

Alföldi

November 18, 1966

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Professor Gilliam has transmitted to me the questions you raised in your last letter to him, and I have now had a chance to talk to him and reflect on your problems.

I am happy to authorize a special travel grant for you for the academic year 1966-1967, in the amount of \$1,000, in view of your present health and your need for traveling with a nurse. Could you please let Mr. Morgan know how you wish this to be paid.

In respect to Dr. Foltiny, I cannot answer so simply. It is difficult to decide now on his long term future. I appreciate the value of his assistance to you, and I propose, if you agree, to reappoint him as a research associate for the academic year 1967-1968 with an increase in salary to \$10,000. I think a longer term decision should await your return and some discussion between us. In view of Dr. Foltiny's age and scholarly accomplishments, I think it is fair to say that he is functioning not only as your assistant, but also, in effect, as a long term member of the School of Historical Studies. In my judgment, it is appropriate for a further appointment to such a position to be considered by the Historical Faculty as a whole. I have already spoken to Dr. Foltiny in this sense, and he understands his position. In the event of a negative decision on his future reappointment that comes too late in the year to give him a fair opportunity to seek another appropriate place, I will, of course, be ready to consider a further annual appointment.

I trust this letter finds you in improving health, and I look forward to meeting you on your return to Princeton.

Sincerely,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Oberlandstr. 99
Spiez
Switzerland

cc: Professor Gilliam

bcc: Mr. Morgan -- You will note I have written to Prof. Alföldi authorizing a special travel grant of \$1,000 for this academic year 1966-1967. This is not intended to set a precedent either for him or in general. He will communicate with you. - CK

Alföldi

29 September 1966

Dear Professor Alföldi:

I am sorry to learn that you are ill, and that you must accordingly remain in Europe now for medical reasons. Please accept my deepest good wishes for your full recovery, and my warmest anticipation of our meeting later in the year.

I have been in touch with Professor Gilliam, and should any arrangements of the sort you request prove necessary, we will see that they are indeed carried out in accordance with your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Oberlandstr. 99
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Spiez, 26 September 1966

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

Dear Dr Kaysen,

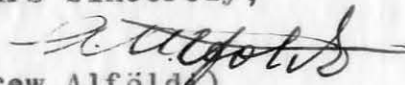
I had hoped to meet you on October 8 at the Institute. However, it appears that I shall have to stay here for an urgent intestinal operation. I am not certain whether I can return to Princeton before or after Christmas. The prospects of the operation are good, but although I hope for the best I should like to prepare for the worst.

All my life I have been working on long-range projects, so that the files in my office at Princeton contain material - in various stages of completion - to fill about twenty volumes. These materials embrace many fields ranging from Roman political, cultural, ⁵economic, religious history, numismatics, epigraphy to the cultural morphology of the Eurasian nomads. It would therefore be impossible for one person to undertake the preparation for publication of these works. For this reason, if the worst should happen, I should like your help in appointing a group of scholars to cope with these files. My personal wish is to ask the following scholars to cooperate in this task:

- J. F. Gilliam, at the Institute;
- Elisabeth Rosenbaum, Department of Fine Art, University of Toronto;
- Konrad Kraft, University of Frankfurt a.M.;
- Stephen Foltiny, at the Institute.

I hope that my precaution proves to be unnecessary and that I shall soon be able to greet you in Princeton.

With best wishes for your work in your new field of activity,
yours sincerely,


(Andrew Alföldi)

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, Princeton, New Jersey
Office of the Director

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C O P Y

9 March 1966

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Dr. Oppenheimer, for reasons of health, is away from the office. He has seen and approved your letter dated February 4 (I suppose it should be March 4), and the draft contract and the letter from Mikrofilm München; and would be glad to have you go ahead with the final contract.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)
Secretary to the Director

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Oberlandstr. 99
Spiez
Switzerland

cc Professor Gilliam

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, Princeton, New Jersey
Office of the Director

C O P Y

cc Miss Sachs
Mr. Morgan

Fac file - Alföldi

10 December 1965

Dear Professor Alföldi:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, the problem of meeting the additional costs of acquiring the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae was considered. It was agreed to meet the costs as estimated by you in your letter to me of September 9, 1965 (about \$6,000 more). It was further stipulated that should the costs exceed this sum, the matter should be referred to the Board again before committing the Institute.

I hope that the acquisition can now proceed promptly.

With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi
The Institute for Advanced Study

2 February 1965

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Thank you for your rich report of the trip to Europe of January 26th, and for the lecture that you gave, for which all of us are grateful.

I am returning the proofs of the Jerome Lectures in case you had need of them.

Cordially,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor A. Alföldi
The Institute for Advanced Study

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

January 26, 1965

Report on travels for scientific
purposes in the academic year
1964/65.

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

In 1964 I was in Europe from April 25 to August 24.

I presided at the Colloquium on the Historia Augusta in Bonn (April 30-May 3), lectured in Frankfurt (May 5), Bonn (May 6), Paris, Faculté du Droit (May 22). I worked in the Royal Coin Collection in The Hague, Netherlands (May 4) and in the Cabinet des Médailles and the Louvre (May 20-24), in the Museum of Strassbourg (May 25).

In June and July I worked in Italy. I visited great private collections of Roman coins in Milan, Gallarate and Naples, and worked in the Museums of Rome, Lavinium, Naples, Bologna, Pesaro, Ancona, Urbino, and Milan. In August, I met my collaborators for the Handbook of Roman Switzerland, later, visited the Museums and private collections in Avenches, Vindonissa, Kaiseraugst, Rheinfelden, Thun, Solothurn, Basel, Bern, Zurich, Lausanne, and Geneva.

From August 25 to 30 I participated at the International Congress of Classical Studies in Philadelphia, presiding at the session on Later Roman history.

The scientific results of this season in Europe were very satisfactory, namely:

1) The colloquium on the Historia Augusta produced an important volume containing the contributions of a series of our former visiting members and myself.

2) The corpus of the denarii of Caesar in 44 has grown to ca. 2000 pieces and the first three articles of it are published.

3) The Handbook of Roman Switzerland began to be published in fascicles.

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4) The rearrangement of the coinage of the Roman Republic began to take shape. Three stages of its development that show up are relevant for the general history: in the third century B.C., Rome minted to finance the Punic Wars; in the second century the coinage--still decided annually for special purposes, served the political interests of the oligarchs in power; and in the first century the great army commanders took it over to finance their wars, armies and veterans. Money was basically not the instrument of a free economical structure but the tool of politics.

5) My work on the visible signs of sovereignty, magistrature, and social standing in Rome made essential progress by my studies in the museums visited.

6) In the meantime, I finished reading the proofs of my book, "Early Rome and the Latins," which owes a great deal to my travels in Italy in the years 1956-1963 (432pp., 26 pl., University of Michigan Press). The photocopy of the Foreword and contents, enclosed with this report, gives an idea of the scope and results of this work.

7) Besides the other special articles, I have written on the basis of my new materials a comprehensive study on the rule of the cavalry in Greece and Rome after the fall of the kingship. The results will be presented in my lecture at the Institute on January 28, 1965.

The flight (\$600) and the two months of the academic year 1964/65 spent in Europe and Philadelphia consumed much more than the \$1000 due for this period to me. I beg you therefore to deposit the travel grant of \$1000 to my account in the First National Bank of Princeton at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Alföldi

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
The Institute for Advanced Study

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

L E C T U R E

THE CAVALRY IN GREECE AND ROME AS THE RULING POWER
AFTER THE FALL OF THE KINGS

by

Professor Andrew Alföldi

January 28, 1965

Seminar Room, New Library

8:15 p.m.

Fae Alföldi

28 January 1964

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure, in response to a letter from Professor Oates, to designate Professor Andrew Alföldi as the representative of the Institute for Advanced Study at the Fourth International Congress of Classical Studies.

Sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

The Vice-Chairman, The Committee for Local Arrangements
The Fourth International Congress of Classical Studies
The Department of Classical Studies
308 College Hall, University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

cc: Professor Oates
Professor Alföldi



Fac. alford



Mrs.

Verna Hobson

The Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton, New Jersey

M. S. d.



PHARZARI ARL-EGHIO

June 21, 63

Dear Mrs. Hobson,

Thank you for your note and all good wishes

Cours sincerely

Andrew Alford

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INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Colloquia on Classical Antiquity

✓ Professor Andrew Alföldi
Institute for Advanced Study

will discuss

THE ALEXANDRIAN GODS AND THE IMPERIAL VOWS

Wednesday, January 26th, 1966 at 4:00 P.M.
Building E, Second Floor, Seminar Room

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Prof. Alföldi was elected Foreign Member
of the Academy of Italy, Rome, summer, 1962.

Fae Alföldi

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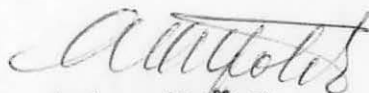
December 17, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

It gives me a great pleasure to inform you that
I have become a U.S. citizen on December 16, 1963.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

Fae Alföldi

6 February 1963

Dear Mr. Demargne:

It gives me pleasure to designate Professor Andrew Alföldi as official representative of the Institute for Advanced Study to the VIII^e International Congress of Classical Archaeology in Paris next September.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Pierre Demargne, Secrétaire Général
VIII^e Congrès International
d'Archéologie Classique
3, rue Michelet
Paris (vi^e)
France

cc: Professor Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Feb. 6/63

I do think the Institute
should be represented.

Both Alföldi and I expect
to attend.

I would suggest that A. be
designated our official
representative.

H.A.T.

VIII^e CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL
D'ARCHÉOLOGIE CLASSIQUE

3-13 SEPTEMBRE 1963

SECRETARIAT

3, RUE MICHELET, PARIS (VI^e)

Paris, le 20 Décembre 1962

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Monsieur le *Président*

Le VIII^e Congrès International d'Archéologie Classique se tiendra à Paris, du 3 au 10 Septembre 1963. Il se prolongera par un voyage scientifique en France, du 11 au 13 Septembre. Une circulaire qui sera diffusée en ^{Paris} Janvier 1963 vous donnera le programme définitif.

Le Comité Français d'Organisation a l'honneur de vous demander de vouloir bien faire représenter à ce Congrès

l'Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le *Président*,
l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

Pierre Demargne

Pierre DEMARGNE

Directeur de l'Institut d'Art et d'Archéologie
de l'Université de Paris

Secrétaire Général du VIII^e Congrès International
d'Archéologie Classique

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February 26, 1963

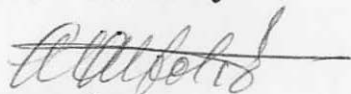
Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Director,
The Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

Thank you for entrusting me with the representation of the Institute at the International Congress On Classical Archaeology in Paris, Sept. 4-10, 1963.

I should like to mention at the same time that I have been elected President of one of the five main sections.

Yours sincerely



A. Alföldi

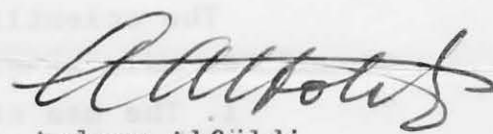
gold coin I could inspect, as well as of the extremely relevant coin emissions of the crucial years 44 and 43 B.C. The number of specimens photographed amounts now with the harvest of the last months to ca. 8000. This broad new basis will yield many new historical details. Yet much more important than these is the possibility to unveil the pattern of the ~~monarchy~~ administration and of the technical production of the Roman mint and of its succursals. The surprise for me was the fact emerging from the ample new stuff, that no regular annual output of coins existed till 49 B.C., but every emission was depending on special senatorial decrees. In March 49 Caesar created with a revolutionary act the annual output, separating the gold coinage from the rest and controlling also the silver with his most important associates. His system and organization have been overtaken by Anthony and Octavian, competing for his position: their financial manipulations reveal the successive stades in the establishment of the monarchy.

II. In Rome I tried to check the datings of the Etruscan architectural terracottas and the imported Greek pottery of the 6.th and 5.th centuries B.C. In accordance with the observations of Swedish and French archeologists, also my observations point to a growth and splendour in the early 5.th century; unexpectedly, a great mass of imported Attic pottery emerged from the Forum Romanum, upsetting the theory of the gap in such imports and the alleged collapse of the Rome of the early Republic. Whereas the expansion and leadership of Rome in Central Italy under the last kings, depicted by the Roman historians is a propagandist fiction, forged when Hannibal stood in Italy, the hitherto bagatellized 5.th century proves itself to be the epoch when Rome really rose to the leading power of Latium, ^{though} under a heavy pressure and in unceasing struggle with its neighbours.

Finally, in a room of the Antiquario del Foro Romano, closed for the public, I could at last examine the statuary group of the Dioscuri, found by the well of Iuturna. It is a fine Greek work of the 5.th century B.C. indeed, and so the legend from their ^{there} appearance after the battle of the Lake Regillus against the Latins (496 B.C.), announcing the victory, reveals itself as a contemporary fiction, proving also that the battle is historical.

Looking forward to see you again

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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September 15, 1960

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

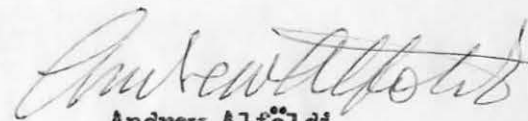
Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

In July I had an operation for glaucoma on my right eye, and my doctor ordered me to have three more months of rest before the second cataract-removal. This means that he will make the next operation shortly after the middle of October, and the six weeks of recovery needed will keep me in Europe until the beginning of December.

I am awfully sorry not to be able to be back in Princeton at the beginning of the Semester; but both you and the Faculty have shown so complete an understanding for my eye-trouble last fall, that I sincerely hope, you will have the same indulgence this time, too.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely


Andrew Alföldi

Fae Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

September 15, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

In the fiscal year July 1, 1959 - June 30, 1960 my research travels were concentrated again on the same problems as in the previous year: the completion of a corpus of Caesar's coinage in 44 and 43 B.C.; on the illustrations of insignia of power and of costumes and other paraphernalia of sovereignty and social preponderance in Ancient Rome, and finally, on the study of the earliest monuments and documents of Rome and the ancient capital of the Latins, Lavinium.

I travelled in the following cities:

Frankfurt/Main: July 1-2, 1959

Bern, Zurich, Basel, Geneva, Avenches, Brugg, Luzern, Schaffhausen, Lausanne and Nyon:

July 2-30, 1959

Paris: August 25-29, 1959

Brescia: August 30-September 3, 1959

Rome [with excursions to Pratica del Mare (Lavinium), Castel Gandolfo (Alba Longa) and Naples]: September 4- October 2, 1959

Rome, with an excursion to Lavinium: April 19- 29, 1960

Milan: April 30, 1960

Pavia: May 1-3, 1960

My expenses were, as follows:

Round trip New York -Zurich	\$ 600.00
Travels in Italy, Switzerland and France	\$ 250.00
81 days en route, \$ 10.00 per day	\$ 810.00
	\$ <u>1660.00</u>

Of this amount I received \$ 1000.00 from the Institute and the rest was paid by myself.

The scientific results were rather satisfactory. The "corpus" of the coinage of 44 B.C., an all-important source-material for deciding the question whether or not Caesar wished to become a king, nears completion. Some lacunae are still there, e.g. in the small town of Portogruare near Trieste, visited the year before, the Keeper of the Museum of Antiquities unfortunately left before my arrival, and I have discovered only recently that a hoard of 4000 coins must be there in some strongbox, in all probability, in complete disorder. But, apart from these deficiencies, the results are now clear: Caesar was, through rapidly changing titles and the attributes of power, steering towards kingship.

The most thrilling experience for me were some new finds. In Rome, the votive objects excavated from a wall beside the sanctuary of Vesta from the late seventh (!) century B.C. attest that the house of the king and the fire of Vesta warranting the welfare of the State were already in place before the Etruscan occupation.

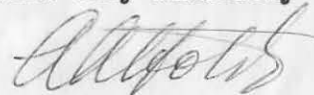
In Lavinium, on the platform of the newly discovered archaic altars of the Latin League, an Attic sherd painted around 540 B.C. gives spectacular proof for my supposition concerning the date of this sacred precinct, the political center of the Etruscan Latium. These discoveries enable me to reveal the forgeries of the Roman historiography which alleged that Rome already ruled over the Latin cities in that remote epoch.

On April 21, the birthday of ancient Rome, the mayor of Rome presented me with

the gold medal of the City on recommendation of the competent scientific bodies residing there. This medal, founded six years ago, is meant as the highest international award for Roman scholarship. The printed protocols and newspaper clippings of this event mention, of course, the Institute for Advanced Study as my home of work, - inevitably confusing it in some cases with Princeton University. I am enclosing some copies of offprints, illustrating the meaning of the award.

In the last weeks of June 1960, the 500th anniversary of the Foundation of Basle University was celebrated, where I participated in the solemnities as a former member of the Faculty.

Yours very sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

Fac. Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

March 17, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

The Jerome Foundation invites every year a scholar to give lectures at the American Academy in Rome and to repeat them at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Being invited this year, I shall deliver six lectures on Early Rome and the Latins from April 25 on in Rome.

This is a welcome opportunity to make known the results of my research work done during the last three years - the more so as the Foundation will also publish my book on the same subject.

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The repetition of my lectures in Ann Arbor this Fall involves an absence of a few weeks, as I already reported to you at our last meeting. I hope, this absence can be granted; in any case, it is my duty to submit this problem to you.

Since I must leave Princeton soon after the end of the academic year, I beg you now to renew the appointment of my excellent helper and Assistant, Dr. Stephen Foltiny.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

Annex B to the Draft Minutes of
the Faculty Meeting, March 21, 1960

Since the discussion at the luncheon meeting on March 21, 1960, is not covered by the draft minutes of the faculty meeting, Professor Alföldi has asked that the following statement be added as an annex to the minutes of the faculty meeting.

" I have stressed the point that the southern exposure with big glass windows focussing the heat and obfuscating the sight is unfit for the Library, especially because the other and larger part of the rooms is artificially lighted. The work with publications in Epigraphy, Numismatics and Archaeology, very often in folio size, necessitates the constant use of the Library. After a first cataract operation, and before a second one, the requirements of light are vital for me, - and not only for me. I refer to the statements made at the luncheon meeting on March 21, 1960 by Sir Llewellyn Woodward and Professors Meritt and Pais in which they supported my views.

March 31, 1960

Andrew Alföldi"

Bengt Strömgren
Faculty Secretary

Excerpt from a letter to Dr. Oppenheimer from
Professor Andrew Alföldi, dated September 15, 1960

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RE: Inst. representative to Academy

LETTER DATED: 1960

SEE: Inst Gen: American Academy in Rome

Fac Alföldi

✓ R Just Gen,
Univ. Basle

1 October 1959

Dear Dr. Werthemann:

Thank you for your letter of June 25th, inviting the Institute for Advanced Study to participate in the celebration next June of the 500th anniversary of the University of Basel. We are indeed glad to join in this happy occasion, and shall be represented by Professor Andrew Alföldi.

With all good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. A. Werthemann
Universität Basel
Petersplatz 1
Basel
Switzerland

Copy to Professor Alföldi
Oberlandstr. 9
Spiez, B. O.
Switzerland

American Academy
Via A. Marina, 5
Rome

September 15, 1959

Oberlandstr 9
Spiez B.O.
Switz

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

Many thanks for your permission to let
me have my eye-operation in Berne. I ordered a
ticket for the jet-plane arriving in New York at
14⁵⁵ November 29, this being the earliest date in
the sense of the instructions of the doctor.

Thank you also for thinking on me for
your representation at the 500th anniversary of the
University of Basle. I accept this mission with great
pleasure. I beg ^{you} only to announce your decision to the
inviting university in a letter: I know they need a
complete list of their guests.

In the hope to see you - to see you indeed -
at the end of November

Yours very sincerely

Andrew Alföldi

10 September 1959

Dear Professor Alföldi:

The enclosed letter was here on our return. It occurs to me that you might be willing to represent the Institute at the 500th anniversary of the University of Basle.

I do hope that your operation is successful, and as free of trouble as possible. We will be happy to see you back when you are well enough to come.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi
The American Academy
Via Angelo Masina 5
Rome
Italy

enclosure



UNIVERSITÄT BASEL
REKTORAT

BASEL, den 25. Juni 1959
Petersplatz 1

copy sent to Prof Alföldi

An den
Herrn Präsidenten der
Institute for Advanced
Study

P r i n c e t o n

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident,

Die Universität Basel gestattet sich, Ihnen mitzuteilen, dass sie vom 29. Juni bis 2. Juli 1960 die Feier ihres 500jährigen Bestehens begehen wird.

Sie würde sich freuen, Sie oder Ihren Stellvertreter mit Frau Gemahlin als ihre Gäste begrüßen zu dürfen.

Das endgültige Programm und die Einladung zur Feier werden Ihnen im Herbst dieses Jahres zugesandt werden.

Im Namen der Universität Basel begrüße ich Sie

in ausgezeichneter Hochachtung

Werthemann

(Prof. Dr. A. Werthemann)
d. Z. Rektor



UNIVERSITÄT BASEL
REKTORAT

BASEL, den 25. Juni 1959

Petersplatz 1

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Werthemann

(Prof. Dr. A. Werthemann)
d. Z. Rektor

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W. Morgan ✓
Mrs. Barnett ✓
Mrs. Harby ✓

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Professor Andrew Alföldi,
Oberlandstrasse 99,
Spiez / Switzerland

Spiez, July 21, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

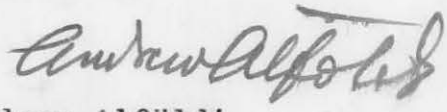
I mentioned you before my departure that I may have a first cataract operation this year; and also that my doctor would presumably wish to postpone it till his return from the summer vacation early in October. Since then, prof. Goldmann in Berne got as the first European the annual award of the American ophthalmologists, which still enhances my confidence in his competency. You kindly gave your consent to this unvoluntary delay of my return in the fall.

After a new examination, Dr. Goldmann proposed indeed to make the operation in the aforesaid time; after three weeks in the hospital he will confine me three more weeks of home imprisonment, so that I would be able to return only late in November. In any case, Dr. Goldmann foresees a good result and an improvement of my working capacity.

I thank you again very much for your permission to this badly needed intervention and I beg you to take notice ^{of} my late return.

With renewed good wishes for the summer

Yours truly



Andrew Alföldi

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Prof. A. Alföldi
Oberlandstrasse 99
Spiez (Switzerland)

June 22, 1957

Dear Professor Oppenheimer,

copy sent to
Mr. Morgan 6/25/57

Thank you for your letter from 29 May with the important news that the Trustees definitively agreed the extension of active service of the members of the Faculty till the June 30th following their 70th birthday. - I don't wish to change the payment of the sums put aside for my retirement age or death, but I must express my sincere gratitude for this significant new benefit.

I also beg you on this occasion to transfer the \$ 1000.- for the expenses of my research-travels in the Academic year 1956/57 to my checking account by the First National Bank of Princeton, on ground of the following report.

1) In July 1956 and in May and June 1957 I visited the following museums of Switzerland: Berne, Vindonissa, Avenches, Basle, Geneva, Zurich, continuing my researches during 21 days.

2) From 22 to 26 September 1956 I studied the very important Collection of Enrico Leuthold in Milan.

3) From 13 to 20 May 1957 I worked in the Cabinet des Médailles de la Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris.

4) From 12 to 20 June 1957 I was working in the Museums of Venice (Museo Correr and Museo Archeologico), Padova (Mus. Bottacin) and Milan (Musei Civici, Castello Sforzesco, Brera).

The travel expences spent were:

Transatlantic flight	\$ 600.-
Railway in Italy	50.-
Railway in Switzerland	100.-
Sojourn of 42 days in the cities enumerated above	<u>420.-</u>
Sum Total	\$ 1170.-
Not requested from this	<u>170.-</u>
Netto	\$ 1000.-

One aim of my research-voyages was to collect the archaeological and numismatic data for a study on the legend of Trojan descent in Rome. But my main effort has been to exploit the neglected evidence of coins for the history of the civil wars in the last century of the Roman Republic and for the history of Caesar and Octavian. The scientific results of these journeys were very satisfactory. The

TYPEWRITER

following publications result from these travels:

1) The Trojan Legend of Rome (to appear as a "Rektoratsprogramm" Basle 1957). I could show that this tradition is not a late invention, but the heritage of Etruscan supremacy, transmitted to the Latin League and thence to Rome.

2) A new representation of the golden chair has been discovered and dated to August 43 B.C. New light on the coup d'état of Octavian could be brought by the combination of this coin-evidence with the literary sources. (To be published in the "Hermes".)

3) The portrait of Caesar on the coins had been analyzed the first time with the sequence of the issues of the denarii in 44 B.C. The prototype worked out is different from those used hitherto as a basis of determination of the statuary portraits. (To appear in the Memorial volume of the American Numismatic Society.)

4) The coinage of the clash between Pompey and Caesar in 49 B.C. has been revised. The new attributions bring new details to the history of those wars.

5) A portrait of king Juba I on a Republican denarius has been discovered, with anew representation of the lion-headed Genius terrae Africae.

6) A representation of the big lance of the Roman commander-in-chief has been recognized on a gold-issue of the second Punic war. Symbols on the denarii of L.Papius reaffirm the result; the Cancellaria-reliefs of Domitian exhibit the continuity of the lance-attribute. This has some consequences for the history of the legitimate supreme power from the kings to the Republic and the Emperors.

A lot minor details are of course omitted here.

With many thanks in advance for the transfer of the amount and with all good wishes

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

May 8, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

You kindly increased the salary of Dr. Stephen Foltiny and I must thank you for this gallant help. Dr. Foltiny is a very great help for me and your beneficent support enables him to stay on with me.

As I do not expect to see you before I start my journey to Europe, I send my best wishes for the Summer to you and your family.

Yours very sincerely

A. Alföldi

New York, Aug. 3, 1955.

Mrs. Verna Hobson
Secretary of the Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Hobson:

In course of our telephone conversation, you were kind enough to inform me about the approval of my immigration permit by the U.S. Department of Justice. As you mentioned to me, this approbation is only theoretical at present. I think, however, I could get my re-entry permit easier, if I would have an official certificate in my hands. If I could clear up my situation before October 10, 1955, I would save a considerable amount of money on the taxes to be paid before obtaining my sailing permit.

If you can do anything in this matter, I shall appreciate it very much. With all good wishes

very truly yours



Andrew Alföldi

*Del to RB by Falteny
Ruth taking care of this.*

Alföldi

June 6, 1955

Professor Andrew Alföldi,
Sevogelstrasse 144,
Basel, Switzerland

Dear Professor Alföldi,

When the other day in the office of the librarian, Miss Sachs, I was presented with your request to have extra sets of Pauly-Wissowa, Daremberg-Saglio, etc. purchased by the library and deposited in your office for your special use, I told you that, while I had no personal objection to this, I feared that there might be some objection on the part of other members of the faculty. I must now write at once to tell you that this anticipation of mine has been proved correct and that the objection has arisen both more quickly and more vehemently than I had anticipated. The point has been made most vigorously that the library-funds should not be drawn upon for the purchase of duplicate copies of expensive sets of books to be assigned solely to the use of a single member; and the Director, to whose attention the matter has been called, strongly upholds this position and has instructed me not to make exceptions in this matter to the usual policy of purchasing to which we have hitherto adhered. He has said that an office would be assigned to you from which you would have easy access to any of the books shelved in the library, which books you will, of course, like other members of the faculty be entitled to use freely within the limits of the few regulations that our library has adopted for the equal convenience of all members.

I am sorry that my first letter to you must be one in which what I have to say may be unpleasant for you to read. I feel that I should apologize for having so quickly given my consent to a request which, as I told you at the time, was so unusual as to be likely to incur justifiable objections on the part of others, and about which I should therefore have consulted the other people concerned before acceding to it myself. I am sure, however, that, situated as you will be, you will not suffer any real inconvenience from having to share the Institute library on an equal footing with the other members of the faculty and that upon reflection you will recognize this arrangement to be to the advantage of all of us including yourself.

With sincere regards and best wishes

I am

Yours,

Harold Cherniss

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

1 July 1955

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Andrew
Alfoldi is a Professor in the School of
Historical Studies at the Institute for
Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

Robert Oppenheimer
Robert Oppenheimer

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
THE DUMBARTON OAKS RESEARCH LIBRARY AND COLLECTION
1703 THIRTY-SECOND STREET, WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hobson,
Thank you again for your letter
from yesterday.

As I must be in New York
just after 2 o'clock at the 31st and
as the 30th of May is a holiday, I
would be very much obliged to Mr.
Morgan, if he could allow me to visit
him for a short discussion of financial
matters in the morning of the 31st May.
Please let me know if this would be not
possible, and excuse me by Mr. Morgan.

Sincerely Yours

Andrew Alföldi

Washington, May 21st 1955

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

sent 5/26/55

Professor Alfoldi
Dumbarton Oaks
1703 32nd Street
Washington D. C.

Mr. Morgan will meet you at Trenton 10:55 tomorrow
Friday morning.

Verna Hobson

May 24, 1955

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
THE DUMBARTON OAKS RESEARCH LIBRARY AND COLLECTION
1703 THIRTY-SECOND STREET, WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hobson,

I shall arrive Friday the
27th ~~at~~ 10⁵⁵ in the morning
in Trenton.

If the Institute has a car
service to Trenton, please send a
car; if not I shall get a taxi
and be able to consult Mr. Morgan
a little bit earlier than arriving with
the train to Princeton.

With anticipated thanks
Yours sincerely

A. Alford

May 20th, 1955

Dear Professor Alföldi:

As we arranged this morning on the telephone, Dr. Oppenheimer will plan to see you at your office in the Fellows Building at 3:30 on the afternoon of May 25th.

We have reserved a room for you at the Nassau Tavern for the night of May 30th, and shall expect you at the Institute on May 31st. Mrs. Barnett will be here at 9 o'clock that morning, and will be very happy to discuss housing with you. Mr. Morgan does not plan to be here in the morning, and hopes that it would suit you to discuss financial arrangements with him after lunch.

I hope these arrangements are satisfactory. Please let us know if you would like to be met at a train, or if there is anything further we can do.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)
Secretary to the Director

Professor Andrew Alföldi
1703, 32nd Street, NW
Washington 7, D. C.

24 April 1955

Dear Mrs. Hobson,

Thank you for your letter of April 19th. I beg you to ask from Dr. Oppenheimer a date for my visit in Princeton just after his return from the West Coast. I wish to settle with him the details pointed out in my previous letter before my return to Basle.

In the same time I wish to get in contact with your financial ~~is~~ expert and with Mrs. Barnett to discuss the problems of payment and housing.

I would be grateful if I could know the time of the meeting with Dr. Oppenheimer 2 days earlier. My phone-number is North 7-4479 or Adams 2-3101 ext. 2.

With anticipated thanks

Yours sincerely

A. Alföldi

19 April 1955

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Thank you for your letter of April 13th, which has arrived after Dr. Oppenheimer's departure for several weeks on the West Coast. We shall hold your letter for his attention on his return, but in the meantime I wanted you to know that Dr. Oppenheimer discussed these matters with Professor Kantorowicz before he left, and was completely satisfied with what Professor Kantorowicz told him. I understand that Professor Kantorowicz will be in touch with you shortly.

Dr. Oppenheimer looks forward to seeing you on his return from the West Coast.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)
Secretary to the Director

Professor Andrew Alföldi
1703, 32nd Street, NW
Washington 7, D. C.

Release: Friday, December 16, 1955

PRESS RELEASE

The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

The Institute for Advanced Study announces three new appointments to its Faculty--two in the School of Historical Studies and one in the School of Mathematics. The two new professors in the School of Historical Studies are Andrew Alföldi, authority in the study of Pagan and Christian Rome and Byzantium; and George Kennan, for many years a foreign service officer, Counsellor of the Department of State, Ambassador to Moscow, now engaged in studies of diplomatic history. Dr. Chen Ning Yang, mathematical physicist noted for his work in fundamental physics and subatomic theory, has been elected Professor in the School of Mathematics.

The Institute further announces that Professor Alexandre Koyré, historian of science and philosophy, of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, has accepted an appointment as member at the Institute during the next five years. The Institute further announces the return for the coming semester of five distinguished members-- Mr. Jean Gottmann, geographer, of Paris; Dr. Kunihiro Kodaira, mathematician, of Princeton; Dr. Otto Neugebauer, historian of mathematics, of Providence; Dr. Wolfgang Pauli, physicist, of Zurich; and Miss Veronica Wedgwood, historian, of London.

June 25, 1955

Alfoldi

Dear Professor Oppenheimer,

Thank you for your letter from June 22, which settles the details of my appointment.

I agree with all the details fixed by you and beg you to retain the fact that for the case of my death all the amounts with their interest which are due to me, will belong to my wife and after her death to my son, Dr. A. Alföldi Junior.

I understand that the \$ 1000 - for travel expenses are not part of the salary and therefore not mentioned this time.

Finally I must thank you for all the care you spent on this matter. I take it granted that you will handle my affairs and scientific needs with the same benevolence; I shall try my best to deserve your great confidence and ^{I am} looking eagerly forward for the collaboration with you and for the work in the Institute.

With all good wishes

Yours very truly



Andrew Alföldi

Professor Robert Oppenheimer

Director of the

Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton, New Jersey

U.S.A.

Copies to: Mr. Leidesdorf
Mr. Maass
Dr. Oppenheimer
Mr. Morgan

22 June 1955

Dear Professor Alföldi:

After our discussions, and upon further consideration of various details of the financial aspects as they concern both you and the Institute, it seems to me best to write you a letter of understanding about the conclusions to which we have been led as to the definitive arrangement which will exist between you and the Institute regarding finances. This letter will supersede my letter to you of May 31st, which we both agree is not binding.

1. The Institute will pay you an annual salary of \$14,000 during each fiscal year commencing July 1, 1955 and continuing up to the point of your retirement. You will make available the sum of \$900 a year for the purchase of a T.I.A.A. policy, and the Institute will make a like contribution.

2. The Institute will further pay to you or to your estate or lawful designee, following your retirement, the sum of \$4,000 multiplied by the number of years elapsing between July 1, 1955 and the time of your retirement, such sum to be payable at the rate of \$4,000 during each calendar year following such retirement.

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4. In order to facilitate your removal to the United States, the Institute will advance to you on July 1, 1955 the sum of \$5,000, as an advance on your salary for the first half of the academic year 1955-56.

I am glad that it has been possible to arrange your affairs so that we may look forward to years of fruitful work and companionship.

With every good wish,

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Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Sevogelstrasse 14
Basel, Switzerland

LAW OFFICES OF
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100 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

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DAVID C. WESTON

TELEPHONE
MURRAY HILL 6-2676

June 20, 1955.

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Morgan:-

I refer to the prior correspondence between Dr. Oppenheimer and Mr. Maass and to our conference here with Mr. Beeton this morning, in the Alföldi matter.

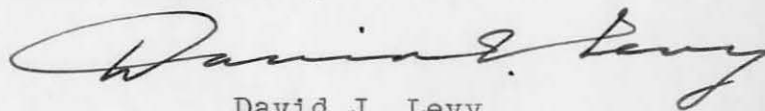
I gather that Professor Alföldi is now about 60, so that if \$4,000 per annum were withheld now and paid over or made fully available to him after his 68th birthday, the total would be about \$32,000 plus interest, resulting in a very large tax.

This then confirms the validity of the suggestion in my June 8th memorandum transmitted by Mr. Maass to Dr. Oppenheimer that it were better that Alföldi receive the deferred portion after retirement, and payable over a period of years, which could either be geared to life expectancies or fixed in a manner satisfactory to him, since the method will be of no concern to the Institute.

Upon the basis of your belief, expressed at this morning's conference, that Professor Alföldi will prefer a stipulated sum annually, and that this sum would be exactly the portion previously deferred, I am enclosing form of superseding letter which could be written.

Because it is preferable to eliminate from the letter unnecessary explanations regarding legalities and tax matters, I suggest that you or Dr. Oppenheimer send along a separate explanatory note, unless you find it feasible to take the matter up vis-a-vis; and that you ask Professor Alföldi to confirm the final arrangement, as by notation of his approval at the foot of the letter.

Faithfully yours,



David J. Levy

Encl.
DJL:JR

Copy to Messrs. S.D. Leidesdorf & Co.
(Mr. Beeton)

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
Princeton, New Jersey

(Date)

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4. In order to facilitate your removal to the United States, the Institute will advance to you on July 1, 1955 the sum of ^{5,000} \$7,000, as ^{an advance on} ~~prepayment~~ of your salary for the first half of the academic year 1955-56.

I am glad that it has been possible to arrange your affairs so that we may look forward to years of fruitful work and companionship.

With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Savogelstrasse 144
Basel, Switzerland.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

10 June 1955

Dear Mr. Maass:

Thank you very much for your good letter of June 9th, and for Mr. Levy's comments on the terms of the Alföldi appointment. They have been most helpful.

I am sending you copies of the complete correspondence between Alföldi and me. There is much in these letters that is not relevant, but I have thought it best to make the full account available to you. You will see that Alföldi has been rather aggressive in his demands on us; in our discussions it has been somewhat easier to deal with him.

It would be my guess that Alföldi would not elect to retire before the June 30th following his 68th birthday, which our present regulations permit. That would mean that he would be an active professor through the academic year 1963-1964.

One other fact should be of record. In accordance with Alföldi's request, we have completed a petition which we have sent off to the Immigration Service, setting forth our interest in having Professor and Mrs. Alföldi granted non-quota immigrant status, who are seeking United States citizenship.

Let me again thank you for your help in this matter, which we appreciate very much.

With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Herbert H. Maass
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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TELEPHONE
MURRAY HILL 6-2676

June 9, 1955

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

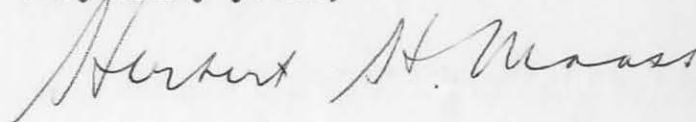
Dear Oppy:

With further reference to your letter of the 31st ult., directed to Professor Alföldi, and the matters therein contained, I have discussed the whole situation with two of my partners, one of whom is Mr. Levy.

I enclose a memorandum which covers the scope of our discussion, and think that you should be guided in large part by it. It would be, of course, tremendously helpful if we could have any further correspondence that transpired between you and the professor other than your letter of May 31.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



HHM:JW
Encl.

Pls. return to D.O.

Seminar für alte Geschichte der Universität Basel, Augustinergasse 19

Vorsteher: Prof. A. Alföldi, Sevogelstrasse 144

4 June 1955.

Dear Professor Oppenheimer,

Thank You for your letter from 31 May, which contains the financial details connected with my appointment. Only two points need yet to be cleared up:

1). I wish to pay S/ 900 for my retirement policy and I beg the Institute to make the same contribution,

2). I beg you to send to Basle on July 1, 1955 from the advanced sum of # 7000 only # 5000 (five thousand); the remaining 2000 will serve me for taxes and ~~r~~ personal expenditure in the autumn.

With reiterated thanks and all good wishes

Yours very sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

Morgan

Copy to: Mr. Maass
Mr. Leidesdorf
Mr. Morgan

31 May 1955

Dear Professor Alföldi:

After our discussion of last week, it seems to me best to write you a letter of understanding about the way in which you would like to have your appointment here construed; the way, that is, in which you would like the Institute to divide the available money between salary paid and money set aside for your retirement.

1. Each fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1955, and up to the point of your retirement, you would like to be paid a salary of \$14,000. You will make available for the purchase of a T.I.A.A. policy \$900 a year, provided the Institute makes a like contribution. This the Institute is prepared to do. Should you prefer the sum of \$700, both on your part and on ours, that would be acceptable; but in that case I would like you to notify me in writing.

2. The Institute will set aside \$4,000 each year until your retirement, retaining this money in the general investment portfolio of the Institute. Subsequent to your retirement you will instruct the Institute as to method of payment of the money so accumulated—whether in yearly sums, or in a single sum, or in another manner which is appropriate and helpful to you. The Institute will pay to you not only the \$4,000 a year set aside, but interest at whatever is the prevailing rate on its general funds for the intervening period. This is not likely to deviate markedly from 3%; but no commitment to that effect is contained in this letter.

3. In order to facilitate your removal to the United States, the Institute will advance to you on July 1, 1955 the sum of \$7,000, as pre-payment of your salary for the first half of the academic year 1955-1956.

All other matters have probably been covered in earlier correspondence. I am glad that it has been possible to arrange your affairs so that we may look forward to years of fruitful work and companionship.

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Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Sevogelstrasse 144
Basel, Switzerland

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1703, 32nd Street, Northwest
Washington 7, D. C

April 13, 1955

Dear Professor Oppenheimer,

Thank you for your letter of February 24th.

First, I want to thank you for granting me a leave next winter from November through February, with salary. I understand that this is an exceptional concession due to an exceptional situation.

Furthermore, I beg you to let me pay on behalf of the Institute 5% of my salary toward my retirement policy for my wife and me, and deduct the same amount in monthly rates from my salary. I also beg you to retain \$4,000 a year of my salary; the resulting amount with interest shall be destined to provide for my later years; if I should die before reaching the 1st of July after my 68th birthday, the amount would belong to my son but disposed of by my wife while she is alive. I assume this sum will be tax exempt.

I hope to conclude soon a life insurance policy with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York, as well as to arrange for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurances for me, my wife and my son, having the premiums for all of these insurances deducted from my salary each month by your Institute.

I accept with sincere thanks your offer to advance on July 1st the first six months of my salary in order to facilitate the arrangements of my financial obligations in Basle.

As you mentioned, you would have no objection if my election was not announced until after July 1st, I would like to propose that my appointment be announced in September, as I cannot inform the University of Basel on the acceptance of the chair in your Institute earlier than June, and would like your news of my appointment issued a few months after that if possible.

I thank you for accepting Dr. Stephen Foltiny, 401 East 82nd Street, New York 28, New York, as my assistant, provided his appointment can be extended to several years. I hope also he will be allowed to stay with me in New York in July and August and transfer his household only in September. During my absence he can arrange my very extensive apparatus of notes, files and photographs, as well as to do useful work in preparing my new researches.

The Consulate General of the United States, in Switzerland, suggested that the Institute should make me the beneficiary of a petition to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the U. S., for which the petition forms and full information may be obtained from any office of the Service just mentioned. More important still would be a petition of the same sort for the immigration permit for my son, Dr. Andrew Alföldi, Jr., born in Budapest, December 20, 1921, who is dependent on us, though recovered from a nervous breakdown.

If you will be so kind as to confirm the arrangements above mentioned, giving me a short letter certifying my appointment, which I must have in hand when dealing with the Consular authorities in Switzerland, I would greatly appreciate it.

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew Alföldi

P. S. I would greatly appreciate it if you would be good enough to have someone figure out the amount of income tax I would have to pay for both Federal and State.

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as dictated*

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I thank you for accepting Dr. Stephen Foltiny, 401 East 82nd Street, New York 28, New York, as my assistant, provided his appointment can be extended to several years. I hope also he will be allowed to stay with me in New York in July and August and transfer his household only in September. During my absence he can arrange my very extensive apparatus of notes, files and photographs, as well as to do useful work in preparing my new researches.

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The Consulate General of the United States, in Switzerland, suggested that the Institute should make me the beneficiary of a petition to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the U. S., for which the petition forms and full information may be obtained from any office of the Service just mentioned. More important still would be a petition of the same sort for the immigration permit for my son, Dr. Andrew Alföldi, Jr., born in Budapest, December 20, 1921, who is dependent on us, though recovered from a nervous breakdown.

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If you will be so kind as to confirm the arrangements above mentioned, giving me a short letter certifying my appointment, which I must have in hand when dealing with the Consular authorities in Switzerland, I would greatly appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Alföldi

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P. S. I would greatly appreciate it if you would be good enough to have someone figure out the amount of income tax I would have to pay for both Federal and State.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

24 February 1955

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I understand your reasons for requesting a leave from November through February next year, and on the clear understanding that this is an exceptional situation, and that we will not expect to grant such a leave again, we shall be glad to grant it for next year. We shall also be glad to appoint Foltiny as your assistant for the first semester if you will give me further particulars as to his whereabouts. It is not our custom to appoint non-resident assistants.

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If we do not alter the standard terms of your appointment, you will be able to negotiate with the appropriate insurance agency about pensions and death benefits, but because of the short time that you will be here I am quite clear that the benefits will not be as great as those that you are relinquishing in Basel. You may meet this situation either by setting aside money from your salary, or, if you wish to reduce your taxable income, by asking us to set aside the money for payment to you in subsequent years. We shall be glad to adopt either procedure. We would also be glad to divert a larger fraction of your salary to the purchase of retirement insurance. All of these matters can best be discussed when you are here, and we can put before you the actuarial details.

With regard to the cost of bringing your chattels to this country, and with regard to the problem of your home in Basel, these are not matters for which the Institute can assume any obligation. If, as we hoped, you assume your professorship here as of next year, your connection with the Institute will start on July 1st of this year, and we shall be glad at that time to advance to you the first six months of your salary in order to facilitate the solution of the problems of which you have written.

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With every good wish,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andreas Alföldi
Department of History
University of Basel
Basel, Switzerland

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Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andreas Alföldi
Department of History
University of Basel
Basel, Switzerland

15 February 1955

Dear Professor Alföldi:

In Dr. Oppenheimer's absence I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 11th. Dr. Oppenheimer will be pleased to have your good letter, which we shall hold for his return to Princeton next week. You could expect to hear from him shortly in regard to the questions you have raised.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)
Secretary to the Director

Professor Andrew Alföldi
Sevogelstrasse 114
Basel, Switzerland

Seminar für alte Geschichte der Universität Basel, Augustinergasse 19

Vorsteher: Prof. A. Alföldi, Sevogelstrasse 144

February 11, 1955

Dear Director Oppenheimer,

Very many thanks for your cordial letter from 3. February. I am deeply touched by the unanimous decision of the Faculty and the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, ~~and~~ by your own approval, by which a permanent professorship of your Historical School of such a great renown has been offered me. I accept this most generous offer with the warmest thanks in the hope that ~~the~~ ^{on this occasion} financial questions emerging can be solved ~~as~~ easily and also that some technical difficulties connected with the change of employment can be bridged ~~over~~ with your gallant help too. I wish to beg you to consider and kindly clear up the following details:

1.) The transport of my household and belongings and the journey of 3 persons to the United States require the expense of ca. \$ 4000. I don't dispose with this amount and so a corresponding supplement of the travelling expenses would be much desirable for me.

2.) The Authorities of the Canton Basel-Stadt warranted me a pension of ca. \$ 4.100 a year, if I would serve to my 70th year, accepting 17 years of my previous service by foreign Universities without an additional payment. For the case I would die before my wife, she would have the pension of ca. \$ 2500 a year; to my son (who is now 34 years old) a pension of \$ 1.500 was conceded for the case if not in possession of his full working capacity when I shall die. I would like to obtain no less in Princeton for me and for my family.

3.) I was compelled to buy a small house on grounds of health in Spiez (Canton Berne), to which the government of Basle lent me a certain sum from which \$ 4000 are not yet paid back. This amount must be returned when I shall give off my chair in Basle; but on the other hand the police of my life assurance of ca. \$ 4.500, which was deposited by the local authorities to give them the security for the loan, will be given back to me. Also the taxes, (ca. \$ 900 a year) which must be here paid normally a year

later than the due date, must be acquitted immediately when leaving the country. It may be that I shall be able to cover these expenses already from my salary; but in the case of an unfriendly reaction of the authorities on my abdication, a corresponding loan would be needed; I would offer you the disposal with my life-assurance for the sake of security for this purpose, in the case of such an emergency.

4.) I am preparing here a scientific handbook covering all the historical, cultural, economical etc. problems of the territory of the present Switzerland in the Roman times and in the Early Middle Ages and have chosen the theses of my pupils in the way as to obtain the contributors needed for this enterprise. My pupils will be ready with their theses as well as the other contributors with their chapters only next winter; and as I am invited for the spring term to Washington (Dumbarton Oaks) and for the summer to New York (Amer. Numismatic Soc.), so I have no opportunity to wind up this team-work and acquit its organization earlier than in winter 1955/56. These special circumstances constrain me to beg you to relieve me from my residential duties from November to the end of February ^{this year}. As the Basle University and its Trustees made ~~their~~ their best to grant me the most favourable terms of employment in European relations and treated me very kindly, it would also be impossible to leave them abruptly. I would regard this leave of course as strictly exceptional.

5.) As in this way I would need in the first half of the next budget year more assistance in Princeton and in the second half of it rather in Basle, I would like to propose to appoint for the first semester Stephen Foltiny (New York) as my assistant, and for the second semester Hans Bögli (Basle) in the same quality, - if such a disposition is possible.

6.) In interest of my pupils and of the teamwork organized by me, it would be desirable that my appointment should not be earlier made public than its real beginning.

I must at the end once more thank you for the great honour lavished on me. I can only pray to God to enable me to satisfy at least some modest part of your hopes connected with my nomination.

Yours very sincerely

Andrew Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 3, 1955

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Professor Alföldi:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you. I write to offer you, upon the unanimous vote of the Faculty and with the unanimous concurrence of the Trustees, a Professorship in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study. This Professorship carries with it no fixed duties or responsibilities for instruction or for lecturing. We make the appointment primarily to support your own researches, and to give you an opportunity to work with colleagues and to assist other scholars in whom you may be interested. We have two semesters, running from late September to just before Christmas, and from early January to mid-April; and during that time we hope, unless there are special circumstances involved, to have our Faculty in residence. One reason for this is that the Faculty determines the membership of the School, and makes such decisions as are necessary for the academic welfare and policy of the Institute. These duties are not arduous.

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Quite apart from these formal matters, I should say that it is generally our policy to support the work of Professors-Emeriti without regard to retirement.

It is my hope, and in this I speak for my colleagues here, that you will wish to join this rather small group of scholars, and that the conditions of work, and the association, will seem attractive, and will in fact prove helpful in the crowning years of a great scholarly career.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andreas Alföldi
Department of History
University of Basel
Basel, Switzerland

Enclosure

*sent to Sevangel Str 144
Basel Schweiz*

LIST OF OFFICES TO WHICH THIS PETITION MAY BE SUBMITTED

<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Fresno	California
Los Angeles	California
Sacramento	California
San Diego	California
San Francisco	California
Denver	Colorado
Hartford	Connecticut
Washington	D. C.
Miami	Florida
Honolulu	Hawaii
Boise	Idaho
Chicago	Illinois
Hammond	Indiana
Portland	Maine
Baltimore	Maryland
Boston	Massachusetts
Springfield	Massachusetts
Detroit	Michigan
Flint	Michigan
Duluth	Minnesota
St. Paul	Minnesota
Kansas City	Missouri
St. Louis	Missouri
Omaha	Nebraska
Reno	Nevada
Newark	New Jersey
Albany	New York
Buffalo	New York
New York	New York
Cincinnati	Ohio
Columbus	Ohio
Toledo	Ohio
Portland	Oregon
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Providence	Rhode Island
El Paso	Texas
San Antonio	Texas
Salt Lake City	Utah
St. Albans	Vermont
Seattle	Washington
Spokane	Washington
Tacoma	Washington
Milwaukee	Wisconsin

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INSTRUCTIONS

(Tear off this page before submitting this Petition)

1. ALIENS ELIGIBLE TO CLASSIFICATION.—Under section 203 (a) (1) (A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, "Immigrant visas to quota immigrants shall be allotted in each fiscal year as follows: (1) The first 50 per centum of the quota of each quota area for such year, plus any portion of such quota not required for the issuance of immigrant visas to the classes specified in paragraphs (2) and (3), shall be made available for the issuance of immigrant visas (A) to qualified quota immigrants whose services are determined by the Attorney General to be needed urgently in the United States because of the high education, technical training, specialized experience, or exceptional ability of such immigrants and to be substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy, cultural interests, or welfare of the United States."

2. PREPARATION OF FORM.—This form must be typewritten or printed legibly with pen and ink, and submitted in duplicate to the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service having jurisdiction over the place where the beneficiary is to be employed. (See list of Application Receiving Offices on reverse side.)

3. EXECUTION OF FORM.—This petition must be made under oath. It may be sworn to before an officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, without payment of notarial fee, or before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes; in such cases the official seal or certificate of authority to administer oaths must be affixed. If this petition is executed outside the United States it must be sworn to before a consular officer of the United States.

When this petition is filed by an agent or representative of an institution, firm, organization, or governmental agency, there must be attached evidence showing that the official executing this petition is the properly authorized representative of such institution, firm, organization, or governmental agency.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED.—The following documents shall be attached to and made a part of the petition:

- (1) One copy of a clearance order bearing a statement, from the United States Employment Service, that qualified persons are not available within the United States to perform the work, labor, or services which are to be performed by the beneficiary. The clearance card issued by the Employment Service of the Territory of Guam shall be accepted in lieu of that issued by the United States Employment Service in connection with a petition to import laborers for employment in Guam.
- (2) The petitioner shall attach to the petition affidavits of persons having special knowledge or information in the field of work, labor, or services which the beneficiary is to perform, showing the approximate length of time required for a person to become skilled or proficient in the performance of such work, labor, or services.
- (3) The petitioner shall attach to the petition, as a part thereof, a statement of efforts made by him or on his behalf to secure persons in the United States to perform the work, labor, or services to be performed by the beneficiary, including clippings of advertisements placed in newspapers, trade journals, professional and similar publications in the field of such work, labor, or services and copies of all correspondence, reports, replies, and responses received or obtained as a result of such advertisement. If no reply, response, or report was received, the petitioner should so indicate.
- (4) The petitioner shall attach to the petition, as a part thereof, a statement setting forth a full, complete, and detailed analysis establishing in what manner the services of the beneficiary will be substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy, cultural interests, or welfare of the United States.
- (5) The petitioner shall attach to the petition, as a part thereof, a full, complete, and detailed description of the high education, technical training, specialized experience, or exceptional ability of the beneficiary on the basis of which the beneficiary's services are alleged to be urgently required in the United States. Allegations of high education or technical training shall be supported by original, certified, or photographic copies of diplomas, school certificates, or equivalent documents or affidavits attesting to such education or technical training executed by the person in charge of the records of the educational or other institution, firm, or establishment wherein such education or training was acquired, improved, or effected. Allegations of specialized experience or exceptional ability shall be supported by affidavits attesting to and describing the degree and extent of special experience or ability, executed by the appropriate officer of the firms, organizations, establishments, or other institutions wherein the beneficiary acquired, improved, or perfected such experience or ability.

5. FEE.—A fee of ten dollars (\$10) for each beneficiary must accompany this petition. Remittances should be made payable to the "Treasurer of the United States." If residing in the Virgin Islands, remittances should be drawn in favor of the "Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands." If residing in Guam, remittances should be drawn in favor of the "Treasurer, Guam." Do not send coins or postage stamps.

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Form I-129
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Rev. 12-24-52)

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 43-R314.2.

Date of Receipt

PETITION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF QUOTA IMMIGRANT FOR ALIEN WHOSE SERVICES ARE NEEDED URGENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES

NOTE.—This form is for use by a person, institution, firm, organization, or governmental agency for whom the services are to be performed, and who is seeking the classification of quota immigrant (under section 204(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act) for an alien whose services are needed urgently in the United States. Attach the required remittance. (See instructions.)

(NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY PETITIONER)

ACTION BY DISTRICT DIRECTOR AT _____:

Approved. Disapproved.

(Signature of District Director)

Date _____, 19____

ON APPEAL OR CERTIFICATION

Approved. Disapproved.

(Signature of Assistant Commissioner)

Date _____, 19____

REMARKS:

The Secretary of State is hereby informed that the person in whose behalf this petition was filed is entitled to the classification requested.

Petition was filed at _____ M. on _____. The approval of this petition is valid until _____.

(Signature)

(Title)

(PETITIONER NOT TO WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE)

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE:

I hereby apply, pursuant to the provisions of part 204, title 8, Code of Federal Regulations for classification of the person named below as an immigrant under section 203(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

1. Location of American consulate at which application for visa will be made:

American Consulate General, Zurich, Switzerland

2. Name and address of (check appropriate block) person, institution, firm, organization, or governmental agency filing this petition:

Institute for Advanced Study, Olden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey

3. If petitioner is a corporation, date and place of incorporation:

4. Brief nontechnical description of nature of business conducted by petitioner and net annual income derived therefrom:
Professor of Ancient History, University of Basel, Switzerland ; annual income
30,000 Swiss francs (about \$7,500)
5. Description of work, labor or services to be performed by the beneficiary, and the terms and conditions of employment:
Professor of Ancient History (Greek and Roman); permanent Member of Faculty
of the Institute for Advanced Study at an annual salary of \$18,000.

6. The prospective immigrant is identified as follows:

<i>Full name</i> (And any other names ever used or by which known)	<i>Marital Status</i>	<i>Birthplace</i>	<i>Birth Date</i>
<u>Andrew Alföldi</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Pomay, Hungary</u>	<u>August 27, 1895</u>

7. Present address of prospective immigrant:
Sevogelstrasse 114 Basil Switzerland
 (Street) (City) (Province) (Country)

8. The prospective immigrant has at any time been in the United States. (If ever in the United States, give information requested below):
 (Has) (Has not)

<i>Alien Registration No.</i>	<i>Place of last entry</i>	<i>Date of last entry</i>	<i>Date of departure</i>
<u>963389</u>	<u>Idlewild, L. I., N. Y.</u>	<u>February 28, 1955</u>	<u>May 31, 1955</u>

9. If admitted to the United States, the beneficiary of this petition will perform the services at:
The Institute for Advanced Study, Olden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey
 (Number and street) (City) (Zone No.) (State)

10. The prospective immigrant will be accompanied by his or her spouse Emma Alföldi and by his or her children:
 (Name of husband or wife)

Name	Date of Birth	Sex
<u>Andrew Alföldi</u>	<u>12/18/21</u>	<u>Male</u>

11. Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are (check appropriate boxes): (See Instructions)
- Clearance order bearing a statement from the United States Employment Service concerning the availability of like labor in the United States.
 - Affidavit as to period of time required to become skilled or proficient, in the field of work, labor or services to be performed by the beneficiary.
 - Statements of efforts made to find, within the United States, persons qualified to perform the work, labor or services which will be rendered by the beneficiary.
 - Statement as to manner in which services of beneficiary will be substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy, cultural interests, or welfare of the United States.
 - Description of high education, technical training, specialized experience, or exceptional ability of the beneficiary, and supporting affidavits.

I do swear that I have read the foregoing petition and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature R. O.

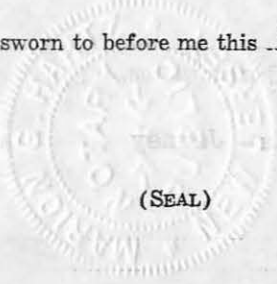
Name Robert Oppenheimer
 (Type or print)

Title Director
 (Must be petitioner himself or authorized representative of institution, firm, organization, or governmental agency filing this petition. See instructions.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of June, 1955, at Princeton, N.J.

My commission expires June 16, 1959
 Signature of officer administering oath

Marion H. Identy
 Title Notary Public of New Jersey



9 June 1955

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"Description of high education, technical training, specialized experience, or exceptional ability of the beneficiary, and supporting affidavits."

Professor Alföldi is rated at present, the greatest authority in the fields of Roman History, early Christian History, numismatics of the Roman Empire, archaeology of that period and other related branches of knowledge.

Robert Oppenheimer

Robert Oppenheimer

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 9th day of June, 1955

Marion G. Hartz

A Notary Public of the State of New Jersey



9 June 1955

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"Statement as to manner in which services of beneficiary will be substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy, cultural interests, or welfare of the United States."

From the presence of Professor Alföldi, profit will arise not only to the Institute for Advanced Study but also to institutions such as Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Harvard University at Washington, D. C., the American Numismatics Society in New York and many other societies and universities.

Robert Oppenheimer

Robert Oppenheimer



Sworn and subscribed to before
me this 9th day of June, 1955

Marion G. Hartz

A Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

9 June 1955

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"Statements of efforts made to find, within the United States, persons qualified to perform the work, labor or services which will be rendered by the beneficiary."

As with all university appointments, the qualifications of Professor Alföldi cannot be duplicated.

Robert Oppenheimer
Robert Oppenheimer

Sworn and subscribed to before
me this 9th day of June, 1955

Marion G. Hartz

A Notary Public of the State of New Jersey



Form I-171A
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
(12-24-52)

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF VISA PETITION

Philadelphia, Pa.

Date	July 22, 1955
Visa Petition No.	04-19854 Adj.
Date Petition Filed	June 13, 1955
Time Petition Filed	1:19 p.m.
Validity of approval expires	July 22, 1956

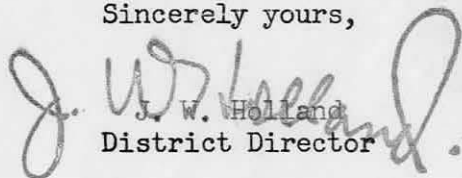
In re: ANDREW ALFOLDI

Robert Oppenheimer, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Olden Lane
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir (or Madam):

Your Visa Petition (filed on Form I-129, for Classification of Quota Immigrant for Alien whose Services are Needed Urgently in the United States) has been approved by this Service. The time and date the petition was filed, and the date on which approval expires, are indicated above. The approved petition has been forwarded to the Department of State for transmission to the appropriate American Consul. The actual issuance of visas is a function of American Consular officers who serve under the Visa Division of the Department of State. The American Consular office having jurisdiction over the place where the intended immigrant resides will notify him as soon as the approved petition is received and inform him of all further steps necessary to apply for a visa. It is unnecessary for you or the prospective immigrant to take any further action until receipt of appropriate notice from the American Consular office.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Holland
District Director

Informed Alföldi 7/26/55

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Memorandum to the Faculty

The School of Historical Studies proposes to the Faculty of the Institute that Andreas Alföldi be appointed a professor in the Institute for Advanced Study. Alföldi, whose vita and bibliography (in selection) are attached, is at present professor of ancient history in the University of Basel. He was appointed to this position after having held the professorship at the University of Bern, whither he had fled from Budapest in 1947.

Alföldi is recognized throughout the world of scholarship as a pre-eminent, perhaps the greatest, authority in his field: the study of Imperial Rome, pagan and Christian. Starting as a numismatist and historian, he succeeded in reconstructing, mainly on the basis of coins and their imagery, the full history of the monarchic ceremonial, of the insignia, titles, and costumes of Hellenistic kings and Roman emperors, and in integrating the results of this detailed work with the general history of political and philosophical ideas of Late Antiquity. These studies have opened very surprising new vistas for the evaluation and understanding of the medieval ecclesiastical ceremonial, insignia, and prerogatives of bishops and popes. All students of the period of the transition from Pagan Rome to Christian Byzantium, and of early Church history, are today dependent upon Alföldi's fundamental studies, the importance of which rivals that of Franz Cumont's pioneer work in these fields. While the history of religions is naturally an important element in his studies, he is at the same time prehistorian and archaeologist, and in general a classical scholar whose work covers other periods as well. He has, for example, written essential studies on the history and cults of Pannonia and Dacia.

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The international recognition of his achievements is attested to by the fact that at least seven academies have bestowed upon him honorary membership (l'Institut de France, British Academy, Pontificale Accademia di Archeologia, Bavarian, Danish, Hungarian, Bulgarian Academies), while he is a corresponding member of most archaeological and philological associations in Europe.

Alföldi was visiting professor at Dumbarton Oaks in 1950 and is returning there to serve in the same capacity for the spring term of 1955, after which he will join for a summer session the faculty of the American Numismatic Society in New York.

The scholarly vitality of his written works is a true reflection of the man himself. Great as are the quality and quantity of his published scholarship, he has in fact only just approached the peak of his productiveness.

We have not as yet asked for the opinions of other scholars but it would be easy enough to get any information from Professor Albert M. Friend, Princeton and formerly Dumbarton Oaks; Professor André Grabar, Collège de France; and Harold Mattingly, British Museum.

ANDREAS ALFÖLDI

Born: Pomáz, Hungary, August 27, 1895

Present Position: Professor of Ancient History, Basel 1952

Former Positions: ord. Professor Debrecen 1928-31; Budapest, 1931-47,
(also Curator of the Numismatic Collections in the Museum of
Budapest); Bern, 1947-52.

Special field: Numismatics, Ancient History, History of Religion,
Archaeology, Prehistory

Significant Publications:

Untergang der Römerherrschaft in Pannonien (1924-26)
Die Ausgestaltung des monarchischen Zeremoniells am römischen
Kaiserhofe (Röm.Mitteil., 49 [1934])
Insignien und Tracht der römischen Kaiser (*ibid.*, 50 [1935])
Studies in the Social Morphology, Art and Archaeology of the
Nomads of Eurasia (1936-37)
A Festival of Isis in Rome in the Fourth Century (1937)
Daci e Romani in Transilvania (1940)
A History of Aquincum (1942)
Die Kontorniaten, 2 vols. (1943)
The Conversion of Constantine the Great and Pagan Rome (1948)
Valentinian and the Senate (1949)
Studies on Zoomorphic Headgears (1950)
Studien über Caesars Monarchie (1953)

Contributions: Cambridge Ancient History XI and XII, and a couple of
hundred or more articles in numismatic, historical, archaeological,
philological periodicals, Festschriften, and serials.

Editor: Dissertationes Pannonicae, Dissertationes Bernenses, Archäolog.
Ertesitö.

24. Dezember 1954

Verehrter Freund,

Selten habe ich einen Weihnachtsbrief freudigeren Herzens geschrieben als diesen Brief an Sie. Er enthält eine vorerst streng vertrauliche Mitteilung, die Sie hoffentlich ebenso freuen wird wie den Schreiber dieser Zeilen.

Bei dem letzten vor-weihnachtlichen Meeting der Gesamtfakultät unseres Instituts (School of Historical Studies und School of Mathematics) wurde einstimmig und mit grossem Enthusiasmus der Beschluss gefasst, Ihnen eine permanente Professur am Institut, in der School of Historical Studies, anzubieten.

Um rechtskräftig zu werden, muss dieser Beschluss Mitte Januar ein zweites Mal vorgelegt werden, um dann Ende Januar den Trustees unterbreitet zu werden. Dies sind Formalitäten, die ich nur deshalb erwähne, um Ihnen zu erklären, dass unser Director, Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, Ihnen erst gegen Ende Januar die offizielle Einladung zugehen lassen kann. Da ich jedoch weiss, dass Sie bald im Aufbruch begriffen sein werden und dass Sie dieses Angebot überlegen müssen, so schreibe ich Ihnen privatim und vertraulich, welche Mitteilung Sie binnen kurzen zu erwarten haben.

Über die Bedingungen im Einzelnen - wie Gehalt, Reisegeld, Pension - wird Sie Dr. Oppenheimer unterrichten. Ich will lediglich bemerken, dass die Bedingungen auch für amerikanische Begriffe ungewöhnlich günstig, ja einzigartig, sind. Von allem Materiellen abgesehen, Sie haben keinerlei Verpflichtungen ausser solchen, die Sie sich selbst auferlegen wollen und ausser den wenigen, die es in jeder Fakultät in einem beratenden Sinne zu erledigen gibt. Die offiziellen Semester sind kurz (letzte Septemberwoche bis Anfang Dezember, und Mitte Januar bis erste Aprilwoche). Einige Information mag Ihnen das beiliegende Heftchen geben. Auf der vorletzten Seite finden Sie die Namen der Professoren in alphabetischer Ordnung, deren Reihe hoffentlich in Zukunft Ihr Namen eröffnen wird.

Unnötig Ihnen zu sagen, mit welcher Freude nicht nur ich, sondern auch meine Kollegen einer Zusammenarbeit mit Ihnen entgegensehen.

Mit allen guten Neujahrswünschen,
Herzlichst wie stets
Ihr

Eka

This note was written to Professor Kantorowicz
from Professor Grabar of the Collège de France

ANDREAS ALFÖLDI

Andreas Alföldi est l'un des historiens les plus en vue de notre temps et reconnu comme tel, dans tous les pays du monde.* Son oeuvre est immense, et il continue de produire à un rythme inégalé, car il joint à ses dons d'historien-créateur, une puissance de travail surprenante et un besoin de communiquer ses découvertes et ses vues, qui fait de lui un membre particulièrement utile de la communauté des savants.

Si vastes que soient les perspectives que nous ouvrent les travaux d'Alföldi, ils sont centrés généralement sur un domaine défini: l'Antiquité romaine ou le Monde barbare à la fin de l'Antiquité et au début du Moyen Age. Ce programme a dû s'établir dans l'esprit d'Alföldi parce que en Hongrie, où il a vécu et travaillé pendant longtemps, il a été attiré, avant tout, par les monuments de l'ancienne Pannonie, romaine d'abord, barbare, ensuite.

Au départ il s'était attaché à des études de numismatique et d'archéologie locales, mais, contrairement à tant d'érudits provinciaux, il a voulu "situer" l'histoire locale par rapport à la grande histoire, et appuyer les moindres de ces travaux, sur une documentation exhaustive.

Cette documentation, si complète, lui ouvrit alors la voie aux études qui dépassaient les problèmes pannoniens, sans qu'il ait jamais interrompu la lignée des recherches particulières réservées au passé de son pays et de ses ancêtres Hongrois. Du côté de la grande histoire de Rome, il se manifesta d'abord par deux longs mémoires consacrés aux origines des cérémonies de la Cour impériale tardive, des insignes du pouvoir et des autres manifestations de la conception nouvelle de la monarchie universelle. Avec un sens surprenant de l'histoire, Alföldi réussit à fixer dans ces deux recherches les premières étapes d'un processus qui conduira à la monarchie byzantine et occidentale du moyen-âge, et c'est pourquoi son travail a servi de clef ou de base à d'autres historiens qui, après lui, ont étudié la doctrine et les manifestations extérieures de la monarchie chrétienne.

*Il est membre de nombreuses universités et académies, dont la Royal Society, l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, l'Académie pontificale.

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En numismate et en historien, Alföldi a pu aborder d'une façon qui lui est personnelle les grands sujets, tel que l'empereur Constantin et sa conversion au christianisme, ou tel que le conflit des idées politiques qui marque les derniers siècles de l'Empire romain. Il en tira deux livres, succints et sobres, où son sens de l'histoire l'a servi encore, pour écarter les hypothèses sensationnelles et parfois aventureuses concernant le rôle de Constantin dans le triomphe du Christianisme, tandis que sa connaissance incomparable des textes et des monuments archéologiques et numismatiques de l'Empire tardif l'a toujours tenu en contact étroit avec les témoignages directs du passé qu'il étudiait.

L'époque romaine tardive pose à chaque pas le problème des rapports du monde latin avec l'Orient sémitique, iranien et égyptien. Alföldi s'est penché maintes fois sur ce problème, et en a traité, dans des études brillantes, notamment à propos du culte d'Isis à Rome, au IV^e siècle. Ce qui le mettait, en outre, sur la voie des recherches sur la réaction païenne à Rome, après Constantin - sujet des plus passionnants et qui, à son tour, rentre dans la catégorie des thèmes essentiels de la fin de l'Antiquité, - ceux de l'essor des croyances religieuses de toute origine, au sein de la société romaine. Les contributions d'Alföldi à l'étude de la vie religieuse mouvementée de cette époque, et d'époques plus anciennes et plus récentes à Rome, sont parmi les plus attachantes qu'on connaisse, et dans le nombre je relèverais surtout celles qui, typiques pour Alföldi, intéressent à la fois les activités religieuses et politiques, que ce soit en Grèce classique, dans la Rome républicaine et surtout impériale, ou chez les "peuples cavaliers" de race Turque, Huns, Avars, Hongrois.

C'est dans de nombreuses études récentes, qui rentrent dans cette catégorie générale, que l'ampleur exceptionnelle des recherches d'Alföldi se manifeste d'une façon nouvelle, et plus frappante encore qu'avant. Sans jamais quitter les sources, il reconstruit en larges traits l'histoire d'un usage ou d'un symbole, en parcourant les siècles depuis la proto-histoire jusqu'au moyen-âge et en embrassant du regard tous les pays du Vieux Monde, depuis l'Islande jusqu'en Chine: mythologie et littérature grecque et romaine, ou indienne et iranienne, traditions légendaires des peuples turcs nomades, usages byzantins et musulmans, et tout le trésor des documents archéologiques, d'où qu'ils ne viennent, sont mis en contribution par Alföldi, pour éclairer les étapes de l'histoire de tel symbole cosmique ou de portée politique générale. On se saurait imaginer d'études plus suggestives, sinon définitives; d'autant plus que l'imagination créatrice d'Alföldi lui permet souvent d'entrevoir les solutions les plus plausibles de problèmes particulièrement controversés.

Alföldi s'est taillé là un domaine d'études qui lui est propre, et l'on ne peut qu'exprimer le souhait qu'il y persevère, pour le plus grand bien de la recherche historique.

André Grabar
Collège de France

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January 18, 1955

Dear Robert,

Here's a letter from Bert Friend which
will please you, as it pleased me.

Sincerely yours,

EKa.

The Director
Institute for Advanced Study

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Department of Art and Archaeology

January 17, 1955

Professor Ernst Kantorowicz
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey.

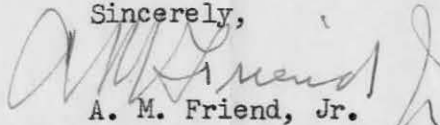
Dear Professor Kantorowicz:

You have asked for my opinion of the scholarly attainments and position in the world of scholarship of Professor Andrew Alföldi. I consider him one of the very outstanding scholars in the field of study of Roman imperial history and art. His contribution to the understanding of the symbols of kingship ranges from the earliest antiquity to virtually modern times. He is generally considered the foremost scholar alive in connection with these matters. He is at the same time one of the great scholars in the field of numismatics.

I called him to Dumbarton Oaks as Visiting Professor for the spring term in 1950 because of his eminence in his field and because we felt the need of his assistance. My colleagues in Dumbarton Oaks, now that I am no longer director, have again asked him for the spring term of this current year. After that he is to be one of the chief lecturers at the American Numismatic Society in their well-known summer seminars.

He is personally a very charming man and I can only say how much I learned from him with pleasure when he was my colleague at Dumbarton Oaks.

Sincerely,



A. M. Friend, Jr.

Marquand Professor of Art and Archaeology

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Jan. 1974.

Dear Robert -

Another Alföldi letter!

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
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Department of Art and Archaeology

January 18, 1955

Professor Ernst Kantorowicz
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Professor Kantorowicz:

Having just been informed that Professor Alföldi is being considered to become a permanent member of the Institute, I would like to tell you that, in my personal opinion, this would be one of the best appointments the Institute could possibly make.

Alföldi belongs to that generation of historians who have a deep insight into a certain phase of history because they know how to use competently evidence from many different fields and how to coordinate the results. It is difficult to classify a scholar like Alföldi who is an eminent archaeologist and knows, like any professional in his field, his monuments in a wide field of Roman empire art and, related to and growing out of it, Germanic, Celtic, Scythian monuments and those of many other nations. As a historian, he has increased our knowledge of one of the most critical periods in history--the 3rd and 4th centuries--from so many different points of view, to mention only imperial, ceremonial, religious policy of the Constantinian dynasty and cultural activities alongside of strictly political history. In my opinion nobody can study today, as an archaeologist or historian, this phase of history without coming to grips with Alföldi's writings. Philologists have a high regard for his sound knowledge of literary sources. He has his reputation as an epigraphist, and he is an acknowledged numismatist.

In this diversity of interests in many fields and in his ability lies Alföldi's strength as a humanist who masters and at the same time transcends the study of details.

All this you know, of course, better than I do, but I would also like to take this opportunity to add a personal note. Ever since I met Alföldi many years ago in this country, I have remained in contact with him and have been impressed by his personal charm and willingness to share and to exchange his knowledge with his colleagues. His presence in Princeton would be stimulating to other people's research, including my own, and I also feel sure that he would be most welcome by my colleagues.

With kind regards,

As always, yours sincerely,

Kurt Weitzmann
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ANDREW ALFOLDI

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