

ITEMS REMOVED : GEORGE KENNAN - TRAVEL FUND

1) The Rockefeller Foundation; Announcement of Grants.

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK 20

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 13, 1955

Dear George:

Just a note to establish personal contact on discussions I have had with Dr. Oppenheimer about your plans for next year.

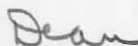
I suggested to him that the Foundation would prefer, as a matter of general policy, to break the continuity of annual grants where the work of a single individual is concerned. We have had cases in the past where implications of long-term commitments build up to a point of mutual embarrassment.

We continue much interested both in your present work and your future. I told Dr. Oppenheimer that we would be glad to know of any special needs arising from your research and to think of what happens in 1956-7 as a new question.

Chester Bowles told me of his talk with you about Asia. Sometime when you are in New York on other business, let's have lunch and tour the horizon a bit.

With warm best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dean Rusk

Mr. George F. Kennan
School of Historical Studies
The Institute of Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

June 14, 1955

Dear Dean:

I am grateful for your note of June 13. Dr. Oppenheimer had told me of your talk.

Let me say at this time that I am deeply appreciative of the interest the Foundation has shown, and hope that I am making good use of the opportunities it has given me.

Very sincerely,

George Kennan

The Honorable
Dean Rusk,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 99th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.

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George F. Kennan

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Robert Oppenheimer

sent 7/1/54

Fac Kennan

8 September 1954

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

The Institute has been awarded a grant of up to \$15,000. by the Rockefeller Foundation for the year September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955 in support of research by Mr. Kennan. Payments will be made semi-annually, and any part of the funds remaining unexpended on August 31, 1955 will revert to the Foundation. At that time we should send a statement of receipts and expenditures to the Foundation. Against this \$15,000. should be charged a grant to Mr. Kennan of \$10,000; Miss Hessman's salary; and additional expenses for technical assistance and travel.

Mr. Kennan has a five-year membership in the School of Historical Studies, from July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1956. During the year July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1955 he is to receive a grant-in-aid of \$5,000. from us, in addition to the \$10,000. from the Rockefeller Funds. This \$5,000. is to be charged to the Director's Fund. You are also authorized to pay additional expenses incurred by Mr. Kennan for professional services during this year, up to*the sum of \$2,000. These should be charged against Mr. Kennan's account, and at the end of the year the Institute will transfer funds from the Director's Fund to make up these charges.

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Mr. Kennan

* but in no case beyond

3 September 1954

Dear Miss Rhind:

On my return from vacation, it was discovered that your letter of June 29th announcing a grant of \$15,000. to the Institute in support of research by George F. Kennan had not been acknowledged. I am writing now to thank you for your letter, and to say that we are pleased indeed that the Rockefeller Foundation has taken this action.

We shall shortly be sending you a statement of receipts and expenditures on the Foundation's grant for Mr. Kennan for the year September 1, 1953 - August 31, 1954, together with a check for the unexpended balance.

With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Miss Flora M. Rhind, Secretary
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK 20

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

June 29, 1954

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation on June 29, 1954, action was taken providing up to \$15,000 to the Institute for Advanced Study toward the costs of research in history and government by George F. Kennan. This sum is available during the year beginning September 1, 1954.

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If it meets with your convenience, we shall be glad to make payments semi-annually, as under the Foundation's current grant to the Institute for the same purpose. Upon the termination of the grant, we shall appreciate receiving a statement of receipts and expenditures. Any part of the funds unexpended on August 31, 1955, will revert to the Foundation.

A brief public announcement of this grant will be made in the next quarterly report of the Foundation. There is, however, no objection on our part to your announcement of the grant prior to the issuance of the Foundation's report if for any reason this appears to you desirable. In this connection we are enclosing, as a matter of routine, a printed statement of The Rockefeller Foundation policy regarding the announcement of grants.

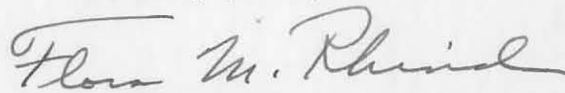
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June 29, 1954

It is a pleasure to report this action to you.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary

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

Copy to Mr. Kennan

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Announcement of Grants

The Rockefeller Foundation is primarily a grant-making organization. Except to a limited extent, in public health and agriculture, the Foundation does not itself engage in research and experimentation, or furnish services in particular fields; rather it seeks to advance its charter purpose "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world" chiefly through grants to universities, research institutes, and other qualified agencies conducting work within the scope of the Foundation's program.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has followed the practice of recording its grants in an Annual Report that appears early each year. More recently this has been supplemented by Quarterly Reports in which brief announcements of grants are published soon after they have been made. Through these reports the Foundation seeks to fulfill its responsibility of accounting to the public for the current use of funds it holds in trust.

Consequently, the Foundation has no reason to ask recipients of its grants to make any announcement of them. Recipients who do wish to acknowledge publicly receipt of funds may do so, either by routine reference or by similar listing in their Annual Reports. If occasionally special circumstances make desirable some further announcement that involves interpretation of the Foundation's action in making the grant, the officers of the Foundation will appreciate the opportunity of seeing such announcements before they are made public.

Since the Foundation neither expects nor desires that the results obtained in research or other projects supported by its grants should be submitted to the Foundation for approval, there should be no acknowledgment of the grants in prefaces of books or in similar usages which might imply or suggest that those results carry the specific approval of the Foundation.

While the Foundation's action in making a grant carries implicit approval of the proposal for which the grant is made, the recipient, and not the Foundation, is responsible for giving effect to the proposal and for its results. Therefore, no reference of any kind should be made by the recipient implying that the Foundation has control over the project or any responsibility for its results.

The Foundation requests particularly that its name not be used on jackets or in any advertising of books or in designating projects, fellowships, laboratories, or buildings toward which it has contributed.

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49TH STREET, NEW YORK 20

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 28, 1954

Dear Mr. Oppenheimer:

Thank you for your letter of May 13 regarding Mr. Kennan's research project. The Officers and Trustees of The Rockefeller Foundation will give the most serious attention to your proposal.

You may expect to hear from us sometime after June 25.

Sincerely yours,



Dean Rusk

Mr. Robert Oppenheimer, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

DR:PD

Copy to Mr. Kennan

13 May 1954

Dear Mr. Rusk:

During the present academic year the Rockefeller Foundation has contributed to the support of Mr. George Kennan's study at the Institute for Advanced Study by making a grant of \$15,000, to be used principally as a subvention to Mr. Kennan, but also to make possible adequate secretarial and research assistance and adequate opportunity for Mr. Kennan to consult the material and persons for which travel is required. During this year Mr. Kennan has embarked on the history of the relations between the U.S.S.R. and the United States. He has found that even the first months and years of these relations deserve a thorough and scholarly historical study. He has found much new material, and has reached a far greater understanding of what in fact went on in these tangled stories than has hitherto been available. The opinion of all concerned seems to be that Mr. Kennan is performing an unusually brilliant and successful undertaking in historical scholarship, for which he is almost uniquely qualified.

Mr. Kennan is in the midst of these studies, and plans to complete them in the next academic year, at which time the results should be available for publication. As you know, Mr. Kennan has continued his lively and searching interest in problems of United States foreign policy, and his studies of the Soviet Union. I believe that in the last year, although both of these have occupied his attention, they have been quite secondary to his principal preoccupation with historical research. I am now writing on behalf of the Institute for Advanced Study to ask of the Rockefeller Foundation that for one more year it continue, at the same level as in this last year, to support Mr. Kennan's work. We at the Institute propose to continue our support. We are most grateful for your past help, and turn to you with great confidence that our request for the coming year is justified by the fruits of the year past, and the fruits to be expected of the year ahead. It is not contemplated by us that this undertaking will continue beyond the summer of 1955, and it is thus not contemplated that the present request will be renewed a year from now. Should we have reason further to solicit your help, for this or for a related problem, we

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shall regard it as a new question, for which it will be up to us
to provide new justification.

With every warm good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Dean Rusk
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

June 1, 1954

Dear Mr. Thompson:

In accordance with our telephone conversation today, I am writing to describe the nature and state of my scholarly work here at the Institute.

When I embarked on this work, I had hoped to refresh my memory by the reading of a number of secondary works and then, drawing also on my own experience which goes back over more than 25 years, to write a general analytical review of the course of Soviet-American relations during the three decades from 1917 to 1947. On acquainting myself with the secondary works dealing with the initial period 1917-1919, I found that none of these seemed to be adequate to permit the type of judgment I had hoped to be able to make for purposes of this comprehensive work. So far as I could ascertain this entire initial period in the relations between the two countries had simply not been subjected to adequate basic research. I found no alternative then but to begin, myself, on an examination and analysis of the original sources -- an effort which has taken me into manuscript collections in various libraries throughout the East and Middle West and has involved the bringing together of a very considerable volume of detailed material from the most widely diversified sources. This, as you know, is a slow and laborious process. To date I have been able to assemble most of the basic materials for a comprehensive treatment of the subject during the first year of the period in question, i.e., from the November Revolution in 1917 to the landing of American forces in Archangel and Vladivostok in the late summer of 1918 and the final removal of all official Americans from Soviet territory shortly thereafter. I have been able to do a certain amount of actual drafting and could now move rapidly with this if time were available before my summer lecturing engagements in Frankfurt.

I believe that when I return in the fall it will be possible for me to make fairly rapid progress. However, the situation has obliged me to narrow the scope of the project appreciably. It is now my hope that, instead of producing a general analytical review of the entire course of Soviet-American relations, I shall be able to produce within about a year's time a solid and fairly exhaustive scholarly work covering the first two years of Soviet-American relations. Such a work would fill what seems to me to be a serious and significant gap in American diplomatic history. I think it should have considerable importance in view of the extent to which the

Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York 20, New York.

Mr. Thompson

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June 1, 1954

Soviet propogandists have gone in trying to build up the thesis that the subsequent difficulties in the relations between the two countries were occasioned largely by the hostility and prejudice by which this country approached the Soviet Government in those early days of its existence.

Very sincerely yours,

George F. Kennan

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 1, 1954

Dear Dean:

I am writing to tell you that the researches and studies on which I am engaged here in Princeton cannot be completed in the course of this academic year. I therefore very much hope that the arrangements under which it is now possible for me to be in residence at the Institute may be extended for another year.

The formal request for such an extension will come to you, in due course, from the Institute itself. This letter is merely to keep you informed, in order that these circumstances may be taken into account in your own plans.

Very sincerely yours,

George Kennan

The Honorable

Dean Rusk,

President, Rockefeller Foundation,

49 West 49th Street,

New York 20, New York.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

M.F. Kennan

November 4, 1953

Dear Dean:

I thought you might like to have a report on how things have worked out and what I am doing with the money from the grant.

After giving it a good deal of intensive thought and discussing it with Oppenheimer, I came to the conclusion that the best field for me to work in at this time would be the history of Soviet-American relations, taking it from the very beginning in 1917. Accordingly, I have been working on this subject since the beginning of the Institute term. I find it more complex and demanding, as a subject, than I had thought, but extremely interesting and worthwhile. It is my hope that I will be able to produce eventually a history of Soviet-American relations for the period from 1917 to approximately 1948 (I do not think I should attempt to carry it further) and that the volume will prove useful to many people in helping them to understand the problem we face today in our relations with the Soviet Union.

The Institute has added a total of \$7,000 to the grant, of which \$2,000 is for my own use, \$3,000 for secretarial services, and another \$2,000 for miscellaneous research expenditures. The latter is occasioned by the fact that I shall probably have to pay some of the expenses of people I am bringing to Princeton for consultation, as well as those of a part-time research assistant in Washington, who will work in the Archives there.

Although work on the later period, with which I am personally familiar, should go faster, it seems to me doubtful that I will be able to complete the entire project in one academic year. I will be lucky if I can complete the initial period of the first World War, the intervention and the civil war by the end of January. The ensuing twelve years, up to recognition, are far less cluttered with events in this field, and I believe I can cover them in the remainder of the academic year. This would leave the period after recognition to be done later.

I am telling you this just to keep you informed. I think it too early to try to envisage any plans for the next academic year, and I should like to be able to produce at least a portion of the work, by way of example to myself, before I think too far ahead.

With best regards,

Very sincerely,

George Kennan

Mr. Dean Rusk,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York 20, New York.

30 June 1953

Memo for Miss Trinterud:

In a letter dated June 19, 1953, Miss Flora M. Rhind, Secretary of the Rockefeller Foundation says:

"...at a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation on June 19, 1953, action was taken providing up to \$15,000 to the Institute for Advanced Study toward the costs of research in history and government by George F. Kerman. This sum is for use during the year beginning September 1, 1953.

"If it meets with your convenience, we shall be glad to make payments on this appropriation on a semi-annual basis. We shall appreciate receiving a statement of receipts and expenditures at the termination of the grant. Any balance of the fund unexpended on August 31, 1954, will revert to the Foundation."

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In a letter/May 12th to Mr. Willits of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Oppenheimer said:

"Membership...would normally...involve a grant-in-aid of about \$5,000 a year, and we would make the sum of \$1,000 or \$2,000 available for secretarial service."

Rosanna Jaffin

29 September 1953

Memorandum to Miss Trinterud:

With regard to Mr. Kennan's memorandum to you of September 24th, the monthly sums requested by Mr. Kennan for himself and Miss Hessman are to be paid out of the \$15,000 made available for Mr. Kennan's project by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Since the total will come to slightly more than the Rockefeller Foundation grant, the Institute will supplement these funds to a maximum of \$5,000 from the Director's Fund after the moneys from the Rockefeller Foundation are exhausted.

Robert Oppenheimer

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

September 24, 1953

To the Business Office:

I would like to request that of the moneys available for my study and the attending expenses in the coming period, which I understand amount to a total of \$20,000.00, the following regular payments be made:

1. To myself -- \$950.00 per month, beginning on the last day of the current month and running until the end of August, 1954;
2. To Miss Hessman -- \$400.00 per month, payable for the current month and running until the end of August, 1954.

Whatever date the Institute's payroll is made up is satisfactory for payment.

You will note that \$950.00 a month for myself will exhaust only \$11,400 of the \$15,000 which, as I understand it, was to be the total available to me personally. Since I have been unable to learn whether the grant is subject to income tax, I feel that I must withhold this remainder and put it aside for the event that the Government comes back at some future time and wishes me to pay tax on this grant. If this is agreeable to the Institute, I will let this surplus accumulate with the Institute until the termination of the grant, at which time I will take custody of it.

George F. Kennan

30 June 1953

Dear Miss Rhind:

In Dr. Oppenheimer's absence, I am writing to thank you for your letter of June 19th, which reached us only today. I am holding your letter for Dr. Oppenheimer's return; he will be pleased, I know, to learn of The Rockefeller Foundation's action in approving the grant for Mr. Kennan.

Sincerely yours,

Rosanna W. Jaffin
Secretary to the Director

Miss Flora M. Rhind, Secretary
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK 20

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

June 19, 1953

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation on June 19, 1953, action was taken providing up to \$15,000 to the Institute for Advanced Study toward the costs of research in history and government by George F. Kennan. This sum is for use during the year beginning September 1, 1953.

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June 19, 1953

It is a pleasure to report this action to you.

Sincerely yours,

Flora M. Rhind

Secretary

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

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cc: Mr. Kennan

25 May 1953

Dear Mr. Willits:

Thank you for your telephonic message to the effect that the Foundation would raise its appropriation to make a total grant of \$15,000 for the support of Mr. George Kennan's work at the Institute for the academic year 1953-54, in order to provide some increased flexibility for secretarial and travel expenses.

The Institute for Advanced Study is very much pleased with this suggestion and will be grateful if it is acted upon favorably.

With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Joseph H. Willits, Director
Division of Social Sciences
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

5/22/53

Dr. Oppenheimer:

Mr. Willits of the Rockefeller Foundation called to say "I have the feeling that the other day in our talk I had sort of bargained a little hard. Dr. Oppenheimer's letter asked for \$13,000 for Mr. Kennan--\$10,000 salary and \$3,000 for his secretary. The Institute is putting up \$5,000 salary and \$2,000 expenses. I noticed there was nothing in there for travel. I am calling to suggest whether it might not be desirable to raise our grant to \$15,000 so that there might be a \$2,000 item left for travel and miscellaneous. If so, a letter from Dr. Oppenheimer to the effect that he was agreeable would complete our records and we will then go ahead on the \$15,000, if that seems sensible and fair to Dr. Oppenheimer."

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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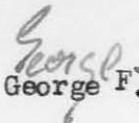
May 19, 1953

Dear Robert:

Your letter of May 18 reached me today, and I hasten to tell you that there is nothing at all in your letter of May 12 to Mr. Willits to which I would take any exception. I am sorry to have to ask for so much money for things which other people do on much less, but the reasons are real and unalterable ones, and you have correctly identified them in your letter.

I will try to see that you receive a copy of the full text of the Notre Dame speech. It was very well received there, and seems to have created some stir here in Washington. The Washington Post ran the entire speech, and I believe that at least two magazines (the Saturday Review of Literature and the Commonweal) are going to do the same. It is to appear in the Congressional Record today. I am somewhat surprised at this, for I had not thought it that exceptional; but I am always being surprised at the way things I write and say are received, and apparently I am not a very good judge of what people seem to need at a given time.

Sincerely yours,


George F. Kennan

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

*M.F.
Kennan*

18 May 1953

Dear George:

Thank you for your good letter.

I had seen Dean Rusk just before you did, and we had talked a little of our common interest in your future work. Early the next week, Willits called me and asked me to submit a formal proposal. He seemed to want from me an account of the enterprise on which you would embark and also a statement about the funding of your work. I had not thought about the second point and told him what we would normally do for a member here, recognizing that that was quite inadequate to your needs. He seemed pleased and suggested that I write it down. I am sending you a copy of this formal proposal. If there are any things about it which discourage you, please let me know right away and I will correct them.

It was pleasing to see an account of your Notre Dame talk in The Times. I am prepared by now to think that The Times' account of what you are up to is not entirely trustworthy, and for that reason, as well as an inherent curiosity to see your words in their full scope, I hope you will send me a copy if you have one handy.

Kitty and I send Annelise our best and, of course, to you. One way or another we will make next year a good one for you.

Robert Oppenheimer

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Mr. George F. Kennan
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

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CABLE ADDRESS:
ROCKFOUND, NEW YORK

May 13, 1953

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

Your letter of May 12 regarding a grant for Mr. George Kennan at The Institute for Advanced Study has arrived during Mr. Willits's absence from the city.

You may rest assured that I will show your letter to Mr. Willits as soon as he returns to the office.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth H. Inghram

Ruth H. Inghram
Secretary to Mr. Willits

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

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May 12, 1953

Dear Mr. Willits:

At your suggestion, I am setting down in writing the prospects that have been brought before us by George Kennan's retirement from the Foreign Service, and his intention of resuming his studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

I believe that Mr. Kennan has in mind for the coming year two major areas of study. He would like to continue to refine and perhaps conclude a set of connected case studies and theme studies in the formation of United States foreign policy in the last fifty-odd years, all bearing on what he calls the legalistic and moralistic trend in our policy. Mr. Kennan made a start on these problems when he was last here. At that time, he had the help of a number of assistants who explored aspects of the problem which he thought of interest, and about which he was not too well informed. But I believe that now Mr. Kennan plans to work without such help.

A second subject in which Mr. Kennan is interested, and for which he would appear particularly qualified, is a study of the structure of the party and government in communist Russia. In fact, he is at the moment engaged in analyses which may contribute in an important way to this second study.

Mr. Kennan's status as regards the Institute is that he was elected a Member of the School of Historical Studies here July 1, 1951, for a term of five years. At the time of Mr. Kennan's election, his work was being amply supported by the Ford Foundation, so that no financial or budgetary arrangements were made by the Institute. Membership for a temporary member at the Institute would normally, for a man of Mr. Kennan's large family, involve a grant-in-aid of about \$5,000 a year, and we would make the sum of \$1,000 or \$2,000 available for secretarial service.

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As you have heard directly from Mr. Kennan, these sums are not adequate for his needs, because of his large family, the fact that two of his children are now of college age, and because his life as a foreign servant has left him with important social, cultural and political obligations, but no large savings. He has expressed to me, as he has, I believe, to you the view that he will require about \$15,000 of subvention for himself, and he would like to have the full time services of his secretary, which will require a further \$5,000. The Institute would be grateful to the Rockefeller Foundation for assuming as much of this obligation as it is willing to, since our funds are being very seriously stretched today. I would, however, make the specific proposal that the Rockefeller Foundation provide the \$10,000 which are needed to bring the Institute's grant up to the requirement that Mr. Kennan envisages, and the additional \$3,000 to make possible the full time secretarial assistance that he desires.

If this letter leaves unanswered questions that you would like to put to us, or if there are any ways in which we can help you in your decision, please do not hesitate to let me know. The fact that Mr. Kennan was elected to membership here for a term of five years constitutes the best evidence of our high regard for him, and of our belief that his work will make important contributions to knowledge and understanding.

With every warm good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Joseph H. Willits
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 W. 49th St.
New York 20, N. Y.

March 9, 1950

Dear Mr. DeVinney:

Thank you for your good letter of March 8th. Both Mr. Kennan and the Institute will be grateful to the Foundation for making available the grant of \$5,000 in support of Mr. Kennan's work at the Institute next year.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Leland C. DeVinney
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 W. 49th St.
New York 20, N. Y.

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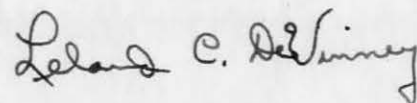
March 8, 1950

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I am very glad to be able to inform you that the officers have approved a grant of \$5,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to the Institute for Advanced Study toward the costs of travel, secretarial and clerical help, and related expenses in connection with Mr. George Kennan's study of the formulation of foreign policy during the first half of the twentieth century. This sum will be available from approximately the beginning of the 1950-51 academic year for a period of twelve months, and any unexpended balance at the terminal date will revert to the Foundation.

Payment may be arranged by communicating directly with our Assistant Comptroller, Mr. H. Malcolm Gillette.

Sincerely yours,



Leland C. DeVinney

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

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Kennan

March 3, 1950

Dear Chester:

Thank you for your good note of March 2nd. I do not wonder at your finding our proposal ambiguous. We did hope that the Foundation might find it appropriate to share with us the support of Kennan's work; I understand, though I regret, your reasons for wishing to limit support to supplementary help for secretarial and clerical expenses, and I would hope also expenses of travel to consult documents, and other legitimate help.

We will welcome such support and be happy to administer any grant that the Foundation can make.

With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Chester I. Barnard
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 2, 1950

Dear Oppie:

With reference to your letter of February 24 concerning the George Kennan matter, I think I have let myself get a bit confused, but it can be straightened out as follows: We would be very happy to make a grant in aid of up to \$5,000 for such secretarial and clerical help as he needs, and after I hear from you I will put it in the works for whatever processing is required.

Kennan was in here a few weeks ago and, I believe, has written in since. At that time he said he did not need any aid from us but that he might for purposes of secretarial and clerical help and possible travel. We indicated to him at the time that we would be pleased to facilitate his work if he needed help.

Were you asking for anything more than this? I got the impression from our telephone conversation that you might be asking us to take a share in the grant you have already made. I think undoubtedly if you had asked for this before making the grant we would have gone along with this also, but it would be a little bit embarrassing to do so now after you have made your grant independently.

Sincerely yours,

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

*W. H.
Kennan*

February 24, 1950

Dear Chester:

As you know, George Kennan, who has been Counselor and Chief of the Planning Division of the Department of State, has decided some months ago to take a leave of absence for a year or two from the Government. A part of his intention is to afford himself time for study and reflection, the better to be able to discharge the duties of public office. The Institute for Advanced Study has offered him a membership for the academic year 1950-51, and a supporting grant of \$15,000, which Mr. Kennan has accepted.

Mr. Kennan's present plans would lead him to undertake a study of the formulation of foreign policy during the first half of this century. We are confident that he will here have access to the principal parts of the literature which he will require for that.

I am writing to you in the hope that the Rockefeller Foundation would be willing to share in the support of Mr. Kennan's work. I would guess that in addition to the grant that we have made to him, he will require only limited further funds for secretarial and clerical help; and that the total cost of the enterprise would not reach \$20,000 for the first year. I hope that you will share our view that this undertaking is not only in the national interest, but in the interest of scholarship and understanding as well. The Institute and Mr. Kennan will both be grateful for any support that the Foundation may be willing to give.

With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

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