldn't it be possible to make one of your new gadgets with two keyboards and two little balls, or two keyboards and one little ball with two alphabets on it? I would be very curious to find out how much this would cost for English and Greek.

I might add, as an economist and market forecaster, that if you made things of this sort you could probably sell 50 a year, to the Russians, the Chinese, the Arabs, and other of our friends.

As ever,

Dr. E. R. Piore
Old Orchard Road
Armonk, New York 10504



Armonk, New York 10504

Office of Vice President
and Chief Scientist

December 21, 1966

Dr. Carl Kaysen
Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Carl:

We may have something that will partially solve the translation problem you describe. Mr. R. J. MacDonald, field sales manager in our Trenton office, will be happy to talk to you about it, and I have asked him to call your office to request an appointment.

Best regards.

Season's Greetings

Sincerely,

Maxine

E. R. Piore

Vice President and Chief Scientist

ERP:mk

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

30 November 1966

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Conversation with Professor Meritt and Professor Thompson, lunch in the Director's Office, November 29, 1966, 12:30 to 1:45.

We discussed further the questions related to the future of epigraphical work at the Institute, with the prospect of Professor Meritt's retirement. We agreed that the problem could be considered as having three parts. First, immediate work on the prosopography in preparation for some kind of reproduction. Second, the completion or rounding off of the work on the inscriptions from the Athenian Agora; and third, the more general question of a successor to Meritt.

On the third question, the names of Dover, St. Andrews, and Turner, London, were further discussed. It is clear that while neither of these men is an epigrapher--Dover being primarily an historian of Greek literature, and Turner a papyrologist--it was none the less likely that, should either one become a professor at the Institute, he would attract enough members interested in epigraphy to continue work in that field. Further, Meritt thought either would be capable of and interested in supervising such work. We left it that for the moment tentative and discreet exploration, involving no commitment, of the possible interest of Dover and Turner in professorial appointments would be made by Meritt and Thompson. In suggesting this, I emphasized the care with which any decision on a professorial appointment had to be made.

One definite step on the completion of the prosopography was to keep Twele for the coming term. On receiving a formal recommendation from Meritt, I will re-appoint him on the same terms. This will be viewed as a trial, to see whether Twele would be worth keeping for a year or two further, to work on this task. I urged Meritt to continue with the proposal to invite Mitsos for one year even if he decides to keep Twele on beyond this year. After talking about my plans for getting special funding for the completion and reproduction of the prosopography, I indicated that neither keeping Twele as an assistant for several years, nor inviting Mitsos as a member, need depend on that funding. Of course, if it were available, we would charge their expenses against it.

On the second task, the completion of the work on the Agora inscriptions, I raised the possibility of one or more term appointments on a part time basis, but with definite commitments. Meritt will explore the possibilities here. He also suggested inviting Woodhead as a member for 1968-1969. Thompson and I agreed that the history on Woodhead's candidacy for a professorship need not be relevant to his invitation as a member.


Carl Kaysen

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

18 November 1966

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Conversation with Professor Meritt, in the Director's Office, 11/17/66, 2 - 3 p.m.

Meritt raised the question of the continuation of his work. As he saw it, there were two parts to the problem. One was the large question of a successor, which he agreed we should discuss at length later. The second was the narrower question of getting his own materials in order, and making them available for other scholars. As he saw it, this could be done, with some help, as follows: If Markellos Mitsos of Athens could come for a term appointment, say three years, Mitsos could round out his card file. Mitsos is married, has two children, and is a senior officer in the Greek archaeological service. Meritt thought that he should be paid \$9,000 or \$10,000 a year. He would need housing, but not a separate office, as he would work right with Meritt. We could probably get him for next year if we decided as late as April, 1967. Meritt has already broached the subject, and it is clear Mitsos is eager to come. The second thing would be to reproduce Meritt's card file in some way. This would require a knowledgeable typist, who can not only read Greek, but knows something about the subject, to copy the cards (which now include handwritten entries?). After typing they could be photographically reproduced. A former student of Meritt's, Donald W. Prakken, and his wife are interested in doing this work. Prakken is now teaching classics at the State University of New York at Albany. His wife has experience in the technical parts of the photoreproduction process; Prakken would be willing to do the cards. If they were available, presumably they could be sold to university libraries. There are possibly several hundred customers here and abroad. Prakken has already volunteered to do something along these lines; Meritt will send him a sample to see what the work looks like, and get a cost estimate for doing the whole of Meritt's file of some 35,000 to 45,000 cards.

I expressed willingness in principle to do both halves of this program. I did suggest that there was a cost problem, and that I would explore with Keeney at the Humanities Endowment and Burckhardt at the A.C.E.S. the financing possibilities.

In a brief coda, we returned to the question of Meritt's successor. He agreed that the time for Woodhead had passed. Woodhead's own life and interests had changed sufficiently that he was no longer the best candidate. David Lewis at Christchurch was an excellent epigrapher, but he doubted whether he had produced enough substantial work to impress the Faculty. He mentioned Lillian Jeffrey at Lady Margaret Hall at Oxford. He mentioned with great favor Kenneth Dover of St. Andrews, who is a Greek historian, and especially a historian of Greek literature, rather than an epigrapher, but whom he considers ~~with great favor~~. (Dover will be here in March.)

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Carl Kaysen

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

23 November 1966

ATTACHMENT TO MEMORANDUM TO FILE
on conversation with Professor
Meritt, November 17, 1966

I discussed Meritt's project, among other things, with F. Burckhardt at the A.C.L.S., on November 22, from 10 to 11 a.m. Burckhardt suggested that either the humanities section of the Ford Foundation, or the Bollingen/Old Dominion Foundation might be a good source. The size of it was more money than A.C.L.S. had to give out directly. The men in the two foundations who deal with this matter are Edward F. D'Arms of Ford (under Mac Lowrie) and Ernest Brooks, who is the executive secretary of both the Bollingen and the Old Dominion.

Carl Kayser

Miss Worton
pls return

copy to Meritt

O. O. Box 6218, Quail
Station
Albany, New York

July 30, 1966

Dr. Carl Kayser
Office of the Director
The Institute for
Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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come 66-67

Dear Dr. Kayser:

Thank you very much
for your letter of July 19th.
I am most pleased to accept
your offer of an appointment
in the School of Historical
Studies of the Institute for
Advanced Study as Assistant
to Professor Benjamin Meritt
from January 1st to June 30th,
1967, at the salary of \$1,500.

I sincerely appreciate
this appointment and will be

looking forward to working
with Professor Meritt at the
Institute.

Most sincerely,
Satewood Folger

Make xerox to send to Meritt in Canada,
circ. letter to Betty Horton and return.

Ltr acceptance Gatewood Folger 6/30

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~~Magnetawan~~ Prof. Meritt
~~via Burks~~

Magnetawan
via Burks Falls
Ontario, Canada

cc Professor Meritt
Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Barnett
Miss Horton

19 July 1966

Dear Miss Folger:

On the recommendation of Professor Meritt, I am pleased formally to offer you an appointment in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study as Assistant to Professor Meritt for the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1967. We understand that you will be working for Professor Meritt half time, and can make available to you a salary of \$1,500.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

Miss Gatewood Folger
University of the State of New York
Albany, New York

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Magnetawan via Burkes Falls,
Ontario, Canada, July 11, 1966.

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Dear Dr. Kayser:

A young German scholar, Jochen Tüchel, is to be my assistant during the autumn term at the Institute. I believe that no further commitment has been made to him and that he will not stay after the end of December. I should like to have as my assistant from January to June (on half time) a graduate student whom I came to know in Athens in 1964: Miss Gatewood Folger. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon (1963) and she studied at our School of Classical Studies in Athens in the summer of 1963 and in 1963-4. During the autumn of 1964 she studied Classical Archaeology at the University of Missouri and has since been studying at the University of the State of New York in Albany. She has acted as assistant to Professor Thompson in Athens and to our colleague Professor Bronceer in Corinth. I know her to be a careful and conscientious worker.

My wife needs someone to do part time (half-time) work with the publications of the American School of Classical Studies. She and I have thought we could both have best results for the first half of 1967 if she takes Miss Folger for half time while I take her for half time as my Institute Assistant.

This arrangement, of course, would have to have your approval, and the appointment as my assistant would have to be made by you.

If you approve, I should like to recommend Miss Folger's appointment for half-time help to me as my assistant from January 1 to June 15, 1967, at an honorarium of \$1500. I arrive at this figure by taking half of a half year's stipend as I know it from this past year when I have had Miss Holtzinger for the whole year full time.

With best greetings to you, and with my excuse for bringing this matter up during the summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

In a conversation with me on April 6, 1966, Professors Meritt and Thompson raised the matter of an appointment in Greek epigraphy. They recounted some of the highlights of the discussion with Woodhead some years ago and, in particular, the final vote of the Faculty. I indicated strongly that I did not intend to continue a procedure by which there was a formal vote of the full Faculty on appointments. Rather, I expect to follow a procedure similar to that outlined in the memorandum of Messrs. Borel, Meiss, Selberg, Strömgren and Thompson, dated December 19, 1965. In substance, voting would be confined to the faculty of the School in question; the general Faculty would make comments and raise questions in a general meeting. In the light of these, the Director would, or would not, forward the nomination to the Trustees.

I further indicated to Meritt and Thompson that I did not consider the matter of an appointment in Greek epigraphy closed, nor even the specific appointment of Woodhead (Cherniss and Gilbert, in an earlier conversation that day, had listed a Greek epigrapher as one of the priority needs of the School, and it was the coincidence of their recommendation, with that of the more directly interested parties, which I found convincing in the light of the great achievements that the Institute had already sponsored in this field).

At the same time, Thompson told of his hope that a new appointee might be willing to finish the work on the inscriptions of the Agora.

In later conversations with Thompson on the same day, and one the following day, I made two points: first, that although I stood clearly on the proposition that I did not consider the matter of a Greek epigrapher disposed of, it was obvious that a candidate whom the School of Historical Studies could endorse this clearly other than Woodhead, would create fewer problems than a reproposal of Woodhead; I also made it clear that I could support only the strong recommendation of the School, in the choice of one or two men. Further, I expressed doubt that it would be possible to find a man who was both a suitable candidate for a professorial appointment and a volunteer for the labor of finishing the work on the inscriptions of the Agora. I suggested that if a suitable person to do the latter task were available, the Institute might be able to find a way to give him a temporary or part-time appointment over a period of years on such terms as would enable him to do the work without breaking his existing academic connection.

That evening I conveyed to Barklie Henry some of this discussion with most emphasis on the question of the permanent appointment.

On April 7, 1966, I repeated the substance of the foregoing discussion to Professor Cherniss.

Carl Kayser

7 April 1966

Fac Meritt

cc Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Barnett
Miss Horton
Professor Meritt

28 September 1965

Dear Miss Holtzinger:

On the recommendation of Professor Meritt, I am pleased to inform you that your salary for the year July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966 will be increased to \$6,000.

With all good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Miss Wanda Holtzinger
The Institute for Advanced Study

Ben Meritt

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

September 27, 1965.

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Robert:

I made a mistake last spring in recommending for Miss Wanda Holtzinger, my assistant, a salary of only \$5000. It would be more appropriate, I believe, and more in keeping with the value of her work for me to fix her salary at \$6000 for the year, and I beg now to make this recommendation to you.

Mr. Morgan can undoubtedly make the necessary adjustments back to July 1.

I hope very much that this can be done.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Benjamin D. Meritt

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Mrs Horton ✓

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The Graduate Center
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

18 May 1965

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

Thank you for your letter of May 7. I am most pleased to accept the appointment which you have offered me in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study as Assistant to Professor Meritt for the academic year 1965-1966. The salary mentioned in your letter is quite satisfactory.

I am looking forward eagerly to the privilege of working under Professor Meritt and spending a year at the Institute.

Sincerely yours,
Wanda S. Holtzinger
Wanda S. Holtzinger

Fac Meritt

cc Professor Meritt
Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Barnett
Miss Horton

7 May 1965

Dear Miss Holtzinger:

On the recommendation of Professor Meritt, I am pleased to offer you an appointment in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study as Assistant to Professor Meritt for the academic year 1965-1966. We can make available to you a salary of \$5,000 for the year.

With all good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Miss Wanda Holtzinger
c/o Professor Mabel Lang
The Library
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

May 7, 1965.

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Director,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Robert:

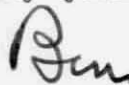
Yesterday I had an interview with Miss Wanda Holtzinger at Bryn Mawr, whom I should like to have as my Assistant next year for work on the prosopographical catalogue.

She has been trained by Professor Mabel Lang, and has her warm recommendation. She has had two years of graduate study and has also spent one year at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. The results of my hour-long interview were entirely satisfactory.

May I beg you, therefore, to offer her the Assistantship for the year 1965-1966 at a salary of \$5000.00. If appointed she is prepared to take up her work on July 1.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,



Benjamin D. Meritt

Miss Holtzinger may be addressed c/o Professor Mabel Lang,
The Library, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Fac Merritt

9522 50th Place, College Park, Maryland.

February 10, 1964.

President of Institute of Higher Studies,
Princeton, New Jersey.

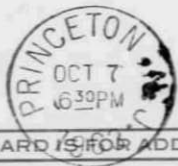
Dear Sir:-

My cousin Dr. Benjamin D. Merritt has been connected with your Institute for some little time. I have written letters to your Institute. His wife died this last fall. For some little time letters written and address as usual have not been returned nor answered. I have wondered what has happened to him. Is he still connected with your Institute? Has he been sent to explore some ancient city or ruin? Do you know his address? Is he sick or changes his work? I know that he is a very able man.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Sincerely,

Floyd Wiser.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Oppenheimer
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

PRINCETON SOCIETY

PROFESSOR BENJAMIN DEAN MERITT

The Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton, N. J.

will speak on

THE NOT-SO-MUTE STONES SPEAK

AT THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. William Clark and Miss Irene Tomara will be hostesses.

File - Meritt

cc Professor Meritt
Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Barnett
Miss Horton

11 December 1961

Dear Mr. Rouman:

On the recommendation of Professor Meritt, I am pleased formally to offer you an appointment in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study for the academic year 1962-1963, to serve as Professor Meritt's research assistant from time to time. We can make available to you a salary of \$1,000 for the year.

We all look forward with pleasure to having you with us for a visit.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. John Rouman
c/o Professor Charles Edson
Bascom Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

Department of History

187 Bascom Hall

Meritt ✓
Prof Merritt ✓
pls return to DO.

January 5, 1962

Professor Robert Oppenheimer
Office of the Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Oppenheimer:

I thank you for your letter of December 11th, which was sent to me in care of Professor Charles Edson. With great pleasure and thanks I accept the appointment in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study for the academic year 1962-63, to serve as Professor Merritt's research assistant.

I look forward very much to my association with the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



John C. Rouman

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

December 8, 1961

Dear Robert:

The name of the man whom I want for my assistant in 1962/3 is John Rouman, and he may be addressed

To Professor Charles Edson
Bascom Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6
Wisconsin.

My idea has been that he be appointed part-time assistant to me at a salary of \$1000.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

June 11, 1962

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Professor Meritt:

Dr. Oppenheimer has asked me to write you about your pension arrangements. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Princeton on April 6 and 7, the Board voted to increase faculty salaries to \$25,000 and increase the minimum guaranteed pension through TIAA-CREF to \$15,000.

The standard 5% contribution by the professor matched by a 5% contribution by the Institute for the balance of your tenure as an active professor will produce this minimum guarantee of \$15,000.

You should know also that the Major Medical contract with TIAA has been modified to reduce the deductible after Blue Cross from \$200 to \$100.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
General Manager

MCM:lw

for Robert

The Decree of Themistokles (480 B.C.)

Inscribed on Pentelic marble init. saec. III a.
and set up in Troizen

Found by Michael Jameson in 1959

Editio princeps: Hesperia, XXIX, 1960, pp. 198-223

The attached sheets give a revised text as of May 17, 1962, the result of further study of the stone, of squeezes, and of a set of eight excellent photographs made by Alison Frantz. Bibliographical references have been noted, and will continue to be noted, in S.E.G. Line 9 contains a tentative restoration by Meritt based upon an intimation suggested by Marinatos. The restoration in line 28 was suggested by Woodhead, that in line 32 by Jameson, whose careful study of the entire document is fundamental to this presentation.

B. D. Meritt

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Meritt

18 May 1961

Dear Mr. Sandall:

It turns out that several people here at the Institute have been corresponding with you, or with Miss Hereward, about the annotated copy of *Inscriptiones Graecae* of which you want a microfilm. Professor Meritt is at present away from Princeton, but the matter is now in the hands of Mrs. Wikoff, his secretary, and you will be hearing from her shortly.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)
Secretary to the Director

Mr. F. A. Sandall, Librarian
University of Auckland
Auckland
New Zealand

cc: Mrs. Wikoff

Confidential

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ΣΤΟΙΧ. 42

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Meritt

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS
SATHER PROFESSOR OF CLASSICAL LITERATURE
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1959

Dear Robert,

Your letter brought good news indeed, and I beg to acknowledge it with many thanks and to express my gratitude to you and to the Trustees.

Betty and I have been immersed in the academic life of Berkeley. In spite of the trials of our first weeks here we have enjoyed the stay enormously, and I am sure have profited by it. The Sather lectures have now turned into a book, of which the manuscript goes to the Sather Committee next week. The graduate work has been stimulating, as have been also the talks with colleagues both here and up and down the coast. We have just come back from a long week-end with the Clements at U.C.L.A. and about a month ago made a real safari to Seattle (McDiarmid) and Vancouver (McGregor).

But Berkeley has been a very happy

spiritual home away from home. We have quite fallen in love with it, and I, who thought that native sons always exaggerated, am now ready to admit that no local praise is too high. The Bay Area is indeed magnificent, and I am quite prepared to join in the chorus.

We shall be coming back east in another month, and Betty and I look forward to a good new year. I am glad to say that our son Jim seems to be getting along well. We have of course been anxious about him and about the children. Arthur plans to spend a week of his vacation from Allied Chemical and Dye with us here later this month. We are glad that he can have this chance to see something of California. But we look forward now to getting back. Betty and I send our best greetings to you and Kitty, and I want again to express my really deep appreciation for all that the Institute has done for us.

Ever yours,
Ben

cc Mr. Morgan

20 April 1959

Dear Professor Meritt:

The Trustees of the Institute, meeting on April 18th, have fixed your salary, and that of your colleagues, at \$22,500 a year, starting July 1, 1959.

I am glad to tell you the good news.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor B. D. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study

Fac Meritt

cc Mr. Morgan

4 November 1958

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter of November 3rd about your plans to go to Berkeley for the Sather Lectures. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of April 8, 1958 contain an item approving your leave:

"The Director reported that Professor Meritt had requested a leave of absence from February through early June of 1959 to accept the Sather Professorship at the University of California. The salary arrangement would (provide for)...paying him one-third salary for the second half of the fiscal year. The leave of absence was unanimously approved."

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor B. Meritt
The Institute for Advanced Study

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

November 3, 1958

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Robert:

As you know, I have been asked to give the Sather lectures at the University of California and spend the term from February to June in residence at Berkeley.

I beg to ask leave from the Institute with one-third pay for our own second half-year, with the understanding that I shall be in residence here until January 20.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin D. Meritt

Fac Meritt

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

4 June 1957

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I acknowledge your letter of June 3rd about retirement age and provisions for pension. Inasmuch as my contracts with T.I.A.A. and C.R.E.F. are already in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 2 of your letter, it would seem to me that my present contracts are adequate, and that I do not need a new one.

There was reference to a new contract in the last paragraph of your letter, but I feel that no new contract is needed in my case.

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

Dictated but not seen by
Professor Meritt

Meritt

3 June 1957

Dear Professor Meritt:

As you know, the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study have been considering the adequacy of retirement and pension arrangements, both for the Faculty and for others who are in the employ of the Institute. Their deliberations have led to some changes in policy, all of which should be favorable for the employee, and some of which affect you.

1. The mandatory age for retirement for members of the Faculty has been advanced to the June 30th following their 70th birthday.

2. The Institute will allocate the maximum that it may, which is fifty per cent of the total annual contribution that you and the Institute make toward your retirement, to College Retirement Equities Fund. This fund has been established in order that beneficiaries may be provided with a hedge against inflation, through investment in equities whose value and whose income have increased with the years in the past, and are expected to increase in the future. The Trustees are aware of the fact that benefits from C.R.E.F. vary as provided in C.R.E.F. contracts, and are not guaranteed as those accruing under T.I.A.A.; but they believe that, under the C.R.E.F.-T.I.A.A. arrangement, your total pension is far more likely to exceed that provided by T.I.A.A. alone than to fall below this sum.

Within the next months you will receive a new contract from T.I.A.A. describing the provisions under which your retirement benefits will be paid. Should you have any questions about that contract or this letter, or the matters touched upon in it, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor B. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study

Meritt

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March 27, 1956

Dean Lincoln Constance
College of Letters and Science
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

My dear Dean Constance:

Yesterday Dr. Oppenheimer returned to Princeton, and I was able to discuss with him the prospect of leave of absence from the Institute during 1958/9.

Satisfactory arrangements can be made here, so that I shall be able to reach Berkeley during the first week of February and remain in residence for as long into June as may be necessary. I beg therefore to supplement now my letter of March 11, and to say without reservation that I am happy indeed to accept appointment to the Sather Professorship for the spring term of 1958/9.

Again with deep appreciation, and with most cordial assurances, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD
CC: Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Professor Joseph Fontenrose

Meritt
American School of Classical
Studies at Athens,
Jan. 1, 1955.

Dear Roberts:

I hope that the enclosed clipping from an Athens paper will be of some interest to you, if only to show what a hard time the editors have to get your name into Greek. And you can see that we do have some touch with the outside world after all.

For about the next four days I shall be in or near Salonica. I have always wanted to see the site of Amphipolis. It almost came off as long ago as 1921, but at least it seems probable that I'll

manage it. We have had a
quiet holiday season here. I have
been in the Agora museum mostly,
and it has given me a good leg
up on the epigraphical program.
Last Thursday I had a chance to
attend a meeting of the Academy
through the courtesy of the general
secretary, Mr. Kallitsounakis who
was in Princeton some years ago.

This note brings all best
wishes for 1955 from Betty and me
to you and Kitty. Harold has my
academic news, but I'd like to
say again that I am very happy
over the Alföldi prospect.

Ever sincerely yours,
Ben

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

American School of Classical Studies,
54 Saxeion Str., Athens, Greece,
December 19, 1954.

Dear Eka:

Too bad about Bloch. But we simply have to write that off and begin again — as you say, without too much delay. I remember you speaking earlier about Alföldi, and I do indeed believe that he must be on our list. He is a sound historian, with many of the qualities we need, and I shall be happy from the beginning to support his nomination. I know that you can make the necessary dossier far better than I could. But he is one of the really first-rate scholars who would fit into our scheme of things, and I should welcome him wholeheartedly as a colleague.

A few weeks ago I wrote to Harold to say that I had Edelstein in mind.

I know Edelstein better personally,
but apart from that I have the
conviction too that he is the kind of
scholar we need. I hope that either
you or Harold will propose his name.
I should welcome him wholeheartedly
as a colleague. If you have a meeting
soon you will undoubtedly go over our
memoranda of a year ago when we
began to think of Bloch, and I shall
be eager to know how our School
finds that its preferences lie. I would
like Daux but I have come to the
conclusion that his work really lies here
in Athens. I think that Homer shares
this opinion. We would be a much
stronger School if we had both Edelstein
and Alföldi. Sincerely yours,
Ben

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54 SOUIDIAS STREET, ATHENS

Meritt
Homer ✓

November 21, 1954.

Dear Robert:

I want to let you know that all is going well and that we are happily busy with the many things that have to be done here. Some of the problems in the Epigraphical Museum are yielding to study (notably the text on a statue base which carries the name of Praxiteles) and some, I am sorry to say, are not. But the Director, Mr. Nitros, one-time member of the Institute, is most cooperative. It is very heart-warming to see how much these alumni of ours value their years in Princeton. John Therspiades, now ephebe of Boeotia and Euboea, came to see us last week. He is having a chance now to put the new museum in Chalkis in order, and I am glad to say is not neglecting the epigraphical treasures in it. He and his wife spent a year with us before the war.

During the good weather Betty and I

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made a trip around the northern end of Euboea, where I was able to see at first hand some of the sites of cities in the Thracian hills. I have also gone to Pylos, about which I have written somewhat (and may write more), and during the winter I expect that the museum routine will be varied with short trips in Attica to the various demes.

Harold and I have been in regular communication. I have sent him my views on the possible choice of new faculty members, and of course am anxious to hear from him, and from you, how our deliberations proceed. I gather from my weekly letter from Mrs. Deming that Raubitschek is busy with the ostraka and that she and Stamiris are making satisfactory headway with the Prosopography. It has been very useful for me here to have my office next door to Vandurpool, who moves on to Princeton

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54 SOUIDIAS STREET, ATHENS

now early in January.

The Agora is an extremely busy place. Its epigraphical collection has been systematically arranged, and the care with which all the records have been kept makes it a joy to work there. For this ideal state of affairs the credit belongs largely to Howe. Evelyn Harrison, Barbara Philipaki, and John Travlos are all there this autumn. We make quite a Princeton delegation. Outside the museum the impressive work of the moment is the restoration of the Stoa of Attalos. The first Doric column was completed just the other day.

Betty and I send our warm greetings and best wishes to you and Betty.

Sincerely yours,
Ben

BALLIOL COLLEGE
Oxford

30th January, 1953

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Dear Meritt,

I understand that the new edition of Prosopographia Attica has reached a critical stage, and that there is some fear that it may not be possible to complete the work. This is one of the worst pieces of news that a Greek historian could have. Kirchner's edition is still indispensable to all serious students of Athens, but, like Müller's fragments, it seriously needs complete revision. Happily Jacoby is near the end of his replacement of Müller, and we have a sure guide to the scattered remains of the minor historians. A new edition of Kirchner's work is no less vital.

In my own work I feel this need most urgently. The excavations in the Athenian Agora and elsewhere have added considerably to our epigraphic evidence. New inscriptions have added a host of new names, some of them very important figures; new identifications have become possible, others have been eliminated. The considerable advances made in the study of the dedications from the Acropolis and of names on Greek vases have also added potentially to our understanding of Athenian society. I believe that we are now in a position to make a substantial advance in the study of Athenian social development, a field which has been barely scratched. But the evidence is very scattered; important clues revealed in detailed reports are easily lost to sight. Only when all the evidence is systematically collected can this important study make real headway. How much time would we all be saved if we could find on a few pages all the new evidence for the stormy history and intricate genealogy of the Alcmeonids? How much more we should know about early fifth century Athens if we could be sure of not missing any of the evidence from ostraka, vases and inscriptions about the leading figures of the day.

It is not of course merely on account of new evidence that a revision of Kirchner's work is needed. A large proportion of his references are to editions of inscriptions that have now been superseded; many of the articles cited need to be replaced by others; some of his hypotheses, excellent in their day, are no longer tenable. Kirchner also, in setting the Augustan age as his limit, ended too soon. It will be a very solid gain if the new prosopography can be carried to the end of classical antiquity.

It is quite clear that this work should be done in Princeton. So much of the new material we owe already to you; and in no European centre are the tools for the job assembled or easily accessible. I hope very much that means will be found to see this important work of scholarship to its end.

/s/ Russell Meiggs
Lecturer in Greek Epigraphy, University of Oxford
Fellow of Balliol College

October 29, 1952

Dear Ben:

It gives me pleasure formally to grant your request for leave to spend the year 1954-55 in Athens. Your reasons for desiring this are compelling to me; and the Trustees have agreed that this is a matter wholly within my discretion.

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor B. D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

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October 15, 1952

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Robert:

My work with Athenian inscriptions has now reached the point where I need again the opportunity for a year's comparative study of the original documents (whether long known or newly discovered) in Athens.

During 1953 I shall have finished the fourth and last volume of The Athenian Tribute Lists. Hence the logical time for the visit is the academic year 1954-1955, which I beg to have for this purpose in absentia.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Benjamin D. Meritt

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October 10, 1952

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Robert:

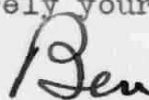
Last May I spoke with you of my wish to spend a year in Athens. You will remember that we considered the possibility of summer work there instead, and we left it that I should talk the whole matter over with Harold.

I have now had several talks with Harold, and have given the matter much thought myself. He is in agreement with me about what I ought to do, and consequently I now put before you again my request for the year 1954-1955 in absentia. The summer in Athens is not feasible, not only because it is a difficult time, but also because most of the scholars I shall want to see will be absent and many of the documents inaccessible.

With the finishing of the fourth and last volume of the Tribute Lists the continuation of my study of Attic inscriptions properly demands the chance to work again at first hand with them. For practical reasons I must make the plans now. I expect to stay at the American School, where the nominal title of Visiting Professor would assure an option on a suitable housing unit (one of the few in Greece), but the work I do will, of course, be my own -- and the Institute's -- and I shall have no salary from the School. It will be necessary, therefore, that I have my salary as usual here.

May I beg you to consider this request favorably? The Managing Committee of the School will probably make its designation this winter of the Visiting Professor for 1954-1955.

Sincerely yours,



Benjamin D. Meritt

J. Meritt

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 4, 1949

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Robert:

It was good the other day to talk with you about my work, and I hope very much that the general character of it may be kept in mind when the overall budget is prepared for next year. The question which causes me most concern is whether I may have a "secretary" in addition to my assistant, Miss Hereward. I believe that Mrs. Leary is concerned about this too, for she has told me that there may not be money available.

Miss Hereward, of course, is the archivist. The reception, treatment, accessioning, and matching of the new material with the old is a full-time occupation for her.

My "secretary" would have the task of indexing and preparing for publication. Mrs. Dauncey did this competently when she was here.

But I believe it is not correct to term this person a secretary. We have been in the habit of saying "Mr. Meritt's secretary" because I did ask Mrs. Dauncey to look after my small correspondence and keep the files in order. This is partly because past administrations and I have never faced squarely the need for two technical assistants before my own work begins. It was easy to say "one assistant (a number of other faculty had one assistant) and one secretary (many of the faculty had a secretary)"; and that is the way I have normally worked, from the time when Mr. Pritchett was my assistant and Miss Cutter my secretary down to now, excepting those years during the war and later when I have sometimes had no assistant and frequently an incompetent secretary.

I should much prefer to call my assistants "A" and "B", and in the scheme of things for next year I would gladly go without any secretarial help at all.

The work of A (Miss Hereward) could, of course, be done by me personally, but it is pure routine, and I should prefer to be free from it.

The work of B also could be done by me. In fact, it is being done, if at all, by me this year; but I have in consequence not got on with much of the professorial work that I like to do (within my limitations) and which I can do, and which A and B cannot do.

I shall be glad to go into this further with you at any time, if you wish. My present suggestion for next year is that Miss Hereward be continued in her present capacity and that another assistant be appointed on my nomination.

Ever sincerely yours,

Ben
Benjamin D. Meritt

*Concur with title change if no
addition to budget. IF budget has
change, must be settled before
JRD*

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

For
9/11/51

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

February 8, 1951

Dear Robert:

I want to acknowledge your recent letter telling of the action of the Trustees in voting for me an increase in salary effective as of July 1.

May I express also my grateful realization of the fact that such action, not only for me but for others, was taken largely because of your own foresight and initiative?

Ever sincerely yours,

Ben

January 19, 1951

Dear Professor Meritt:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, your salary as Professor in the School of Historical Studies has been increased to \$18,000 per year as of the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1, 1951.

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Copy: Miss Trinterud

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Magnetawan, via Burk's Falls
Ontario, Canada
September 2, 1950

Mrs. John D. Leary
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Leary:

Your letter about the rooms has just reached me and I have given the matter careful thought.

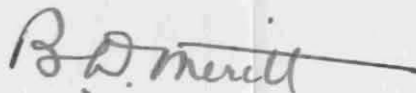
I see no chance of changing my own quarters or those of Miss Shoe or Mr. Stamires. I want Mrs. Dauncey in the room just outside my door, for she and I will have frequent communication and will be back and forth in it a lot. If Mrs. France were to move in with Mrs. Dauncey it would separate her from the telephone and from her files and would transfer to my laboratory a great deal of administrative work which should not be there. So I think that Mrs. France will have to stay out in the outer office. There is a chance that one of the unassigned members for whom as yet you have no space could go in the big room where Mr. Stamires used to be and I make this suggestion in case you are absolutely stuck and have no other place to put him. It is not an ideal spot but I think might be as good as a table in the Library.

As you know, this large room is the scene of frequent conferences. I shall be meeting with a group of students from the University during the autumn once or twice a week and I do a good bit of stirring around with my squeeze collection anyway; so whoever takes the far corner would have to be prepared for a certain amount of inconvenience.

We have had a good summer here and I look forward to being back in Princeton soon, probably by the end of next week.

With best greetings, I am

Ever sincerely yours,



B. D. Meritt

BDM:DD

August 28, 1950

Dear Professor Meritt:

At this late date I am very sorry to worry you with one of our annual problems - office space. I am enclosing a map of your wing with the allocations Miss Welton tells me were decided upon; and also one of Professor Thompson's space. The trouble is that there are two members in the School of Historical Studies without office space. We had hoped that these would be taken care of by late changes in the membership as a whole, but this has not happened. For the first term every office is taken; and many of the mathematicians are using library space. The members in Professor Earle's group are all doubling up, two in an office.

Would it be possible to put Miss Welton and Miss Rider together; and Mrs. Dauncey and Mrs. France together? Miss Welton and Miss Rider are quite willing to do this, and they do not think Miss Goldman would have objection. I missed Professor Thompson when he was in Princeton recently; but his research assistant, Miss Harrison, is to use the outer office which would be an awkward one for a member since everyone in the wing goes through it.

I believe we could make these arrangements the week after Labor Day since most of the members will not be here until after that time. But I would appreciate very much having your advice since I am not sure exactly when you will be back.

We all hope that you have had a good vacation. Dr. Oppenheimer returns this week - I am afraid you will all be returning to hot weather which Princeton has escaped all summer.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. John D. Leary)

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt
Magnetawan, via Durk's Falls
Ontario, Canada

Enclosure

7 - Meritt -

March 16, 1950

Professor Meritt:

Money from your assistant's fund for
the current year (1949-1950) was divided:

Miss Hereward \$2400.
Mrs. Reynolds \$1300.

I am very sorry I disturbed you on such an important
afternoon!

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

*Faculty
Meritt*

Copy for Mrs. Russell

March 30, 1948

Professor Homer A. Thompson
American School of Classical Studies
Speusippos Street
Athens, Greece

Dear Homer:

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Humanistic Faculty. You will see from them all that happened. I have asked Dorothy if she would be willing to write a friendly letter to Lucy telling her that her appointment is assured. The Director will, of course, write an official letter later. At the moment he is somewhere in the mountains of Pennsylvania having a conference with physicists but the letter should be in the mail next week.

We had quite a debate about Miss Segall. It remains to be seen whether the Faculty as a whole will approve our action.

There is good news about Mary White whose stipend we found that we could raise. I shall leave it to you to write to her about this although, of course, an official notice will go to her from the Director. The same is true of Mr. Stamires. In the normal course of events I ought to write to him since I was his sponsor, but you are there on the spot and I wonder if you would be willing to tell him about the change in his stipend. I shall write to him soon for I owe him a letter about something else but I know he will be glad of the news.

Once again, best greetings and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours

B. D. Meritt

BDM:W
Enclosure

*Sch. Hum.
Board*

October 31, 1947

Re - memo for Trustees

To: Professor Meritt

From: Robert Oppenheimer

Since you have called to my attention that Swarzenski's stipend of \$4000 a year will not, for the next year, be charged against the general fund as it has been in the past, but against the stipend fund of the School of Humanistic Studies, it is appropriate to add this \$4000 to your estimate of stipend funds for the year 1948-1949.

On this basis the School of Humanistic Studies would now be authorized to commit for stipends the sum of ~~\$12,000~~ ^{14,500} for the year 1948-1949, without prejudice to future allocations.

It is my belief that the Trustees will concur in this amendment to their action at the Board meeting of October 9, 1947.

(signed) Robert Oppenheimer

Copies: Mr. Maass
Miss Trinterud

10/30/47

Dr. Oppenheimer:

Professor Meritt, in allocating the Humanistic stipends for 1948-1949, would like to know whether you would consider the change in status of Dr. Swarzenski suggested in Panofsky's letter (attached).

He does not think that Swarzenski's stipend should rightly come from their \$20,000 appropriation; or, if it does, that they should get the extra \$4,000 for his stipend. He has a five-year appointment starting July 1, 1947 as a member - is now listed as a Permanent Member.

I have attached the part of Swarzenski's file that relates to his salary.

EWL

25,000
as of
Oct. 1, '47
meeting of
Trustees

3/21/89
MERITT, BENJAMIN D.

A.B., Hamilton College, 1920;

Education

A.M., Hamilton College, 1923; A.M., Princeton University, 1923, Ph.D., 1924. Student, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 1920-22.

Honors

LL.D., Hamilton College, 1937; D. Litt., Oxford University, 1936; Litt.D., Princeton University, 1947; M.A., Oxford University, 1945; LL.D., University of Glasgow, 1948.

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; corr. member, British Academy; member, Soc. for Promotion Hellenic Studies; Mich. Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters; Greek Archaeology Society; American Philosophical Society; American Philological Assn. (Pres., 1953); Sigma Phi, Phi Beta Kappa.

Career

Instr., Greek, Univ. of Vermont, 1923-24; Brown Univ., 1924-25; Ass't. Prof., Greek, Princeton Univ., 1925-26; Ass't. Dir., American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 1926-28; Asso. prof., Greek and Latin, Univ. of Michigan, 1928-29, professor, 1929-33. Visiting professor, American School of Classical Studies, 1932-33; Dir., Athens College, 1932-33; Francis White professor of Greek, Johns Hopkins Univ., 1933-35; Permanent Professor, Institute for Advanced Study since 1935. (Retired 1969)

Lecturer at Oxford, 1935; annual prof., American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 1936, 1954-55. Geo. Eastman professor at Oxford, 1945-46.

Nov 1980

BENJAMIN DEAN MERITT

VITA

Born in Durham, North Carolina, March 31, 1899.

A.B. Hamilton College, 1920; A.M. Hamilton College and Princeton University, 1923; Ph.D. Princeton University, 1924.

Honorary degrees from American and European universities.

Student at American School of Classical Studies at Athens 1920-1922, Assistant Director 1926-1928, and Annual Professor several times.

Member of the faculty of University of Vermont, Brown University, Princeton University, University of Michigan, and the Johns Hopkins University. Eastman Professor at Oxford 1945-1946, Sather Professor at the University of California at Berkeley, 1957. From 1935-1969 Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study. In retirement, since 1972 Visiting Scholar at the University of Texas, Austin, continuing research and giving occasional seminars to graduate students in Greek history and epigraphy and meeting regularly with advanced students in Athenian epigraphy.

Special field: Attic Epigraphy and the History of Athens. At present concentrating particularly on chronology and, with former student and now colleague John S. Traill of the University of Toronto, Athenian prosopography.

Member of the American Philosophical Society and several European learned societies. Decorated by the Greek government with two orders.



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BENJAMIN DEAN MERITT

HONORARY DEGREES

D. Litt. Oxford University, 1936

LL.D. Hamilton College, 1937

Litt. D. Princeton University, 1947

LL.D. Glasgow University, 1948

L.H.D. University of Pennsylvania, 1967

Litt. D. University of Athens, 1970

L.H.D. Brown University, 1974

DECORATIONS

Commander, Order of the Phoinix, Greece

Commander, Order of George I, Greece

BENJAMIN DEAN MERITT

Publications in 1980 and 1981 (as of November 1, 1980)

"The Choiseul Marble Again," *Arch. Ep.* 1978, 95-108 (published in 1980)

"The Intercalary Year 406/5 in Athens," Yearbook of the Society for
Cycladic Studies, in press

"Kleon's Assessment of Tribute to Athens," Festschrift for Malcolm
Francis McGregor, in press

"Mid-3rd Century Athenian Archons," Hesperia, 50, 1981, in press.