

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Memorandum to: Harry Woolf  
From: Allen Rowe  
Date: February 17, 1981  
Subject: Professor Alfoldi

Although Professor Alfoldi did not have a mortgage with the Institute, he did receive a subsidy when he bought his house, and we do have a repurchase agreement on the house. The details are as follows:

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| November 1956: | By Alfoldi       | \$26,666.67        |
|                | By IAS           | <u>13,333.33</u>   |
|                | Total            | \$40,000.00        |
| April 1975:    | Capital Addition | 20,727.17          |
| August 1979:   | Insulation       | <u>2,350.00</u>    |
|                | Total            | <u>\$63,077.17</u> |

IAS's interest = 21%.

The Institute paid a retirement supplement to Professor Alfoldi. In this fiscal year it is \$17,736.51 of which he has already received \$16,000.



*AW*

Andrew Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

At present Toronto,  
March 20, 1977

Professor Harry Woolf,  
Director,  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N.J. 08540

Dear Dr. Woolf,

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23 which was forwarded to me to Toronto. Hence my delay in answering.

I appreciate your understanding of my situation, and I am especially grateful for your intention to have the entire pension arrangement reviewed at the Spring meeting with the Board of Trustees. I should like to stress again that I have been as active in research and publication during the eleven years since my retirement as can be expected of any "active" member of the Institute.

I shall be back in Princeton shortly after Easter, and I hope to see you then.

Yours sincerely,

*Andrew Alföldi*

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February 23, 1977

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
School of Historical Studies  
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 1977, enquiring about pension arrangements for Professors Emeriti and also raising the matter of academic assistants. Since I was not party to the most recent arrangements made on behalf of Emeriti allow me to convey to you my understanding of the agreed upon policies which bear upon the economic relationship of the Emeriti to the Institute for Advanced Study.

As I understand it, in September 1975 at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, and after extensive discussion of pension benefits as well as other facilities for Professors Emeriti, it was voted as policy that a target of 50% of current professorial salaries (including Social Security) be adopted as the pension to be paid to Emeriti, and that, when appropriate, pension supplements be added to the income of Emeriti to achieve this goal. Furthermore, this policy as a whole will be reviewed in 1980. At the same meeting it was also agreed that a ceiling of \$7,000 be established for academic assistants, and that sum could be broken down in three ways or any combination thereof by the Professors Emeriti:

- a) for a part-time assistant;
- b) for a part-time secretary;
- c) for a travel allowance up to but not exceeding \$1,500 per annum.

All of the above actions became effective policy as of 1 July 1976.

With specific regard to your letter, there was indeed an earlier, standing arrangement that a supplementary grant would be made to you each year in order to bring your total TIAA and CREF up to \$15,000 per annum. However, effective from 1 January 1976, when the new policy came to bear upon you the following conditions prevailed:

- a) the above total was raised to \$20,000;
- b) your Social Security payments came to \$3,962.40;
- c) thus, you received an effective increase of \$1,037.60.

Finally, with regard to the last part of your letter, it is correct that during the period of the original agreement with you and also on 1 July of last year, you did have an assistant whose average salary was \$8,000 per annum, but I would like to remind you that at the same time you had no travel allowance. I do appreciate the fact that if you elect to use the travel, as many other Emeriti do, that the remaining \$5,500 is insufficient for a full-time position, though it might suffice for a part-time secretary. I am concerned about this, that is to say, about the \$7,000 ceiling on academic assistants, and as we come to grips with the budgetary problems for next year it may be possible to alter that limit, but I can make no promises at this time. In any case, I do intend to review the entire question with the Board at its regular meeting in the spring. I wish that our assets were large enough to render all of the above ancient and obsolete enabling me to provide you with the appropriate assistance and generous support commensurate with your rank and distinction, but unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, such is not the case.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Woolf

cc. Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Toronto, February 15, 1977

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Dr. Harry Woolff  
Director  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Woolff,

Re: New pension arrangement for the professors emeriti of the IAS

Recently, the Trustees decided to raise the pension of the professors emeriti so as to bring it up to one half of the present salary of the active colleagues. The new arrangement, which was to increase the pension from \$ 15,000 per annum to \$ 20,000 per annum, began for the year 1976/77. Part of this arrangement was to consider the social security payments, which previously were not taken into account, as part of this total pension, i.e., deduct it from the actual payments of the Institute. The result for me is as follows:

Previously, my pension, consisting of TIAA, CREF, and the grant from IAS, amounted to \$ 15,000. The social security payments for 1976/77 came to \$ 3,962.40. Thus my income on the basis of my 1966 retirement agreement would have been \$ 18,962.40.

Under the new arrangement, the pension is supposed to be increased to \$ 20,000, but since the social security payments are being deducted from this sum, it amounts (assuming the social security payments remain at the present level) to \$ 16,037.60. Should social security payments be increased, as they have been in the past from time to time, the actual pension will be even smaller. My annual net income is, in fact, smaller under the new regulation than it was under my original retirement arrangement.

Also under the new plan, the arrangements for assistance to the research work of the emeriti was changed. In my own case this means that instead of having a full assistant at the modest salary of \$ 8,000 per annum, I have now a part-time assistant, who is being paid \$ 5,500 per annum; in addition, a travel grant of \$ 1,500 for research work in Europe has been awarded again, a grant that been denied me on my retirement in 1966. These two sums together are less than the salary for a full assistant, although in my original letter of appointment I was promised continued help for my research after my retirement.

I ask you to submit to the Trustees my request to revise the absurd new pension arrangement, and I should be grateful for your help in achieving a just and equitable solution to the problem, taking into consideration, at least in my own case, the following facts:

1. Social security payments are based on one's own contributions and cannot be regarded as part of the pension resulting from work at the IAS: no extra income earned by the active professors of the Institute is ever being deducted from their salary.

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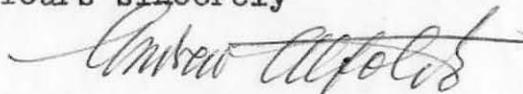
2. I am still working at about the same pace as I did before my so-called retirement, as can be seen from the list of my publications of the last 10 years. An Institute devoted to pure research cannot regard my work and achievements after the age of 70 as of less value than before or than those of the active members.

3. During the ten years following my retirement, my pension was not increased at all, although during this same period the salary of the active professors ~~was~~ was increased from \$ 30,000 to \$ 40,000 per annum. It goes without saying that I suffer as much from the rising cost of living as anybody else: even the social security payments have been raised because of the inflation. During these same ten years I did not receive the annual travel grant given to the active members, and since my research work can only be done on the basis of studying material in European collections, I had to pay my annual research journeys to Europe out of my own pension.

4. The new regulation about the research assistant's salary makes it very difficult for me to find adequate help. No young person with the necessary qualifications can be expected to accept a position as assistant on those terms. I hope that for 1977/78 the West German granting agencies will give a grant to the young man who wants to be my assistant, to enable him to become acquainted with my research methods, but one cannot rely on this kind of help from abroad. There may be colleagues, who do not need assistants, but I do need at least one fully qualified one, quite apart from any purely secretarial help. There are several research projects, started long ago, that need to be finished. At my time of life I cannot expect to carry them through without competent help. The international recognition that my work has received, not only before my retirement, but especially during the last ten years, can easily be gathered from the number of high Academic honours awarded me from various European countries.

I hope that you will give this matter serious consideration, and I think it is of importance not just for myself.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi, professor emeritus

CC: The executive officer of the School of Historical Studies  
The General Manager  
Interested Colleagues of the Historical and Mathematical Schools

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

Telephone-609-924-4400

February 22, 1977

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harry Woolf

FROM: Minot C. Morgan, Jr.

SUBJECT: Emeriti pension and service arrangements (re Alföldi letter)

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in September 1975, there was an extensive discussion of faculty pension benefits and of other academic facilities for professors emeriti. With respect to the first the following action was taken:

After some discussion it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the target of 50% of current salary (including Social Security) be adopted and that pension supplements be paid to achieve this and further that the whole matter be reviewed in 1980. The Director sought and was granted the authority to make a comparable arrangement for Dr. Bigelow.

With respect to the latter, it was moved that the ceiling for academic assistance be \$7,000. This could be used in any of three ways or a combination thereof:

- a. for a part-time private secretary;
- b. for a part-time assistant;
- c. for \$1,500 travel allowance.

All of these actions were to take effect on July 1, 1976.

With respect to Professor Alföldi's letter of February 15, there was indeed a long-standing arrangement that a supplementary grant would be made to him each year to bring his total TIAA and CREF payments up to \$15,000. Effective January 1, 1976 the new policy effected him as follows:

- a. the total was raised to \$20,000;
- b. his Social Security payments came to \$3,962.40;
- c. he, therefore, received an increase of \$1,037.60.

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With respect to the latter part of his letter, it is true that during the period of the original agreement with Alföldi and last July 1, he did have an assistant each year at an average salary of \$8,000 per annum, but he had no travel allowances. The one matter that might be reviewed with the Board is the \$7,000 ceiling. If an emeritus professor elected to use his travel money (as a number of them do), the remaining \$5,500 is sufficient for one-half of a private secretary, but is a very modest amount to work with if you are trying to find a full-time assistant (I believe Alföldi is the only one of the Emeriti who try to combine the travel-assistant package).

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike*

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.

17 December 1965

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

Dr. Oppenheimer has authorized the payment to Professor Alföldi, from his travel fund, of \$1,000, as reimbursement for his expenses for travel in 1965.

Verna Hobson

Copy to Professor Alföldi

Princeton, dec. 16, 1965

Report of A. Alföldi  
on his research-travels in  
the calendar-year 1965

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

I made the following research travels in Europe in 1965:

April 26: New York- Cologne

28-May 1: The Historia Augusta-Colloquium in Bonn-Unkel

May 2-3: Frankfurt

3 Mainz and Ingelheim

4-5 Heidelberg (lecture)

6 Darmstadt

7-12 Paris

15 Basel

20-22 Milano

23-Rome (with excursions to the old cities of Latium and a lecture  
on the University) till June 16

June 17-20 Naples

21 Milano and Pavia

July 4-26 cities of Northern Italy : Mantua, Ferrara, Spina, Verona, Udine

August Swiss museums visited , 14 days

Sept. 12-17 Geneva-Vienne-Orange- Arles- St.-Remy-Cavaillon-Lyon-Vaison- Le Pègu

18 Geneva

23 Zuerich-London

23-26 London

26 New York

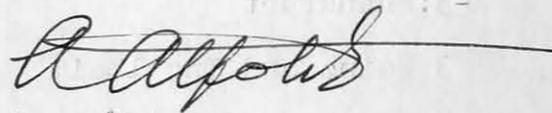
The travel-grant for the academic year 1965/66 was spent for the air  
travel and the 48 days of voyage in Europe; I would be obliged for its immedi-  
ate reimbursement.

Scientific results:

Beside~~s~~ pursuing earlier projects, I collected new evidence for the monetary and economic history of the second Punic War, for the archaic epoch in Latium. ~~Besides~~ <sup>Further on</sup> I made new research on the religion of Isis in Rome, and found especially in Southern France relevant new source-evidence for this.

A series of publications appeared or are in press, based on my research-travels in the last years, - 25 ~~in figures for~~ <sup>of them in</sup> the last 5 years.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

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26 January 1965

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

This will authorize you to charge Professor Alföldi's travel fund and deposit to his account in the First National Bank the sum of \$1,000, as partial reimbursement of his expenses for travel in Europe last summer.

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Professor Alföldi

30 September 1963

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

This will authorize you to charge Professor Alföldi's travel fund and pay him the sum of \$1,000, as partial reimbursement of his expenses for travel this summer.

Professor Alföldi would appreciate having the money deposited in his account at the First National Bank.

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Professor Alföldi

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 27, 1962

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
Oberlandstrasse 99  
Spiez  
Switzerland

Dear Professor Alföldi:

I am in receipt of a request from Mrs. Hobson for your travel money. We will deposit the first \$1,000 tomorrow.

I believe it is a little irregular to assign the 1962-1963 appropriation to expenses incurred prior to July 1, 1962, and I must therefore wait for Dr. Oppenheimer's approval on the second \$1,000.

Mrs. Hobson or I will write him this week.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.  
General Manager

MCM:lw

cc: Dr. R. Oppenheimer

Alfordi Travel  
July 9, 1962

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dear Mr. Morgan,

Thank you for the detailed account of the travel grants I touched from 1955-1956 on.

This shows that you were correct that my request for \$2,000 in-  
volves the 1962-1963 <sup>appropriation</sup>. I made a gross error, forgetting the \$.1000 deposited for me on nov. 25, 1960 after my eye-operation.

Yours cordially

Andrew Alfordi

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

Report on the travels in Europe of A. Alföldi in the academic years  
1962-63 and 1963-64 till the end of September 1963.

a) Financial Report

July 1-2 1962 Frankfurt and Bonn

" 4-19 travels from Spiez to Avenches, Zürich, Bern, Basel, Brugg, Baden,  
Lausanne, Genève collecting materials in the museums

20 Zürich, Iranian exhibition

August 1-28 travels to St. Gallen, Winterthur, Schaffhausen, St. Maurice  
d'Agaune, Biel, Luzern, Windisch, Basel, Nyon

August 28-Sept. 6: Intern. Congress for Prehistory in Rome with visits to  
Allumiere, Tolfa, Cerveteri, Villa Hadriana, Tivoli, Palestrina.

Sept. 7-8 Milano, Como

Sept. 30 Flight to New York

April 26 1963 Flight New-York-Zürich

27 Zürich

May 7-8 Basel

14 Bern

24-25 Basel

26 lecture in Berne (Société des Etudes Latines)

June 2 Milano

3-20 Rome

21-23 Naples

24-26 Taranto, Brindisi, Bari

27-30 Rome

July 1-2 Rome

August 22 Augusta Raurica (Augst) a examination of the new Roman silver  
treasure

Sept. 1-14: Intern. Congress for Classical Archeology in Paris

15-24 travels to excavation sites and museums in Switzerland

29 Flight Zürich-New York

For all these travels I spent

for 3 transatlantic flights \$ 960.-

for the travels in Switzerland 80.-

" " " " Italy 90.-

" " " " France 40.-

for daily expenses throughout 116 days 1160.-, totalling \$ 2330.-

For the academic year 1962/63 I already received in advance the \$ 1000.- due to me. Please let transfer to the First National Bank of Princeton the \$ 1000.- due to me for the travels of 1963-64.

#### Scientific results.

Without the annual travels in Italy I would be never able to write my book on "Early Rome and the Latins", delivered at Easter 1963 to the Michigan Univ. Press after 6 years of work. It is a book which will make around 500 pages with several thousand footnotes and 26 plates, 2 maps. It is based besides a new reappraisal of the literary texts, on archeological evidence mainly unpublished or just made available in print, on personal visits of the historical sites, on studies of Etruscan vases, engraved gems, reliefs, inscriptions, on topographical research in the outskirts of Rome, on coin-evidence collected through those years.

The Corpus of the coins of Caesar in 44 B.C. is now ready for publication, comprising some 1500 specimens, arranged after dies and die-links, not only after types. The effort made is rewarded by a new insight of Caesar's last plans.

A book on the surnames of the Republican magistrates and the pictorial representations of the same on the coins of the Second Punic War will be finished in the winter, I hope. The origin of the early consular lists, containing those surnames, can be explained by the results. The changing aspects of the structure of the leading class also are reflected on the opprobrious nick-names of the great princely clans.

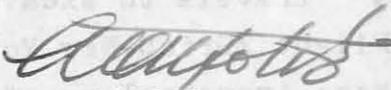
A sort of financial history of the Late Republic emerges from the extensive collection of coin-materials, - a new task for the next years.

The first volume of the Handbook of Roman and Early Medieval Switzerland by R. Moosbrugger, a fundamental work, is almost finished; other volumes by Mrs. Ettliger and others follow.

The first volume of the studies on the Historia Augusta by Johannes Straub appeared. It is a very essential contribution. A miscellaneous volume by our visiting scholars of the last years goes soon to press.

With the expression of his sincere thanks

Yours sincerely

  
Andrew Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

July 6, 1962

Professor A. Alfoldi  
Oberlandstr. 99  
Spiez  
Switzerland

Dear Professor Alfoldi:

I have your letter of July 3rd regarding your travel money. You have by now heard from Mrs. Hobson that the Director has approved the deposit of the second \$1,000.

I am afraid, however, that I was correct in the fact that this does represent the 1962-1963 appropriation. I have checked our records carefully a second time, and they are as follows:

1. 1955-1956 appropriation paid by bank transfer, on July 18, 1956, to the Swiss bank.
2. 1956-1957 appropriation paid and deposited to your account in Princeton on June 27, 1957.
3. 1957-1958 appropriation paid and deposited to your account in Princeton on June 11, 1958.
4. 1958-1959 appropriation paid and deposited to your account in Princeton on July 1, 1959.
5. 1959-1960 appropriation paid and deposited to your account in Princeton on May 3, 1960.

All of the above is quite simple and regular. The misunderstanding comes in the following years:

6. 1960-1961 appropriation paid by bank transfer to the Swiss bank on November 25, 1960 (see copy of your letter to Dr. Oppenheimer, dated November 15, 1960.)
7. 1961-1962 appropriation paid and deposited to your account in Princeton on June 28, 1962.

Your request for \$2,000 at this time therefore does involve the 1962-1963 appropriation.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.  
General Manager

MCM:lw

Copy to Mrs. Verna Hobson  
*with kind regards*

Spiez, the 3 July, 1962

Mr. Minot C. MORGAN  
General Manager  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Morgan,

In your letter from June 27 you write me as follows:

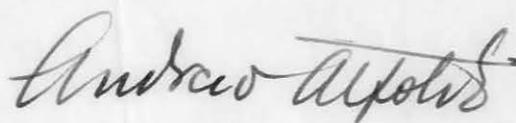
"I believe it is a little irregular to assign the 1962-1963 appropriation to expenses incurred prior to July 1, 1962, and I must therefore wait for Dr. Oppenheimer's approval on the second \$ 1.000."

But there is no question of the 1962-1963 appropriation. As you can and certainly will check it, I did not touch the travel-money deposited for me in the Academic year 1960-1961. I sent my report on the research activities in the years 1960-1961 and 1961-1962 jointly to the Director, asking him for the transfer of the coverage for both years. I did this on reason of my contract, which specifies that the travel money is granted also cumulatively, if not touched in a current Academic year.

I beg you therefore to transfer to my bank also the second \$ 1.000 which was deposited for me for the Academic year 1960-1961, after the deposit for 1961-1962 is already on its way.

Thanks in advance,

Yours cordially



Professor Andrew Alföldi

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Travel Princeton Europe - not applic.

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Italy 30 days

Germany 3 days

45 days charged

Travel Pr-Europe charged

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May  
June

Switz 12 days

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Travel Pr-Eur. charged

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June

9 days Venice

July

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Travel Pr-Eur charged

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5 July 1962

Dear Professor Alföldi:

I sent a copy of your Report of June 21st to Dr. Oppenheimer, and he has written authorizing the payment to you from your travel fund of \$2,000. Of this, \$1,000 has already been deposited to your account in the First National Bank, and we shall deposit this week the other \$1,000. As you know, this will exhaust the fund until July 1, 1963.

Dr. Oppenheimer asked me particularly to send you word of his appreciation of your Report.

With good wishes, and hopes that you are having a good summer,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)  
Secretary to the Director

Professor A. Alföldi  
Oberlandstrasse 99  
Spiez  
Switzerland

Copy to Mr. Morgan

21 November 1960

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

This will authorize you to charge Professor Alföldi's travel fund, and pay him the sum of \$1,000, for travels in Switzerland and Italy in July, August, September and October of this year. Professor Alföldi would like to have the money deposited in his checking account at the Swiss Bank Corporation, Basle, account no. 111146-I.

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Professor Alföldi

26 June 1962

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

In Dr. Oppenheimer's absence we have received a letter from Professor Alföldi requesting reimbursement from his travel fund of \$2,000 for travel in the academic years 1960-1961 and 1961-1962. The current balance in the fund is \$1,000, to which will be added on July 1, 1962 the appropriation of \$1,000 for the year 1962-1963.

Professor Alföldi asks that the money be deposited to his checking account in the First National Bank of Princeton.

Verna Hobson

Copy to Professor Alföldi

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer

June 21, 1962

Director

The Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton, New Jersey

Report

on the scientific results of his travels in Europe in the Academic years  
1960/1 and 1961/2 by

Andrew Alföldi.

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

I concentrated my <sup>1)</sup> researches on the topographical and archaeological chapters of my coming book on Early Rome and the Latins. Visiting the decayed cities in Southern Etruria, Latium and Campania, and studying the excavation - materials in the museums of Rome, and Florence, Bologna, Naples, Capua. etc, I succeeded to catch the newest, still unpublished documentation on the first centuries of Roman history. As to give an idea of the importance of the new evidence, I wish to mention only the following few points. Latium being the terrestrial bridge between Etruria and Campania, the date of the Etruscan occupation of the latter is crucial for the history of the Latins. This date has been believed by the lack of information to be 524 B.C. The new excavations demonstrate that it is in fact 8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C., and the information of old Cato, that Capua flourished through 260 years under the Etruscan rule till her destruction in 421 B.C., regains its reliability. -Further on, it becomes evident, that the Etruscans occupied Latium first along the inner territorial communication-line Tiber-Anio-Tolerus-Liris, leading across Praeneste to Cales and Capua: the fabulous richness of the royal tombs ~~Regalini in Praeneste~~ in Praeneste attests the flourish of this inner line already in the 7th century B.C. -The prosperity of the 12 Campanian cities

of the the Etruscan League brought about the birth of the coastal route between Etruria and Campania little later: from Veii, this highway led across Rome to Lavinium and Circeii on the Campanian border: the significance of Rome emerges first in this strategic, geographical and political situation. - On the other hand, I was able to reconstruct the growth of the agrarian districts and the perimeter of the Roman frontier in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries by the combination of the topographical observations of Mrs. Louise Holland, L.R. Taylor, J.B. Ward Perkins, with survivals of the demarcation<sub>A</sub> line in religious-magical rites in later times, combining them <sup>again</sup> with epigraphical and literary data. This reconstruction becomes the backbone of my history of Early Rome, <sup>along</sup> with the discoveries in Lavinium..- In the meantime, the (still unpublished) Swedish excavations at San Giovenale are demonstrating for the first time, that the so called Appenine - culture of the Bronze-Age, the Villanova-culture of the immigrating Italic peoples (around 1000 B.C.), and the Etruscan settlements are representing three different ethnic groups. All the theories forged to persuade on their local provenience and Italic character <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ now upset and the tribal organisation of the Latins manifest their migratory structure.

2.) I used the opportunity as well as I could to complete, in Italy France, England and Germany my corpus of the coins, struck in 44 and 43 B.C., fundamental for the historical developments of those all - important years. I collected indeed solely from 44 B.C. as much as 1.500 denarii. The reconstruction of their chronology by style and die-links gives an irrefutable sequence of political steps, illuminating the premisses of the murder of Caesar. Here again, Shakespeare proves to be a better historian, than his modern fellow-countrymen.

3.) Numerous other studies of mine received new materials and insights by my soujourns in the countries mentioned above, <sup>so</sup> as the monetary policy of Caesar, the two laurel-trees of the doorway of Augustus (a political and religious expression of the ruling power), the idea of sovereignty and the

attribute of the sceptre, etc. I decided to unite and develop my published and new studies on the state-ceremonies, on the attributes and costume of the leading magistrates and rules and finally on the hierarchy in Rome in 3 volumes, - which need unfortunately innumerable plates. - Beside these themes, the history ~~the history~~ of the ~~the~~ civil wars from 89 to 43 B.C. gets numerous new details by my ~~analyses~~ analyses of the written, epigraphical and numismatic sources.

4.) I participated and lectured on the following congresses:

1961, June 17-24: Intern. Congr. of the History and archaeology of Northern Italy.

Sept. 10-6: Intern Congr. of Numismatics, 1962, June 27-30: Intern. Colloquium on the Historia Augusta, in Bonn, initiated by myself <sup>with the purpose</sup> to organize the commentary of this all-important source of the Late Roman history.

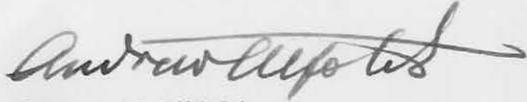
5). In July 1961 I worked in Munich in the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae on my book on opprobrious nicknames of the old Romans, <sup>which were</sup> becoming subsequently <sup>survey</sup> of the single branches of the aristocratic clans. I finished the whole <sup>of</sup> all existing literary data, comparing them with the speakink symbols of names of the same <sup>social</sup> group on the coins. The main result is the possibility, to discard the forged names, smuggled in to the beginning of the consular lists. - I wish to stress again the unique importance of the files of the Thesaurus, in the hope we can reproduce them in microfilm for the Institute.

6). In Switzerland I continued my efforts to realize my old project, the new survey of the Roman and Early Mediaeval Helvetia. - In the same time I tried everywhere to find out and select the best Roman scholars, fit to be invited for a winter to our community.

Finally, I wish to mention that the Accademia nazionale dei Lincei in Rome elected me as a <sup>e</sup> foreign member.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

  
Andrew Alföldi

## Financial Report on

Travels in Europe in the Academic years 1960/61 and 1961/62.

1960/61 Princeton - Rome - Princeton \$ . -----  
(paid by the Jerome-Foundation)

1960 Sept.16- Oct.16 Rome (30 days) --- \$ 450.--

Dez.3-7 Paris (5 days) 75.--

1961 April 16-22 Zurich (8 days) ----- 120.--

April 22-

-June 16 ----- Rome (paid by the Jerome Found.) ---

June 17-24 Torino,Susa,Aosta (8 days) 120.--

June 26-27 Erlangen ----- 30.--

28 Würzburg ----- 45.--

29-30 Göttingen

July 1-2 Hannover 30.--

3-15 Munich 150.--

July 15 - 24 Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Basel 135.--

Travels in Europe June 17-

July 24) 180.--

Sept.10-16 Rome 105.--

1961/62 Princeton - Zürich - Princeton 600.--

1962 April 29- May 3 London (5 days) 75.--

May 8-10 Florence (3 days) 45.--

May 10 Arezzo (1 day) 15.--

May 11-30 Rome (20 days) 300.--

May 31

June 1 Capua,Naples (2 days) 30.--

June 2-3 Rome- Veio (2 days) 30.--

June 4-5 Ravenna 30.--

June 6-7 Bologna,Forli 30.--

June 8-9 Milano 30.--

June 15-17 Vienna (3 days)

\$/ 75.--

June 28-30 Bonn (3 days)

45.--

Travels in Europe, May-June 1962

150.--

Sum total of the expenses

\$/ 2895.--

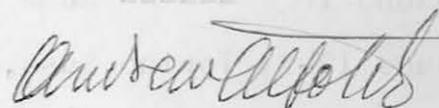
Due from the Institute for the  
two Academic Years ---

2000.--

Please to transfer the \$/ 2000.- to my checking account by the  
First National Bank of Princeton at your earliest convenience.

With anticipated thanks

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

29 April 1960

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

At Professor Alföldi's request, this will authorize you to charge his travel fund and deposit to his account in the First National Bank the sum of \$1,000. This is an advance toward his expenses for professional travel, for which he will submit an itemized account.

*see letter 9/15/60  
in file: Alföldi 55-  
folder*

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Professor Alföldi

6 October 1960

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Thank you for your letters of September 15th. First of all, let me wish that your second operation will be completely successful, and that all will go smoothly. We shall look forward to your return in early December.

Second, let me thank you very much for your report on the results of your travels and studies. The scientific results seem to me so interesting that I am passing along a copy of this portion of your letter to the Trustees of the Institute at their meeting next week.

Third, let me raise a question: Since the first of July, a further \$1,000 has been deposited in your travel account, for your travels after July 1, 1960. Do you wish to draw \$660, or any part thereof, from this account, or would you prefer to leave it for later use?

With thanks and warm good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
Oberlandstr. 9  
Spiez, B. O.  
Switzerland

*Alföldi*

26 June 1959

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

In Dr. Oppenheimer's absence I am authorizing the payment to Professor Alföldi of \$1,000, to be charged to his travel fund, for expenses for professional travel in Europe this summer. Professor Alföldi would like to have this deposited to his account in the First National Bank.

Verna Hobson

Copy to Professor Alföldi

1997.05 - from re-57  
Prof. A. Alföldi,  
Oberlandstrasse 99,  
Spiez / Switzerland

Spiez, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

In the academic Year 1958/1959 I sojourned in the following cities of Europe for the purpose of my researches on Roman history:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. -5. July 1958      | Rome  |
| 6. -7. "              | Bologna   |
| 7. -8. "              | Forlì   |
| 9. -26. "             | Geneva, Berne, Zurich, Basle, Schaff-<br>hausen                                   |
| 27.-28. "             | Milan   |
| 29.-31. "             | Torino  |
| 8. -9. September 1958 | Brugg (Vindonissa)  |
| 10. "                 | Lausanne  |
| 11. "                 | Nyon, Geneva, Neuchâtel (General assembly<br>of the "Société des Etudes Latines") |
| 18. "                 | Geneva  |
| 20.-23. "             | Vienna (Congress of Early Medieval<br>Cultural History)                           |
| 23.-27. May 1959      | London  |
| 28. "                 | Cambridge   |
| 7. -10. June 1959     | Modena  |
| 10.-11. "             | Parma   |
| 11.-12. "             | Brescia   |
| 12.-13. "             | Udine   |
| 14. "                 | Venezia   |
| 14.-15. "             | Portogruaro   |
| 16.-17. "             | Verona  |
| 20.-25. "             | Munich  |
| 26.-28. "             | Bonn  |
| 29.-30. "             | Frankfurt a.M.  |

The special purpose of these journeys has been the same as in the previous years: the exact cataloguing of the coinage of the Roman Republic by taking pictures from every single piece of types useful as historical source-material. Besides this work the monuments of the Celtic religion of Roman Switzerland, monuments concerning the insignia and costume of the Roman magistrates, as well as the syncretistic religiosity of the world-Empire, some specially important inscribed stones etc. were studied and photographed.

From the manifold results I would stress only the following:

L) The coin-type of P. Accoleius from 43 B.C. revealed itself to be the reproduction of the politically highly important cult-statue of the grove of Diana in Aricia, the inscription of which was copied by the elder Cato and transmitted to us by a Roman grammarian. The monument concerned proves to be erected about 500 B.C., when the Latins constituted around the cult of Diana in Aricia a new League, directed against the king of Clusium (Chiusi), Porsenna, who captured Rome. This new date of the early Roman history lent an opportunity to check the veracity of our sources and enabled me to re-write it in a rather large extent. I intend to publish this as a volume of the Monographs of the American Philological Association.

2) A corpus of the coinage of the years 44-42 B.C. is virtually ready, confirming my results on these most crucial years.

3) An essay on the use of gold and silver by Caesar as weapons for his political aims, already prepared in former years, is thoroughly prepared and needs only to be written down.

The costs of this travels were as follows:

|                                |    |        |
|--------------------------------|----|--------|
| 1) Flight to and from Europe   | \$ | 620.-  |
| 2) Railway expenses in Europe  | \$ | 200.-  |
| 3) Living expenses for 64 days |    |        |
| per \$ 10.-                    | \$ | 640.-  |
|                                |    | -----  |
|                                | \$ | 1460.- |

From this amount I am requesting only the \$ 1000.- granted regularly to the permanent professors of the Institute. I would be grateful if you would let transfer this sum at your earliest convenience to my checking account by the First National Bank of Princeton.

Yours cordially

*Andrew Alföldi*

*Alföldi*  
11 June 1958

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

In Dr. Oppenheimer's absence, this will authorize payment to Professor Alföldi of \$1,000, as partial reimbursement of his travel expenses from July, 1957 through June, 1958. This should be charged to Professor Alföldi's Travel Fund, and he would like to have it deposited to his account in the First National Bank.

Verna Hobson

Copy to Professor Alföldi

Rome, June 6, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

I beg You to transfer to the Princeton First National Bank the sum of \$ 1000.- for my travel expenses in the Academic year 1957/58 on ground of the following detailed account:

1). I soujourned in Switzerland and in Italy from July to September 1957 and from May to July 1958. The Transatlantic Flight to and from amounted to \$ 630.

2). In preparing the new survey of the Roman past of the Central Alps in Roman times with a staff of a dozen experts I studied again in the course of July and August 1957 the archaeological data and the coin-material in the museums of Basle, Brugg (Vindonissa), Bern, Avenches (Aventicum), Zurich, Baden, Schaffhausen (where an important exhibition of Celtic Art has been shown), Lausanne, Vichy near Lausanne, Geneva, Augst (Augusta Raurica), Nyon (the colonz of Caesar, founded around 52 B.C.). In all these collections I also collected the evidence for the historical evaluation of the coinage of the Roman Republic and of Caesar. I was also able to study for the same purpose the rich series of the same coins by the firm "Monnaies et Médailles" in Basle and of Mr. Niggeler and Prof. M. Ros in Baden.

These travels and soujourns brought an expenditure of \$ 100.- for the railway and \$ 300.- for the living costs of 30 days.

3) Between August 26 and 31 I joined the International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies in Rheinfelden and delivered a lecture on the spear as symbol of sovereignty in Rome.

The journey and the soujourn of six days involved the cost of \$ 70.-

4). On May 15, 1958 I was working in the new special library of the German Archaeological Institute in Frankfort-Main.

On May 16 and 17 I studied the collection of the Rheinisches Landes-Museum in Bonn and attended the annual meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Reallexicon für Antike und Christentum in Krefeld.

The travel expenses and the soujourn, were paid by the Lexicon just mentioned and so not reckoned with.

On May 31 and June 1 I attended the annual gathering of the Société des Etudes Latines. Expenses \$ 30.-

From June the 4th till the end of the month I am soujourning in the American Academy of Rome. Travel expenses: \$ 40.-, living expenses for 25 days: \$ 250.-

The whole amount of all these research travels makes out \$ 1420; of this sum I must bear \$ 420.- myself and afford only the remaining \$ 1000.- from the Institute. I have got no money from other sources for this purpose.

The scientific harvest has been rather rich this year. The main result concern the spear as symbol of sovereignty in Rome from the foundation of the city till the Byzantine Empire, with glimpses on the corresponding phenomena in early Greece.

An elaborate paper in the American Journal of Archaeology (to appear in the first number of 1959) will make public these results pursuing the evolution beginning with ~~overated~~ magic spears ~~and~~, transformed gradually to a juridical symbol of power.

Tin Versoix near Geneva

New precisions were obtained for the crucial months of 44, culminating in the murder of Caesar, the role of Antony and the rise of Octavian through a more detailed new study of coins; a corpus of these is prepared.

The gold coins struck in Rome between 47 and 43, neglected hitherto as a historical source, yield exciting new evidence for the "marcia su Roma" of the young adventurer Octavian and for the "selling out" of the Republic through the military leaders, - i.e. Caesar and his heir; Antony and the senate competing in vain with them on their turn.

I could mention a lot of more detailed results: a portrait of Asinius Pollio, a new portrait of Julian the Apostate in the Anti-Christian propaganda of the ~~heathen~~ aristocracy, a representation of the alliance of Aeneas and King Latinus from the year 209 B.C. and many other relevant points.

With all good wishes for the summer cordially yours



Andrew Alföldi

Fac. - Alföldi

25 June 1957

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

This will authorize you to charge Professor Alföldi's travel fund and pay him the sum of \$1,000. This is reimbursement for expenses for professional travel in Switzerland, Italy and France in the summer of 1957, as follows:

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Transatlantic flight       | \$600.      |
| RR, Italy and Switzerland  | 150.        |
| Per diem, 42 days at \$10. | <u>420.</u> |
|                            | \$1170.     |
| Not requested              | <u>170.</u> |
| Net total                  | \$1000.     |

Robert Oppenheimer

P.S. Professor Alföldi would like to have this money deposited to his checking account at the First National Bank.

Copy to Professor Alföldi

*Foc Alföldi*

15 June 1956

Memorandum to Mr. Morgan:

This will authorize you to charge Professor Alföldi's Travel Fund and pay him the sum of \$1,000. This represents expenses as follows:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Air ticket to Europe and return, summer 1956                                       | \$600.   |
| RR tickets, Italy, July, October and<br>November, 1955                             | 100.     |
| Living expenses, Italy and Germany, 45 days<br>(disbursement \$450; \$300 claimed) | 300.     |
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| Total  | \$1,000. |

These trips were for the purpose of professional study.

Professor Alföldi has requested that payment be made by airmail to his checking account in the Schweizerischer Bankverein, Basle, Switzerland.

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Professor Alföldi

Professor

Robert Oppenheimer

Director

The Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Oppenheimer,

Mrs. Hobson kindly informed me that you need further specifications for the reimbursement of my travel grant. I am sorry not being able to produce you an exact evidence for all my research journeys and this because I have been told in Princeton, all I need to do is to present you a letter of the size I did and so I did not care for details and beg you to accept my apologies.

I am fully realizing you are right inquiring about my scientific travels and I shall present you the next time a more full account. Now I recollect only the following dates.

1.) Early in July and in October, <sup>1955</sup> and in addition - what at first I forget to mention - once more in November - I visited the following Italian cities: Milan, Bologna, Forli, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples. These journeys, after my flight from the U.S. needed 30 days voyaging by train; I sketched already the results in my previous letter.

In May and June, <sup>this year</sup> I visited the Museums of Zurich, Baden, Brugg, Lausanne Geneva, Bern and Avenches, studying the documents of the Celtic religion with the previously already signalized results. These voyages, not considering my studies on the same subjects in Basel and Augst, took 12 days.

In the beginning of december I was in Bonn, Mainz and <sup>m</sup> Fracfort, -the railway trip lasted 3 days -, inspecting materials for a paper on glass phalerae, made between 19 and 23 A.D. as military decorations and getting new archaeological evidence for the cult of Augustus.

So my oversight can be summed up as follows:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1) Flight from and to Princeton                  | \$ 600.-  |
| 2) Railway fares in Italy                        | \$ 100.-  |
| 3) Living expenses etc. for 45 days, photographs | \$ 450.-  |
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|  | \$ 1150.-   |

I shall make one more trip to Paris in this month, planned for 4

days which will augment my expenses; but I would like only afford the \$ 1000.  
granted to me with my appointment.

I must add also the statement that all these journeys were not  
financed from other sources.

Princeton, New Jersey

Thanking you once more your always efficient help and with all  
good wishes

Yours very sincerely

Andrew Alföldi

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7 June 1956

Dear Professor Alföldi:

Dr. Oppenheimer has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 1st, and to let you know that a request for reimbursement from your Travel Fund should specify the dates, places visited, purpose, method of travel, and amount of money. It should, of course, also state that you have received no other reimbursement or payment in connection with that travel.

If you will send us this information, we shall be glad to send you a check.

We hope that you are having a pleasant summer, and look forward to seeing you in the autumn.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)  
Secretary to the Director

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
Sevogelstrasse 144  
Basle  
Switzerland

Basle, June 1st, 1956

Dear Director Oppenheimer,

You are helping me to acquire the charming little house on the Mercer Street in a most gallant way. I thank you very heartily for this unique favour; You can be sure that I shall never forget this great benefit.

I would like to ask you to let send by airmail the \$ 1.000 for my checking account by the Schweizerischer Bankverein, Basle.

I made <sup>t</sup>extensive journeys summer 1955 in Northern Italy in preparing the second edition of my book on the so-called "contorniates", bronze medaillons of the fourth and fifth cent. A.D. .The historical importance of these private coinage ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> in the fact, that it could be demonstrated to be a means of propaganda of the heathen aristocracy of Rome, against the Christian government. The first edition <sup>of my work</sup> appeared in 1942-43 in the war when the Italian collections were for the most part inaccessible, Now I succeeded to get hold of the stuff in Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice, Forli, Milan and I am sure to get also that of Bologna; through this new materials my original inventory could be doubled and very valuable unknown items are increasing the historical value of my documentation. Perhaps the most interesting novelties are small coins persiflating Christ as the fill of the she-ass, - Bullus asinae.

Besides this I made studies as well in 1955 as in the early summer of 1956 in the Swiss museums. I collected the evidence <sup>for</sup> the zoomorphic substrate of the Celtic religion, the most notable proofs being the Celtic goddess Artio (= 'bear' as Art-emis, originally also a bear) who appears on a bronze group in Berne, once as a matrone, and once <sup>note</sup> as a bear! I found also a representation of Mars Cicollus as a bull and the goddess Brixsa as a cow, - as to name ~~the~~ only the most notable examples of this branch of sociological research wich leads us back to a matriarchal stage of the praehistoric Indo-European societies.

With many thanks in advance and with all good wishes for the summer

Yours very sincerely

*Andrew Alföldi*

Andrew Alföldi

Basle, June 1st, 1955

Professor

Dr. R. Oppenheimer

Director of the

Institute for Advanced Study

PRINCETON, New Jersey

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With many thanks in advance and with all good wishes for the summer  
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*Andrew Alföldi*

Andrew Alföldi

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

December 13, 1965

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

In your letter of December 10 you kindly inform me that the Trustees of our Institute carefully considered the matter of my pension and that the Board authorized you to tell me that my pension was raised to \$15,000 a year in toto.

I beg you to forward my sincerest thanks to the Board of Trustees. This provision enables me to go on with my work at the Institute until my death.

I must thank you also for sponsoring the acquisition of the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae. The commitment for the additional costs of the acquisition is a great event in the field of Latin studies and will have a great impact for Roman studies in the whole of the United States. For this I am very much obliged to the Trustees and to you too.

After the International Commission of the Thesaurus already agreed to our request there is still pending the decision of the Munich Academy of Sciences. But I hope that this will not be delayed long and that we can proceed promptly.

With all good wishes for the coming season,

Sincerely yours,

  
Andrew Alföldi

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

cc Mr. Morgan

10 December 1965

Dear Professor Alföldi:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study on December 8, 1965, the matter of your pension was carefully considered. By earlier actions of the Board, you will receive, upon retirement in 1966, a funded pension of approximately \$5,800 a year, and a further \$5,000 a year pension directly from the Institute. The Board has authorized me to assure you that such further payments will be made toward your pension that they will aggregate \$15,000 a year in toto.

There are in your letter to the Board evidences of a number of misunderstandings. The pension guaranteed as a minimum to scholars who join our faculty below the age of 55 is \$15,000 a year, which is the same as yours, and, incidentally, the same as mine. Woodward received no pension at all from the Institute, of any kind. We did give him a few thousand dollars for a protracted visit he spent here after retirement. I could go on, but shall not.

With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
The Institute for Advanced Study

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

December 3, 1965

Memorandum concerning the pension  
of Andrew Alföldi

To the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey  
c/o Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, Director,

Gentlemen,

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer has kindly agreed to submit to you my request for an adequate pension at your meeting on December 8. As the Board has on this date many other matters of general importance to discuss, and not much time for such individual claims, I thought it might be helpful to present to you the reasons for my request in advance.

When the members of our Faculty obtained the generous guarantee of 60 per cent of the salary as the minimum pension, I was excluded from this great favor, because I was almost 60 years old when I began my service at the Institute. Later, in April 1963, you approved a payment of \$ 5,000 a year after my retirement. The Director agreed at that time to recommend to your Board in due time an improvement in my situation as an emeritus; the last opportunity for this is your forthcoming meeting, unless I am left to the last moment in doubt about my financial situation after July 1, 1966.

I lost my property and savings and my state-pension for 34 years of service when I escaped from Hungary in 1947. Whereas my colleagues who left Germany in Hitler's time, were indemnified in the end and obtained their full salary for life, I did not have and do not have any such compensation or income. The amount I paid for a pension in Switzerland for 8 years was used for the move and transfer of my household to Princeton, for which I had no assistance from the Institute. And, as my disabled son

was not admitted to the U.S., his full maintenance in Switzerland has prevented me from putting aside on my own enough money to provide an adequate American pension.

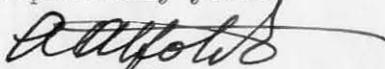
Everyone of my retired colleagues has been treated by our Board of Trustees in the most generous way, by special measures, as I am glad and encouraged to see. Dr. E. Lowe got an annual grant of \$ 10,000 from the Institute which gave him with his own means \$ 16,000 per annum, years ago, when this amounted to the full salary. Sir Llewellyn Woodward, who was 61 years old when appointed, was given \$ 12,500 per annum, for five years, which with his private provisions came to \$ 22,500, the full salary of that date, to make no mention of O. Veblen and A. Einstein in the other School.

Furthermore, having worked through 40 years on long-range projects, I have accumulated the observations and materials for ca. 20 volumes not yet published. Among them: three volumes on the visible signs of Sovereignty, preeminence and subordination in antiquity; a physical and biological history of Rome; a biography of Caesar with all the parerga needed with it; the origin of the plebs; the political and social structure of pre-Etruscan Rome; the surnames of the Republican magistrates as a historical source; a monetary and economic history of the 3rd - 1st centuries B.C.; a corpus of the coinage in the crucial year of 44 B.C.; a second edition of my book on the Contorniates, etc.

Finally, I am embarrassed to have to add the attached list of scholarly honors, but I do so to provide evidence that my reputation in the Academic World is not inferior to that of any of my colleagues treated so nobly, except Einstein.

I intend to stay on and work at the Institute until my death. I beg you to grant me what all my colleagues have obtained: sixty per cent of the salary as pension. And, as I am doing research in Europe every summer, I would be most grateful for the continuation of the \$ 1,000 travel grant.

Respectfully yours



Andrew Alföldi

ANDREW ALFÖLDI

b. August 27, 1895

Education

Budapest University

Honors

Honorary Ph. D.:

Utrecht University, 1936

Ghent University, 1948

Ordinary member:

Institut de France (Acad. des Inscriptions)

R. Swedish Academy of Sciences

Accademia nazionale dei Lincei (Rome)

Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1934-47)

Tisza István Society of Sciences (Debrecen)

Corresponding member:

British Academy

Pontifica Accademia Romana di Archeologia

Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften

Akademie der Wissenschaften in Göttingen

Akademie der Wissenschaften in Mainz

R. Danish Academy of Sciences

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Society of Science in Lund

Finno-Ugrian Society in Helsinki

Honorary member:

Society of Antiquaries, London

Archaeological Institute of America

Society for Promotion of Roman Studies, London

Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Finnish Archeological Society

Spanish Society of Archaeology, Ethnology and Anthropology

Vereinigung der Freunde antiker Kunst, Switzerland

Rei cretariae fautores (Haverford - Zürich)

Honorary member: Verein "Pro Vindonissa"  
Academia Latinitati excolenda (Rome)  
Accademia delle Belle Arti, Perugia  
French Numismatic Society  
Wiener Numismatische Gesellschaft  
Numismatic Society, Prague  
Hungarian Numismatic Society  
Schweizerische Numismatische Gesellschaft  
Circulus numismaticus Basiliensis  
Royal Numismatic Society, London  
Hungarian Archeological Society

Ordinary member: Deutsches Archäologisches Institut  
Österreichisches Archäologisches Institut  
Società Italiana per la Storia del Diritto

Corresponding

member: American Numismatic Society  
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Urgeschichte  
Serbian Archeological Society, Belgrade  
Croatian Numismatic Society, Zagreb  
Kulturmorphologisches Institut, Frankfurt/M.  
Institute for Comparative Research of Culture, Oslo  
Istituto di Studi Romani, Rome

Advisory member: Schlesischer Altertumsverein (1937-45)  
Gold Medal of the City of Rome (Premio Cultori di Roma) for 1960

Medal of the R. Numismatic Society, London, for 1953

Medal of the Hungarian Archaeological Society for 1943

A.M. Huntington Medal of the American Numismatic Society for 1965

Career

Curator of the Roman coins, Hungarian National Museum, 1919-1923. Associate and full Professor, Debrecen University, 1923-1930. Full Professor, Budapest University, 1931-47 (also Superintendent of the provincial museums in Hungary). Associate Pro-

fessor of Ancient History, Bern, 1948-52; Full Professor of Ancient History,  
Basel, 1952-55; Permanent Member (Professor), School of Historical Studies,  
Institute for Advanced Study since 1955.

Visiting Professor, Harvard University, 1950 and 1955

Jerome Lecturer, University of Michigan, and American Academy in Rome,

1960

Lecturer, Summer Seminar, American Numismatic Society, New York 1955

Alföldi Pension: July 1, 1966

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22 April 1963

Dear Professor Alföldi:

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Conceivably some variant of these arrangements would better suit your needs. I am confident that we can adjust them within the overall financial obligation to the Institute that we have just accepted.

With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor A. Alföldi  
The Institute for Advanced Study

3 June 1963

Dear Professor Alföldi:

This is to acknowledge with thanks  
your letter of May 22nd, which has arrived in  
Dr. Oppenheimer's absence. He will see it  
on his return to Princeton.

With good wishes,

(Mrs. Wilder Hobson)  
Secretary to the Director

Professor A. Alföldi  
Oberlandstrasse 99  
Spietz  
Switzerland

22 May, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer,

You informed me in a letter from April 22, that the Board of Trustees of the Institute approved making a contribution of \$ 5000 a year, starting with the academic year 1962-1963 to my funded retirement with T.I.A.A., further on, that the Board also has approved ~~making a contribution of \$ 5000 a year~~ direct payments of a supplemental pension of \$ 5000 a year by the Institute to me. This decision improves the prospects of my future, and therefore I asked you already orally to announce to the Trustees the expression of my gratitude. In discussing with me the consolidation of my status after reaching the retirement age, you kindly agreed to forward and recommend to the Board of Trustees my request for a further improvement which would raise the provisions for my pension to the level of that of our honored colleague Dr. Lowe.

Dr. Lowe has an annual grant of \$ 10.000 from the Institute instead of the 5000 offered to me, and I wish to ask the same favour from our governing Board with your consent and mediation, on ground of the following reasons:

1) Dr. Lowe obtained his special annual grant, because his own pension-contributions and financial means were insufficient. My own financial situation is, however, considerably worse than his. I lost my state-pension along with my fortune and belongings when I left Hungary in 1947. I also lost the full pension granted to me by the cantonal government of Basle for the case I would continue teaching there till my seventieth year, when I joined the staff of the Institute. Further on, I was constrained to spend the sum paid for my pension in Berne and Basle between 1948 and 1956, for the transfer of my household to Princeton and for the living of my disabled son who was not admitted to enter the United States on reason of his breakdown.

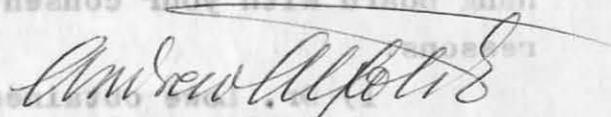
2) The academic honors bestowed to me can demonstrate that I am generally regarded as one of the leading scholars concerning the history and culture of the Roman Empire. The gold medal of the City of Rome was awarded only to four other non-Italian scholars up to now. The honorary membership of the Archaeological Institute of America, of the Society of Antiquaries (London), of the Society for Promotion of Roman Studies (Great Britain) and of many other learned societies all over Europe are distinctions

restricted to 6 or 8 persons, the same as the full membership of the Institut de France for foreigners, or the membership of the R. Swedish Academy for humanists, - besides the cumulative evidence of the membership of a dozen old European academies and of several dozen learned societies.

3) May be I shall die soon and the Institute will be saved from the care for my maintenance. I must, however, prepare for the other eventuality. I have in store the materials for around twenty volumes ~~composed~~, all nearly ready for their final cast and for publication. Among them are 3 vols on the visible signs of sovereignty, preeminence and submission, in the Ancient World, a work on the Roman Senate and the Plebs, another on the heathen reaction in Rome, as well as studies on Julius Caesar, a new history of the Roman Empire, a volume on the pre-Etruscan structure of the Roman State, another on the original meaning and the changing aspects of the surnames in Rome, a corpus of the coinage of the crucial year of 44 B.C., a corpus of the contorniate-medallions, etc. This program could justify a support for many years.

With thanks in advance for your help and with good wishes for the summer

Yours sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

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

C O P Y

22 April 1963

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With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor A. Alföldi  
The Institute for Advanced Study

meeting Apr. 19 & 20, 1963

outside support, particularly from the Federal Government, was readily available for the work in mathematics and physics, but that similar funds for much of the work in history were very hard to find.

The Budget for the fiscal year 1963-1964 was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Finance  
Committee

The newly elected treasurer, Mr. Hansmann, reported for the Finance Committee. He stated that the market value of the portfolio on April first stood at \$42,300,000, of which approximately 81 per cent was invested in common stocks, convertible bonds, and bonds in special and closely held situations. At the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the same morning the Finance Committee had acted to sell equities in the amount of \$2,500,000 and add other common stocks to the portfolio in the amount of only \$1 million, thereby reducing the total investment in equities to approximately 77 per cent. He reported further on the dispersion of the four largest types of holdings in common stock:

1. Oil and gas, 18 per cent of the portfolio, 25 per cent of the common stock.
2. Public utilities, 16 per cent of the portfolio, 21.5 per cent of the common stock.
3. Finance, insurance, and banking, 7 per cent of the portfolio, 9 per cent of the common stock.
4. Non-ferrous metals, 7 per cent of the portfolio, 9 per cent of the common stock.

The predicted income from the portfolio in the coming year is \$1,300,000.

The Chairman reiterated the policy of the Finance Committee of investing in growth stocks rather than those with a higher yield. He stated that substantial cash profits have been taken over the years and that, nevertheless, the market value of the portfolio is at an all-time high.

Buildings and  
Grounds

The report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was deferred until the following morning at which time the architect and builder would be present to discuss the new library.

Special Commit-  
tee on Pensions

The chairman of the Special Committee on Pensions, Mr. Shanks, reported that he had met with Dr. Oppenheimer on the matter of faculty pensions for those members who joined the Institute faculty rather late in life. He then asked the Director to proceed to the specific recommendations arising from their meeting.

The Director reminded the Board that most members of the faculty now have a guaranteed funded pension of 60 per cent of their current salaries, but that this did not apply to people who were appointed after age 55. At the time of Professor Gilbert's appointment a new principle was worked out which involved putting into the pension fund approximately the same annual contribution from the Institute as we were doing for the other historians. This resulted in a guaranteed pension of approximately \$12,500 instead of \$15,000, and this arrangement was entirely satisfactory to Professor Gilbert and was approved by the Chairman. Professors Kantorowicz and Alföldi retire in two and three years, respectively. Their present pension arrangements are inadequate. Mr. Shanks and the Director recommended to the Board an extension of the Gilbert principle which would involve increasing the funded pension of their TIAA pensions by the contribution of an additional \$5,000 per year, effective in the current academic year, with the provision that the \$5,000 would continue after retirement and be paid directly to them as a supplement to their payments from TIAA.

The recommendation was unanimously approved.

Director's  
Report

- a) Death of Prof. Struve      The Director reported with great regret the death of Professor Otto Struve, one of the world's leading astronomers and astrophysicists. Professor Struve had recently retired as director of the Green Bank National Observatory and had accepted a long-term appointment to membership of which he planned to avail himself one term each year. Professor Struve had been at the Institute during the fall term of the current academic year.
- b) Prof. Koyré      The Director reported on the serious illness of another long-term member, Professor Alexandre Koyré. The academic year 1962-1963 was to have been Professor Koyré's final year of membership, but his illness prevented his coming to the Institute. The Director has written to Professor Koyré extending his membership for another year. There is no assurance that he will be able to avail himself of it. No further appropriation is required.
- c) Prof. Bohr      Mr. Strauss raised the question of any action by the Board in connection with the death of Professor Niels Bohr. The Director reported that he had sent a message in behalf of the Institute.
- d) Resignation of Prof. Lee      The Director referred to his report at the October meeting at which time the resignation of Professor T. D. Lee seemed imminent. Professor Lee did submit his resignation shortly after the fall meeting, and it was accepted with great regret.

The Director then turned to three matters concerning which he had sent to members of the Board certain relevant papers in advance of the Meeting (letter of transmittal attached, No. I).

June 21, 1962

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
The Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Professor Alföldi:

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

The standard 5% contribution by the professor matched by a 3% contribution by the Institute on the new salary level will come to \$2,500 a year, or \$208.33 per month. This will mean that we will be withholding \$104.16 from your monthly salary to cover your contribution. At the time of the last faculty salary increase you requested that the withholding be continued at the previous level (\$75 a month) and the Institute matched this figure. Will you kindly instruct me on your wishes.

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

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.  
General Manager

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July 10, 1959

Professor Andrew Alföldi  
Spiez/ B. O.  
Oberland Str. 99  
Switzerland

Dear Professor Alföldi:

We are about to write your July check and this brings to mind your request to continue your Teachers Insurance & Annuity Association contribution at its present level, notwithstanding the salary increase. I discussed this with Dr. Oppenheimer. We shall be happy to accept your request with the understanding that the Institute's contribution will also remain at its present level.

I am sure that you are aware of the fact that this will reduce your pension benefits following retirement. I understand that you feel that your present commitments are more pressing and that, therefore, you have made this request.

I hope you are having a pleasant summer. I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.  
General Manager

MCM/dmb

CC: G. Harrison  
Director's Office ✓  
C. Higbee

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Mr Morgan

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

April 30, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

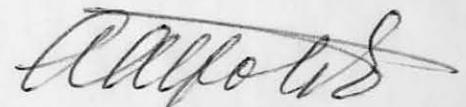
Thank you for the good news that the Trustees of the Institute have fixed my salary at \$ 22,500 a year starting July 1, 1959. I beg you to convey my warm thanks to the Trustees.

In the preceding years, I asked the Institute to put aside from my salary \$4,000, respectively \$ 3,000 a year. From July 1, 1959, I do not wish to continue this arrangement, and I would like to receive the full amount, except the deduction of \$ 900 every year for the T.I.A.A. and the sum for the T.I.A.A.- insurance, and the usual deductions for tax and hospitalization.

I assume that the travel expenses granted to the Professors remain the same as hitherto.

I thank you in advance for your kind help.

Yours very sincerely



Andrew Alföldi

cc Mr. Morgan

20 April 1959

Dear Professor Alföldi:

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

I am glad to tell you the good news.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor A. Alföldi  
The Institute for Advanced Study

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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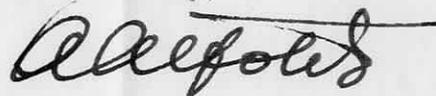
January 7, 1958

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

The contract between the Institute and the undersigned provides to put in reserve every year \$4000 for his pension after his active service. As already discussed and agreed by you orally, I am now making the request that this annual reserve be reduced from \$4000 to \$3000.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Alföldi

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer  
The Institute for Advanced Study

*done, effective July 1, 1957  
per N.C.M.*

*Alföldi*

29 May 1957

Dear Professor Alföldi:

This note is to put in writing what you have had from me in conversation. The Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, in considering general policies on retirement, have agreed that for members of the Faculty retirement may be delayed until the June 30th following their 70th birthday.

If this should raise any special problems for you, either with regard to retirement, or with regard to the payments that will be due at that time, I should be glad to discuss them.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor A. Alföldi  
Institute for Advanced Study

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ALFOLDI

A. Two Annuities

|    |             |                          |             |                         |
|----|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | \$2500      | 9 payments               | \$3921      | 54,165 cash at end of 9 |
| 2. | <u>1600</u> | 9 payments               | <u>1814</u> | yrs.                    |
|    | \$4100      | for life                 | \$5735      | 51,615 total premiums   |
|    | 2500        | for wife after his death |             |                         |

B. But, \$5000 x 9 at 2% compound interest is  
 \$49,661.72 or \$4100 for 12.11 yrs- not counting interest  
 or 2500 for 19.86 yrs- " " " "  
 or same combination for 12 to 18 yrs.

C. Neither takes into account the son after death of survivor.

D. Neither takes into account Alföldi's death before 9 yrs., but  
 B is probably better if he should die in five.

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MEMO FROM DJL to DCW and HHM

RE INSTITUTE -- PROFESSOR ALFOLDI

The following are my comments on Dr. Oppenheimer's draft letter of May 31st in the above matter:

(1) This is evidently a permanent appointment, meaning to age 65, and with professorial duties; hence the income is fully taxable and is not entitled to any of the exclusions of the 1954 Act.

(2) The expectation evidently is that the professor will be expected to make his residence at Princeton and remain there substantially throughout each year. Accordingly he will be a resident alien and the exemptions contained in the Swiss tax treaty will be inapplicable. In this respect the case differs from that of Professor Woodward, who divides his time between Princeton and Oxford and retains his permanent residence in England.

(3) It is perfectly possible for the Institute and the professor to agree to the payment of a salary divided into a part payable currently and another part deferred to a later time, without the deferred portion being treated as constructively received and currently taxable. However, the present draft does not set this up in a desirable way, because it implies that it is setting aside the additional \$4,000 per annum for future payment and with interest. This result can be effected, but a more desirable way would be that which was employed by Dr.

Oppenheimer himself in the appointment letter to Dr. Woodward dated November 9, 1951, as per copy attached.

(4) Even the Woodward set up might better be altered in the present instance as to the deferred payments, depending upon Professor Alfoldi's present age. I have reference to the fact that in the Woodward case the appointment was for five years and only \$5,000 per year was being deferred, so that the full amount of \$25,000 is subject to call after 7/1/56, thus making it all taxable in that year. If Professor Alfoldi is a younger man, the number of years to retirement age 65 multiplied by \$4,000 per annum might be quite a large sum, resulting in a prohibitive income tax all in a single year if he is given full right to determine payment after retirement. I would ascertain the facts and probably suggest a plan (for his own benefit) along lines of paying him after retirement the sum of \$4,000 multiplied by the number of years of his association, dividing the payments into the number of years of his then life expectancy and with any remaining payments in case of his death payable to his widow or estate. In this way he would avoid pyramiding too much income into a single year.

I would obtain copies of the correspondence which has already passed between the parties and which is referred to in the first paragraph of the present draft, and would then revise the present draft according to the plan worked out and in something like the Woodward form.

  
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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Princeton, New Jersey

November 9, 1951.

Dear Professor Woodward:

We have now had an opportunity to discuss in detail the terms of your appointment as Professor in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute for Advanced Study; and I am writing to put of record the conclusions to which we have been led. This letter will supersede my earlier letter to you of January 22, 1951, which we both agree shall not be binding upon us.

The Institute will pay you an annual salary of \$13,000.00 during the five fiscal years starting July 1, 1951 and ending June 30, 1956. The Institute agrees to pay to you, or to your estate, the sum of \$5,000 for each year that you been with us, to be paid at such time or times as you may desire after July 1, 1956. The Institute can make no commitment as to interest on these monies; but will undertake to give to you such interest as it in fact has collected. It is our understanding that these arrangements meet your desires.

With every good wish,

(s) Robert Oppenheimer

Robert Oppenheimer

Professor E. L. Woodward  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey

Alföldi

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

Prof. Andrew Alföldi born the 27. VIII. 1893  
Dr " " Jr " " 18. XII. 1921  
Mrs. " " " the 1. V. 1894

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The Basle authorities accepted 17 years of previous service) <sup>(in Hungary)</sup> as if served in Basle; and if I would die before reaching my 70<sup>th</sup> year, the basis would be for the pension: the interval of effective service + 17 years. (My 70<sup>th</sup> year means 13 + 17 years)

If the pension for my son makes such great difficulties, I would like to let inquire alternative solutions (I mean the whole amount of the Basle provisions and the half of it).

With many thanks for clearing up these questions  
A.A.

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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 financial questions emerging on this occasion can be solved 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 this 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 of 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 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.

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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

/s/ Andrew Alföldi

## ANDREAS ALFÖLDI

Andreas 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.

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.

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.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
Princeton, New Jersey

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,

/s/ Kurt Weitzmann

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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 Andreas 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,

/s/ A. M. Friend, Jr.  
Marquand Professor of Art and  
Archaeology

January 19, 1955

Memorandum to the Board of Trustees:

At a meeting of the Faculty of the Institute on December 21, 1954, the School of Historical Studies reported that it had voted unanimously in favor of the election of Andreas Alföldi of the University of Basle to a professorship in the School of Historical Studies. The vote lay over, and at the following meeting of the Faculty, on January 14, 1955, the Faculty unanimously voted its approval. I now transmit this vote to the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study, with a request for their concurrence. I recommend that Professor Alföldi's salary be fixed at \$18,000 a year, with the usual arrangements for retirement, travel and assistance. Since Professor Alföldi is 60 years old, I recommend that the Director be authorized to make any substitute arrangements with Professor Alföldi which the latter may desire, and which have the effect of decreasing his present salary and increasing his payments during retirement, so long as the total charges on the Institute shall not exceed those which a conventional arrangement would involve.

I enclose a brief account of Professor Alföldi's career and scholarship, and a few letters that we have had about him.

This appointment, which is ardently desired by Alföldi's colleagues at the Institute, in some respects replaces the appointment of Professor Herbert Bloch, which was voted last spring. After long hesitation, Professor Bloch has informed us that he prefers to remain at Harvard. We have ascertained that Alföldi will accept a professorship at the Institute if it is offered to him.

Robert Oppenheimer

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