

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

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April 2, 1949

Professor Oswald Veblen,  
School of Mathematics,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Veblen:

Thank you for your letter of March 28th.  
I am, of course, greatly pleased at being offered  
an office at Fuld Hall during the spring term of  
next year. My plans are as yet entirely vague;  
I hope to come to Princeton for at least one  
month during that term. If this should be the  
case, it would not seem correct for me to tie up  
an office during the whole term. Perhaps in the  
early autumn we can confer further on this  
subject.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Hassler Whitney

Hassler Whitney.

Dr. Oppenheimer

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
*Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld*  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 28, 1949

Dear Whitney:

I took the liberty of mentioning in a department meeting the other day that you are having a sabbatical leave sometime in the near future. There was enthusiastic approval of the idea of offering you a place to work (an office) and also reserving some sort of living quarters for you if you so desire. So it is clear that you will be very welcome if you decide to spend the whole or any part of your time with us. The question of living quarters would, if anything more than a single room is involved, require a fair amount of advance notice. We can generally scare up a reasonably good room without too much prearrangement.

Yours sincerely,

Oswald Veblen

Professor Hassler Whitney  
Mathematics Department  
Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

21 CHAUNCY STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

*H. Whitney*  
Dec. 15, 1932.

Prof. Oswald Veblen  
Fine Hall  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Prof. Veblen:

I hope I will receive the letter you spoke of before long. The department here does not wish to make me a definite offer till I have this letter. I will let you know of any further happenings at the earliest opportunity.

Expenses of Princeton trip:

Railroad fare	20.04
Telegram	<u>.50</u>
	\$20.54

Sincerely yours,

*Hassler Whitney*

Wilhelm Kohn

December 19, 1932.

Dr. Hassler Whitney  
21 Chauncy Street  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Whitney:

I do not quite know how to answer your letter of December 15th because the only letter which I can remember having spoken about was the one to tell you about the opportunities in biology for Mrs. Whitney.

As I recall it, the outcome of our conversation was that I said that in case you signified your intention of accepting such an offer, I would recommend to Dr. Flexner that you should be appointed to a position in the Institute for one or two years at a salary of \$2700. a year. I explained that the academic year of the Institute runs from the first of October to the first of May with a vacation of about a month at Christmas time. The duties would be such as you are already acquainted with as a National Research Fellow. There will be an opportunity for you to give a course of lectures or a Seminar if you wish and I would also welcome your cooperation in my Seminar.

As I understand it, the Institute is not trying to pull young men away from universities by offering them superior financial inducements. The salary which is proposed was therefore arrived at so as not to represent a decrease from what you are already getting and not to be high enough to require much stepping down if and when you leave this position for a regular academic one.

While I feel that you are being offered a very unusual opportunity to be associated with the group of mathematicians who will next year share in the work of the Institute, I do not wish to urge my advice in opposition to what you may receive from your former teachers at Harvard.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Whitney.

Yours sincerely,

*Oswald Neale*

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P. S. I have sent your expense account on to Dr. Flexner who will doubtless see that you are reimbursed very soon.