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Panofsky -  
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Letter

April 23, 1968

Mrs. Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Panofsky:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 20. I am glad to hear what you have to say and would be pleased to talk with you further at the earliest convenient opportunity for you. Please call Mrs. Bortell when you are back in Princeton, and she will arrange for us to get together.

I understand from Wolfgang that he and his brother have deeded the house over to you, and I enclose a formal letter which has the effect of increasing the period of notice the Institute will give you before any change is made in the status of the existing arrangements concerning your house.

With best wishes for a peaceful trip to California, and looking forward to seeing you,

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

Enclosure

August 21, 1968

Memorandum for the Record

Conversation in my office this morning with Mrs. Gerda Panofsky.

1. I raised the question of her moving out of Professor Panofsky's office. I agreed to provide space in the second level Library in the form of a lockable cage in which she could put Professor Panofsky's files and reprints. On this understanding she was ready to move out of the office as soon as the space was available.

2. She indicated she has decided to work on the letters herself, and wondered whether this could be done under Institute sponsorship. I suggested that she discuss the matter with Professor Meiss.

\* 3. She raised the security of her tenure of the house. Her Lawyer had pointed out that my letter was not legally binding on the Institute, and that a successor Director could initiate a new policy, or that I could change my mind. I agreed that this was the case, but pointed out that it was my intention to report this change to the Board, that it would be entered in the Minutes of the Board, and that that would constitute an additional assurance. I promised to notify her when this had been done.

Carl Kaysen

\* Refers to letter dated April 23, 1968 - Panofsky Housing File

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Office of the Director  
Institute for Advanced Study

April 23, 1968

Mrs. Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Panofsky:

I understand from Wolfgang that he and his brother have decided their interest in your late husband's house to you and that, therefore, you are now the sole owner. As you may know, the arrangements under which your husband purchased the land from the Institute provide that we can repurchase the house and land at one month's notice, at a price to be determined by an agreed procedure. I write to tell you formally, on behalf of the Institute, that we will not exercise this right without giving you one year's notice of our intention to do so.

Please be assured that we here will do everything possible to make your continued stay easy and agreeable.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Kaysen

cc: Mr. M.C.Morgan, Jr.  
Mr. J. Seymour Montgomery

A few items regarding Professor Panofsky's house are included  
in the more recent correspondence in the Housing folder marked  
"Meritt, Riefler, and Weyl Contract."

*or Meritt, B. D. - Housing*

For example

See letters to David Weinstein of March 16 and March 23, 1939,  
in the above mentioned folder.

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November 16, 1943

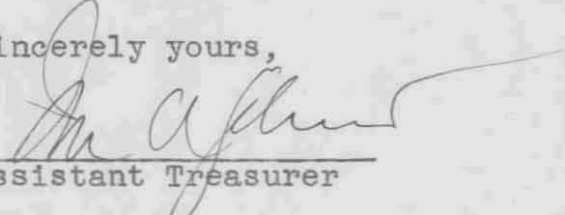
Miss Marie C. Eichelser, Assistant Secretary,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Eichelser:

I am enclosing a copy of letter dated November 9,  
1943 received from Professor Panofsky and our reply addressed  
to him today.

Would you kindly refer this matter to Dr. Aydelotte  
upon his return and request that he communicate with Mr. Herbert  
H. Maass concerning the point at issue.

Sincerely yours,

  
Assistant Treasurer

Enc.

C O P Y

November 9, 1943

Mr. S. D. Leidesdorf, Treasurer,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
125 Park Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Leidesdorf,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of November 1 (which reached me only today) and the check for \$205.51.

I have checked the figures and find them all correct, and I am also very grateful to the Institute for having complied with my request as to the reduction of my monthly payments.

I am, however, somewhat disturbed by your statement "It will be noted that at the expiration of the mortgage....there will be a balance of \$1500.00 still due the Institute." My understanding was that the whole basis of the agreement should be changed so as to conform to the agreements made with Messrs. Lowe and Earle, namely, to the effect that I should cease to be the legal owner of the land on which my house is built; that this land would henceforth be the property of the Institute; and that, therefore, I should be free from all obligations toward the Institute as soon as I shall have reached my retirement age and repaid the rest of the mortgage by the monthly deductions from my salaries. From the above sentence it would seem that, when I am retired in 1956, I should still be indebted to the Institute in the amount of \$1500.00 without being able ever to get rid of this indebtedness. On the contrary, the Institute would be entitled to foreclose my property if I should be unable to pay interest on this amount (which is quite conceivable in view of the fact that my income after retirement will be reduced to about one third of my present salary). I should be grateful for advising me whether I have misunderstood the whole arrangement, or whether it is still possible to rewrite the agreements in such a way that the Institute retakes the land right now and frees me from any indebtedness after 1956.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Erwin Panofsky

Erwin Panofsky.

November 16, 1943

Professor Erwin Panofsky,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Professor Panofsky:

Mr. Leidesdorf has requested me to reply to your letter of November 9, 1943 concerning the matter of your land and state that this matter be left in abeyance until Dr. Aydelotte's return from abroad, at which time it will be referred to him for his attention.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Treasurer

Princeton, N. J.,  
March 15, 1943

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

This is only to express my sincere gratitude for your kindness in arranging for the speedy settlement of my "amortization problem." Those \$ 400 were a real godsend.

They enable me to pay my income tax for the first quarter without taking up a loan from the bank, and I do hope that, from now on, a little belt-tightening will enable us to muddle along for a while. As to the final re-writing of my deed, there is of course not the slightest hurry.

With my renewed thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky.



Housing

March 4, 1943

Dear Mr. Schur:

Professor Panofsky, who built a house on Institute ground five years ago, is finding it a little difficult to keep up his house payments, family expenses, and government taxes, and has accordingly petitioned the Trustees to allow his status to be changed from the arrangement under which he and most of the early professors built to the arrangement recently put in force for Lowe and Earle. The difference between the two contracts is that we sold plots of ground to Riefler, Weyl, Panofsky and Meritt at \$1500 each, whereas we rent lots to Earle and Lowe at \$1.00 per year.

It was Panofsky's desire to have this change made so that he might have refunded to him in cash what he has paid on his lot. This would not be \$1500, but would only be the interest and amortisation that he has paid on that \$1500 during the last five years.

Could you figure out what this amount will be and ask Mr. Leidesdorf whether it is satisfactory to him to have the amount refunded to Panofsky in cash? I am afraid it is not going to be much more than \$500 or \$600, but I should like you to figure that independently, since there may be some condition of the contract which I do not understand. The arrangements for the alteration of the contract can be undertaken later, but Panofsky is trying hard at this moment to assemble money to pay his income tax by March 15th.

The moral of this whole transaction is the very bad judgment which Congress has shown in not adopting the Ruml Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Ira A. Schur  
S. D. Leidesdorf & Co.  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City  
FA/MCE

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April 5, 1941

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

We have just written Professor Erwin Panofsky advising him of the change in deductions to be made from his salary commencing with this month's check.

Would you be good enough to adjust your monthly salary list so that deductions from Professor Panofsky's check will total \$191.25 ✓ rather than \$191.20 as had been the case heretofore.

Very truly yours,

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY



Assistant Treasurer

June 26, 1940

Mr. Ira A. Schur  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Schur:

I am sending you herewith  
tax bill of the Township of Princeton on the  
property of Professor Erwin Panofsky for third  
and fourth quarters, 1940.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Secretary

ESB

January 25, 1940

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
Battle Road Extension  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Professor Panofsky:

We are enclosing herewith statement showing assessment for real estate taxes on your property for the years 1938 and 1939, also monthly deductions made from your salary during the year 1939 to cover 1939 taxes.

You will recall that, under date of December 30, 1938, we advised you that we would communicate with you when we had received sufficient information to enable us to determine the amount of your proportionate assessment for the year 1938 for tax on land. When the 1939 real estate tax bills were received, they were compared with the 1938 tax bills, disclosing a number of variations. This necessitated detailed investigation, which has caused the delay. Your proportionate share of taxes on land for the year 1938 is \$9.50.

Your tax bill for the year 1939 shows the following assessments:

Land	\$2,500
Building	9,500
Personal	500
Deduction	100
Net valuation taxable	12,400

You will note from the enclosed statement that there is an amount due the Institute of \$28.78, covering unpaid balances of 1938 and 1939 real estate taxes.

Monthly deductions for real estate taxes during the year 1940 will be based on the last assessment available, that of 1939. The 1940 monthly deductions will be made at the rate of 1/12 of \$409.32, or \$34.11. The small difference between this amount and the deduction of \$31.67 from the check sent to you as of January 1, 1940, will be adjusted on the February 1, 1940 payment. You understand, of course, that these deductions are being made for

Professor Erwin Panofsky

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January 25, 1940

1940 real estate taxes, the exact amount of which we will not know until the latter part of the year, at which time we will communicate with you if any differences are disclosed.

If the above is not entirely clear, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely yours,

*In a letter  
and T. Pan.*

Enc.

PROFESSOR ERWIN PANOFSKY  
In Account With  
THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Real Estate Taxes - Block 14 - Lot 15:		
Land for year 1938	<u>\$17.07</u>	
June 11, 1938 to December 31, 1938		\$9.50
Land and building for 1939		<u>409.32</u>
		418.82
Less:		
Deductions from Salary for Real Estate Taxes:		
December 31, 1938	\$41.67	
January 31, 1939	31.67	
February 28, 1939	31.67	
March 31, 1939	31.67	
April 30, 1939	31.67	
May 31, 1939	31.67	
June 30, 1939	31.67	
July 31, 1939	31.67	
August 31, 1939	31.67	
September 30, 1939	31.67	
October 31, 1939	31.67	
November 30, 1939	<u>31.67</u>	<u>390.04</u>
Balance		<u>\$28.78</u>

*Housing*

November 7, 1939

Mr. Ira A. Schur  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Schur:

I am sending you herewith a letter  
which we have just received from the Public  
Service Electric and Gas Company enclosing a  
check for \$10.00, a refund due on a payment  
made by the Institute in connection with the  
residence of Professor Panofsky.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB

November 7, 1939

Mr. W. R. Brearley  
Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Brearley:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of the third enclosing your petty cash check No. 81 in the amount of \$10.00, which represents a refund due on the payment made by you to cover the cost of running a gas stub service pipe from the main to the curb line on the property of Professor Panofsky.

The Institute has now moved its office from 20 Nassau Street to Fuld Hall, so that our address is simply The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BARLEY  
Secretary

ESB



Housing

September 27, 1939

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
87 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Professor Panofsky:

I have your letter of September 22  
with enclosures regarding the Public Service  
Electric and Gas Company bill, and I am writing  
to Mr. Leidesdorf regarding it. I shall let  
you hear from me as soon as I have a reply from  
him.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAKER

ESB

Housing  
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September 27, 1939

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I have a letter from Professor Panofsky this morning sending me a letter of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company with bill, dated September 21, 1939. Professor Panofsky is greatly disturbed at receiving this bill more than a year after August 10, 1938, because he now has no funds with which to pay it, as in addition to his immediate family he is supporting a refugee relative. He writes:

"You would do me a great favor by submitting the problem to the Treasurer. It may be that my mortgage is not quite exhausted, and in this case the matter would be very simple. If, however, no more or not a sufficient amount of my mortgage is at my disposal I can see no other way than to increase the mortgage once more to such an extent that this bill can be met. I am sincerely sorry to cause you and the Treasurer this new inconvenience, but it is obviously and admittedly the fault of the Public Service which failed to send its bill at the proper time, thereby creating a liability of which I knew nothing."

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BARNETT

ESB

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

September 22nd 1939

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I honestly and sincerely hoped that I should never have to bother you again with the problems centered around my house. That this hope proved to be fallacious is not my fault, as you can see from the enclosed letter from the Public Service. This organization claims, with many though useless apologies, that it had forgotten to bill me for an alleged excess amount of piping which was put into my plot last year in August and now, more than a year afterwards, expects me to pay \$.55.50 for this work.

I have, of course, no means of ascertaining whether or not this claim is justified, and much less am I in a position to pay this bill. Having to support, in addition to myself and my wife, two sons and my brother-in-law out of what remains from my salary after the deduction of interest, amortization, taxes etc., I simply cannot pay an unforeseen bill of this size out of my income.

Thus you would do me a great favor by submitting the problem to the Treasurer. It may be that my mortgage is not quite exhausted, and in this case the matter would be very simple. If, however, no more, or not a sufficient amount, of my mortgage is at my disposal I can see no other way than to increase the mortgage once more to such an extent that this bill can be met. I am sincerely sorry to cause you and the Treasurer this new inconvenience, but it is obviously and admittedly the fault of the Public Service which failed to send its bill at the proper time and thereby created a liability of which I knew nothing.

Sincerely yours,

*Erwin Panofsky*

Erwin Panofsky.

COPY

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

Princeton, N. J.  
Sept. 21st, 1939

Mr. Erwin Panofsky,  
Battle Road West,  
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Panofsky,

It did not take me very long after our conversation on the phone to investigate the discrepancy in our letter of the 19th. and to get a picture of the regrettable oversight in billing you about a year late for an excess gas service charge.

The charge was not made when it should have been as the card was lost until recently discovered while checking over the year 1938. The question of actual feet run was settled by record on the original work card. It was 161 feet—allowance 50 feet. The error we talked of was very evident in the letter as working the problem backwards we had to get 161 feet. The 151 feet was an error in typing.

I regret the oversight in making the charge as well as incorrect letter very much and trust that the oversight will not cause you a lot of trouble.

Corrected bill accompanies this letter.

(signed) W. P. BREARLEY

Bill, Sept. 21, 1939

Mr. Erwin Panofsky  
Battle Road West

Aug. 10, 38	Excess gas served	
	Total distance	161 ft
	Advanced	50 "
	Charged @ 50¢ ft.	<u>111</u>
	Amount due	
	Excess gas service	\$55.50

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**HEGEMAN-HARRIS COMPANY**  
INC.  
**BUILDERS**  
220 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.  
TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-5362

July 13, 1939

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

While at Princeton yesterday, Mr. Dawson gave me your letter regarding the roadway at Professor Panofsky's garage.

We had a man look over this matter and will send to Mr. Maass today, a proposal for correcting this road.

No doubt Mr. Maass will decide what is to be done and advise you.

Very truly yours

HEGEMAN-HARRIS COMPANY, INC.

CDB:EL

By *C. B. Bailey*

Housing  
J

July 9, 1939

Mr. Dawson  
Hegeman-Harris Company  
P. O. Box 149  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Mr. Maass has requested me to get in touch with a representative of Hegeman-Harris on the job at Fuld Hall and ask him to look over the road to Professor Panofsky's garage and send him an estimate of the cost of the work required to put the road in good condition. Professor Panofsky will explain to you that after every storm the gravel is washed away where the road slopes. As the garage was moved to its present location upon the instigation of the Institute, it seems to be an Institute obligation to repair the road. Will you therefore send an estimate of the cost to

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

If I should have addressed this inquiry to Mr. Brady or someone else, won't you please refer it to the proper person?

I hope that you and your family are enjoying your residence in Princeton and that you are getting some cool breezes on Jefferson Road as well as at Fuld Hall.

With kind regards in which Dr. Flexner joins, I am

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BARLEY

ESB

Housing

July 7, 1959

Mr. Ira A. Schur  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Schur:

I am sending you herewith tax  
bill which Professor Panofsky has referred to me.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER B. BARLETT

ESB

Housing  
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July 1, 1959

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

My dear Mr. Maass:

Mr. Weston will tell you about  
Professor Panofsky's road. However, for the  
records I may state the following:

Professor Panofsky reported that heavy rains wash out the gravel of about seven yards of the road to his garage and after every storm he is put to the expense of repairing it. He suggested as a remedy that some pitch be placed on the underlying large stones. He wondered if the men who are now at work on the Institute road to Fuld Hall could not repair his road. He stated that his garage was originally so placed as to avoid this very thing, that the Institute forced him to have his garage moved, and he hoped that the Institute might now assist him in this difficulty.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB



Housing

June 8, 1939

S. H. Stillwell, Inc.  
22 Edgehill Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

I am sending you herewith check of the  
Institute for Advanced Study for the following  
items in connection with the property of

Professor Panofsky:

April 10, 1939

Moving and changing garage, fence and dog yard, building road and alterations to grade as per estimate	\$584.00
Removing stepping stones and making walk in front	38.00
Cinders in dog yard	7.70
Laying stepping stones around house	<u>2.80</u>
	<u><u>\$612.50</u></u>

Very truly yours,

Esther S. Bailey  
Secretary

Check of  
National Newark & Essex  
Banking Co., June 5, 1939  
No. 2719

ESB

May 31, 1939

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I am sending to you herewith, for payment by the Institute, bill of S. H. Stillwell, Inc. for \$612.30.

The first item - \$564.00 - is an obligation of the Institute, inasmuch as the Institute, in order to improve its property, had the garage moved.

The remaining items, amounting to \$48.30, are in connection with the residence of Professor Panofsky and are to be paid by him in the usual way, that is, by monthly deductions from his salary.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

ESB

Housing

May 28, 1959

Dear Professor Panofsky:

Mr. Comstock has sent to us the enclosed statement from S. H. Stillwell, Inc. He has telephoned me that it is his understanding that the Institute is to pay the entire bill, but that the last three items amounting to \$48.50 are to be taken care of by you in the same way as the other bills in connection with your residence. If you approve, won't you please sign as indicated and return the bill to me?

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ESTHER S. BARLEY

ESB

April 25, 1939

Dear Mr. Comstock:

I have now received from Mr. Maass, who is counsel for the Institute for Advanced Study as well as Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, a letter regarding the Panofsky driveway. He writes as follows:

"From the reasons which Mr. Comstock gives it is obvious that the expense is an unusual one occasioned by conditions for which the Institute is not responsible. It should therefore be met by Professor Panofsky."

I am sorry to report that Mr. Maass's judgment is unfavorable, though I was fearful that such would prove to be the case.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Francis Adams Comstock  
Rosedale Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherb"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Willbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*  
*New York* , April 20, 1939.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Dr. Flexner:-

This will acknowledge yours of the 17th, enclosing letter from Mr. Comstock, which I am herewith returning.

I know of no reason why we should incur the added expense to which Mr. Comstock refers. The reasons he gives are obvious that this expense is an unusual one occasioned by conditions for which Professor Panofsky alone is responsible, and he should meet them out of his own pocket.

As to my suggestion for the filling of Miss Sabin's place, it was, of course, merely a thought, which I am glad to withdraw.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Encl.  
HHM:JR

FRANCIS ADAMS COMSTOCK  
*Princeton, New Jersey*

April 14, 1939

Dear Dr. Flexner.

I wish to report that the new garage has been relocated on Mr. Panofsky's property and the driveway and turn-around constructed. On my final inspection of the work yesterday I discovered that the space for turning the car was insufficient for two reasons. Planned for normal use, this space proved inadequate because Panofsky's car, an oldish limousine, was both larger and less flexible in turning than a normal car. The other reason is a certain lack of skill in driving on the part of Panofsky.

The consequences of all this are seen in the many large ruts in the dirt at the sides of the roadway. I experimented myself with his car and find that approximately four hundred and fifty square feet of additional paved space is required. I have obtained a price of \$60.- for this work from S.H. Stillwell Inc., the contractor in the previous work.

I trust that the above reasons seem sufficient for you to authorize me to have this work done at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours

Francis Adams Comstock

*Panofsky*

April 17, 1939

Dear Mr. Maass:

I received this morning the enclosed from Mr. Comstock. I have written him that I am referring the matter to you. I myself do not see why we should be involved in any further expense to pay for the errors for which we are not responsible. However, I shall agree in advance with any conclusion which you may reach.

Inasmuch as Mr. Riefler is Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I spoke to him about your suggestion for the filling of Miss Sabin's place. He thought it would be a grave error to put a journalist, who at that has really had no experience in higher education, on the Board. Subsequently, I submitted the same suggestion to Mr. Stewart without mentioning Riefler's opinion. He thought the choice would not be felicitous and might lead to unpleasant publicity of a kind we are most anxious to avoid.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
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(signed) FRANCIS ADAMS COMSTOCK



April 17, 1939

Dear Mr. Comstock:

I have yours of the fourteenth in reference to the Panofsky driveway. I regret that I am compelled to submit this request to the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, for I have myself no power to authorize additional expense.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Francis Adams Comstock

Princeton, New Jersey

AF:ESB

April 14, 1939

My dear Professor Panofsky:

I have a letter, dated April 12, from  
the counsel of the Institute from which I quote as  
follows:

"You may inform Professor Panofsky  
that the Institute is willing to enter into an  
agreement with any tenant of Professor Panofsky's  
home in the event that he should rent the same,  
wherein and whereby the Institute will agree to  
give one year prior notice to the owner of the  
property of its intention to exercise its option  
to reacquire the property."

I regret to say that the Institute feels  
that it cannot change the provisions of the deed relating  
to the re-acquisition of your lot, etc., in view of the  
fact that the parcel itself was sold at a price of \$1,500.00,  
which is far below its fair value.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ESB

April 14, 1939

Mr. David Weinstein  
c/o Messrs. Maass and Davidson  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Thank you for your letter of April 12,  
the contents of which I am reporting to Professor Panofsky  
in accordance with your suggestion.

Since writing to you on April 5 I have  
learned from Professor Riefler that he is perfectly satis-  
fied with your explanation regarding the provisions of the  
deed relating to the re-acquisition of his lot, etc.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BARLEY

ESB

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maashort"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Willur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York, April 12, 1939.*

The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Attention of Mrs. Bailey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., together with enclosures.

In connection with the comments made by Professor Panofsky, the Institute feels that it cannot change the provisions of the deed relating to the re-acquisition of said lot and the method of appraisal provided for therein along the lines suggested by Professor Panofsky, especially in view of the fact that the parcel itself was sold at a price of \$1,500.00, which is far below its fair value, and in view of the fact that the improvements made to the plot would depreciate over a term of years.

I am sure that had these improvements not been on the lot prior to Professor Panofsky's purchase thereof, he would have purchased the lot in any event since the lot was sold to him far below its real value.

You may inform Professor Panofsky that the Institute is willing to enter into an agreement with any tenant of Professor Panofsky's home in the event that he should rent the same, wherein and whereby the Institute will agree to give one year prior notice to the owner of the property of its intention to exercise its option to reacquire the property. I think that this should satisfy Professor Panofsky.

Yours very truly,

*David Weinstein*

DW:PT

April 5, 1959

Mr. David Weinstein  
c/o Messrs. Maass and Davidson  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

I am sending to you herewith the corrected bond and mortgage of Professor and Mrs. Panofsky, these documents having been executed in accordance with the suggestions contained in your letter of April 1.

Regarding the re-purchase of the property or renting it, Professor Panofsky has written to me as follows:

(1) The amount paid for construction work relating to roads, sewers, etc. will be refunded, in case of re-purchase only in so far as it will be included into the "appraised value" of improvements - this does not seem quite fair to me. The sum of \$1,385.30 should, in my opinion, not be considered as equal to the money spent for building and planting, but as an addition to the purchasing price of the lot, in other words, this amount should be refunded, in case of re-purchase, on the same basis as the \$1,500.00 for the land proper, that is to say independently of an appraisal and plus 4% interest. In my opinion, it seems just that the "owner" bear the depreciation of his house, garage, etc., but not that of constructions which normally would have been there before he bought his lot and are now an integral part of same.

(2) I appreciate the Institute's willingness to enter, in case I should want to rent my house, into an agreement with the tenant wherein and whereby the Institute will agree not to exercise the recapture clause unless it gives six months' prior notice of its intention to do so. However, houses in Princeton, as an academic community, are generally rented by the year, and it would be extremely difficult to find a tenant who would be prepared to run the risk of being evicted in the

Mr. Weinstein

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middle of the academic year when other quarters are particularly hard to get. Thus I should be very grateful if the Institute would consent to extend the "six months" to "one year". This cannot conceivably impair the interests of the Institute in any way and would considerably increase the renting possibilities of the houses.

Professor Riefler is away so that I have not yet received his reply in reference to re-purchase.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

ESB

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*20 Exchange Place*

*New York*, April 1, 1939.

The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Attention of Mrs. Bailey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

In accordance with your letters of March 16th and March 21st, we have corrected the bond and mortgage of Professor and Mrs. Panofsky, increasing the amount of their obligation thereunder by the sum of \$100.00, which the Institute will advance to Professor Panofsky. Accordingly, will you kindly have the bond executed by Professor and Mrs. Panofsky at the place indicated with their initials on page 4. The execution should be witnessed and should also be acknowledged before a notary public. Will you also have the mortgage duly executed by Professor and Mrs. Panofsky at page 9 and have their signatures witnessed, and also acknowledged before a notary public. When that has been done, kindly return said documents to me for recording.

In reply to the second paragraph of your letter dated March 21, 1939, addressed to me, I am inclined to believe that Professor Riefler misunderstands the terms of the option to re-acquire the Professor's property. If he will examine the copy of the deed which he has, at pages 5 and 6 he will find that if the option is exercised, the Institute will pay to him \$1,500.00 with 4% interest thereon for the land and the appraised value of the buildings and improvements on said land.

It is the intention of the Institute that the term "improvements" include the construction work relating to roads, sewers and other improvements in connection with his lot.

I trust that this satisfactorily explains the doubt in his mind.

As to the objections of Professor Panofsky that the Institute could exercise its option to re-purchase the property

*Maass & Davidson*

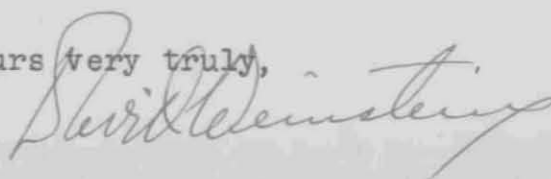
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on as little as thirty days' notice, please advise Professor Panofsky that if at any time he desires to rent his home and the tenant raises the objection suggested by Professor Panofsky, the Institute will enter into an agreement with the tenant wherein and whereby the Institute will agree not to exercise said option unless it gives six months' prior notice of its intention to do so.

I trust that this satisfactorily answers your letter of the 21st inst., as well as the various objections raised by Professors Riefler and Panofsky.

Yours very truly,



DW:PT



THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 5th 1939

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bailey,

I thank you very much for your letter of April 3rd and am returning the enclosures after having signed both Bond and Mortgage. I appreciate the kindness of the Institute in raising the amount of the mortgage by \$100.00, which will enable me to complete the planting on my lot.

Concerning the letter of counsel of the Institute which you were kind enough to impart to me, I am grateful for the consideration given to my previous letter, but should like to point out the following :

(1) That the amount payed for construction work relating to roads, sewers etc. will be refunded, in case of re-purchase, only in so far as it will be included into the "appraised value" of improvements does not seem quite fair to me. Those \$ 1383.30 should, in my opinion, not be considered as equal to the money spent for building and planting, but as an addition to the purchasing price of the lot, in other words, this amount should be refunded, in case of re-purchase, on the same basis as the \$ 1500.00 for the land proper, that is to say independently of an appraisal and plus 4 % interest. In my opinion it seems justified that the "owner" bears the depreciation of his house, garage etc., but not that of constructions which normally would have been there before he bought his lot and are now an integral part of same. It may be true, as you pointed out in conversation, that it is customary for the purchaser of a lot in an undeveloped neighbourhood to pay for such constructions as roads, sewers etc. But under normal circumstances said purchaser would also benefit by the subsequent increase of the value of his lot. In our case the "owner" has to bear the depreciation of the buildings etc., while he does not benefit by the increase of the value of the lot which can be re-captured at any time at the original price plus 4 % interest. In view of this it would, in my opinion, seem justified to include the amount of \$ 1383.30 in this original price, and not to put it on the same basis as buildings and planting.

(2) I appreciate the Institute's willingness to enter, in case I should want to rent my house, into an agreement with the tenant wherein and whereby the Institute will agree not to exercise the recapture clause unless it gives six months' prior notice of its intention to do so. However, houses in Princeton, as an academic community, are generally rented by the year, and it would be extremely difficult to find a tenant who would be prepared to run the risk of being evicted in the middle of the academic year when other quarters are particularly hard to get. Thus I should be very grateful if the Institute would consent to extend the "six months" to "one year". This cannot conceivably impair the interests of the Institute in any way and would considerably increase the renting possibilities of the houses.

Sincerely yours,

*Erwin Panofsky*

Erwin Panofsky.

April 3, 1939

My dear Professor Panofsky:

I send you herewith a bond and a second mortgage to be executed by you and Mrs. Panofsky. Please sign the bond on page 4 at the places indicated with your initials and have your signatures witnessed and acknowledged before a notary public, and also execute the second mortgage on page 9, having your signatures witnessed and acknowledged before a notary public. The enclosed bond and second mortgage have been corrected, increasing the amount of your obligation thereunder by the sum of \$100.00, which the Institute will advance to you.

When these documents have been executed, will you kindly return them to me?

In reference to the terms of the option, counsel of the Institute has written as follows:

"I am inclined to believe that Professor Kiefler misunderstands the terms of the option to re-acquire the Professor's property. If he will examine the copy of the deed which he has, at pages 5 and 6 he will find that if the option is exercised, the Institute will pay to him \$1,500.00 with 4% interest thereon for the land and the appraised value of the buildings and improvements on said land.

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As to the objections of Professor Panofsky that the Institute could exercise its option to re-purchase the property on

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as little as thirty days' notice, please advise Professor Panofsky that if at any time he desires to rent his home and the tenant raises the objection suggested by Professor Panofsky, the Institute will enter into an agreement with the tenant wherein and whereby the Institute will agree not to exercise said option unless it gives six months' prior notice of its intention to do so."

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ESB

May 19, 1933

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I am sending you herewith for payment by the Institute  
bills in connection with the house of Professor Panofsky as follows:

R. K. Ribsam Nurseries, Inc.                    \$178.00  
Lawn Work, Planting, Sodding, etc.  
This check should be drawn to the  
order of Abraham Flexner and sent  
to him to Princeton inasmuch as the  
Ribsam Nurseries needed cash and in  
the interest of time Dr. Flexner took  
care of the item. Ribsam Nurseries  
receipt is enclosed.

S. H. Stillwell, Inc.                            \$60.00  
22 Edgehill Street  
Princeton, New Jersey  
To Extending court 15 feet and  
sodding North side of terrace  
along road

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB

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*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherb"*

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*20 Exchange Place*  
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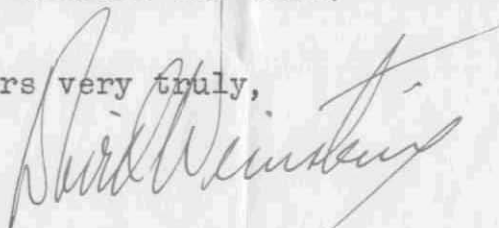
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Attention of Mrs. Bailey

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. I am informed by the Institute that it is agreeable with them to increase the Panofsky mortgage by \$100.00. Accordingly, I suggest that you return the Panofsky papers to me in order that I may correct the same.

Yours very truly,



DW:PT

March 13, 1939

My dear Professor Panofsky:

I send you herewith a bond and a second mortgage to be executed by you and Mrs. Panofsky. Please sign the bond on page 4 at the places indicated with your initials and have your signatures witnessed and acknowledged before a notary public, and also execute the second mortgage on page 9, having your signatures witnessed and acknowledged before a notary public. The enclosed bond and second mortgage have been prepared in accordance with a letter written to you, dated October 14, 1938, by Mr. Leidesdorf, the Treasurer of the Institute.

When these documents have been executed, will you kindly return them to me?

Sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ESTHER S. BAILEY

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Sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

*Esther S. Bailey*

ESB





February 13, 1939

Dear Professor Panofsky:

I have your letter of February 11. Please do not feel that you have to apologize for writing to me about this or any other matter with which we are all concerned.

Mr. Maass, the Chairman of the Building Committee, has left New York and will be gone for a month. Immediately upon his return I shall take this matter up with him and let you know what can be done. You may be sure that the problem will be dealt with in a most sympathetic spirit.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE

Princeton, N.J.,  
97 Battle Road,

February 11th 1939

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Please forgive me for raising two questions in connection with my house, and kindly accept my apologies for doing so now instead of at a much earlier date. It was only in view of my present circumstances that I paid full attention to a matter which, as I realize, I should have considered before signing the papers. When I did this I still carried some life insurance, so that I did not worry so much about the financial aspects of the Agreement. In the mean time I had to give up my policy because I could not afford the premium, and the house is now all I shall be able to leave to my family. In view of this I read more carefully the recapture clause on pp. 4 sq. of the Agreement and realized for the first time the implications of it which are twofold.

1) The recapture clause entitles the Institute to repurchase the house at any time up to June 11th 1943 and to take possession of it within one or two months even after my debt has been completely paid off. This means:

1) that the property will be practically unsalable because the potential purchaser might be evicted any time at short notice.

2) that the house will not even be rentable for a pro-

longed period because the same would apply to any lessee.

3) that I myself, if alive, or the surviving members of my family, if still occupying the house, might be forced to move out any time while living on a small pension whereas I had hoped that one advantage of the transaction would be a certain amount of "security" for my or my wife's old age.

I realize, of course, that the Institute has a very real interest in controlling the land in this neighbourhood to some extent, but I hope that, in view of the above mentioned circumstances, it will realize in turn the hardship involved by the fact that its right to evict me, my survivors, or any possible purchaser or tenant<sup>w</sup> up to the year 2113 is absolutely illimited, and that this right may actually prevent my family from benefit~~ing~~ in any way from the money invested in the property.

I therefore ~~make~~ bold to ask whether the Institute might consider to modify the recapture clause in such a way that it would be transformed into an option approximately to the following effect: I, or my heirs, would have the privilege to offer the property to the Institute in case I or they should want to sell it or to rent it for a prolonged period, the estimation of the price being subject to the specifications set forth in the Agreement. I, or my heirs, would in turn be obliged not to exercise this privilege before my debts are completely paid off, that is to say, either after my retirement from my present post, or, in case of my death, after the Institute has been reimbursed by the insurance company. This would, I feel, protect the interests of the Institute, which at such time should be able to decide whether or not it may possibly want to repurchase the property,

and it would, on the other hand, create a clear and much easier situation for myself, or my heirs, at a time when I, or they, will have to make a general revision of living standards.

II) In raising this question I am fully aware of the fact that I am asking for a sheer favor and should have only myself to blame if the Institute refuses to consider it. The second question is of a somewhat different nature. According to the Agreement the repurchasing price of the property will be composed of a) the purchasing price of the lot plus 4% interest from June 8th 1939, and b) the value of the buildings appraised in the manner set forth in the Agreement.

Now the purchasing price of the lot has been assumed to be \$ 1500.00. But it amounted in fact to \$ 2883.30 because the cost of the "improvements", which were charged to me and now constitute an integral part of what is commonly called a "lot", amounted to \$ 1383.30. This fact was not made clear in the Agreement and was actually unknown to me, as it was to others, when I signed the papers. Thus it would seem to be justified to replace the figure "\$1500.00" by the figure "\$ 2883.30".

Hoping that you will forgive me for bothering you with these two questions, which are somewhat on my mind,

Believe me,

gratefully and respectfully yours

*Erwin Panofsky*

February 3, 1959

Mr. Ira A. Schur  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Schur:

I am sending you herewith  
township tax bill on Professor Panofsky's property.

I am also enclosing  
receipt of premium paid on life insurance policy  
of Professor Panofsky.

Sincerely yours,

ESB

January 18, 1959

My dear Professor Panofsky:

I have this morning a letter from Mr. Schur from which I quote as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter. It is very difficult for us to estimate the real estate taxes for 1959 on Professors' houses. For example, there have just been forwarded to us tax bills on Institute property, which tax bills appear to include the property sold to the Professors. Despite sale of a portion of the land, the Institute has apparently been charged on the same basis as last year, i.e., taxed on vacant land in its entirety.

Inasmuch as Professor Panofsky received an intimation that his taxes for the year 1959 would be \$380.00, it seems to us that it would be best to make deductions from his salary on this basis. If this is agreeable, deduction should be made from Professor Panofsky's salary at the rate of \$31.67 a month. Deductions for taxes were made from January 1, 1959 payments to the Professors on the old basis. Due to the indefiniteness of the final amount and the fact that an adjustment will have to be made as soon as the actual amount of taxes is determined, we would like to hold in abeyance the adjustment of the January 1st deduction until such time."

I am writing Mr. Schur that you are willing to have the January 1st payment adjusted at the time he suggests.

Your January salary check will therefore be \$643.07 - your salary of \$875.00 minus annuity payment of \$43.75, minus house payment of \$188.18.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ESTHER S. BAILEY

January 18, 1939

Dear Mr. Comstock:

I have submitted to Mr. Maass, the Chairman of our Building Committee, the bids of Mr. Warren and Mr. Stillwell for job of moving the Panofsky garage, and he has authorized me to accept the bid of Mr. Stillwell, it being understood that this bid includes all the details included in Mr. Warren's bid.

Will you please notify Mr. Stillwell of this acceptance?

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Francis A. Comstock  
Rosedale Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

AF/MCE



*Handing  
Panofsky Garage*

*Maass & Davidson  
Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherb"*

*Herbert H. Maass  
Wilbur C. Davidson  
Monroe L. Friedman  
David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York*, January 16, 1939.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Flexner:-

This will acknowledge yours of the 13th.

I did not know that Mr. Stillwell was the contractor for the Panofsky house. Such being the fact, I agree with your suggestion that he be awarded the job for removing the garage. I should like to be sure, however, that his estimate comprehends all the detailed items which are included in the other estimate we have in hand.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*

HHM:JR

January 13, 1939

Dear Mr. Maass:

I have now once more assumed my job. This morning I found the economists at work early and extremely happy in their environment. I imagine that all the others are equally happy and busy.

Miss Eichelser has shown me your letter of the 12th in reference to the two bids for the reconstruction of the Panofsky garage. Regardless of the slight difference in the two bids, I wonder whether it would not be wiser to give the job to Mr. Stillwell, who built the Panofsky house and garage and who has been associated with Mr. Comstock, the architect, who is on the architectural staff of Princeton University. There is, I think, no question as to his competency to do the work - the Panofsky house is really extremely well built - and I think we should avoid any possibility of local criticism if we cooperate with Mr. Comstock rather than ask Mr. Comstock to cooperate with a new builder.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

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*Herbert H. Maass*  
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*20 Exchange Place*

*New York*, January 12, 1939.

Miss Marie C. Eichelser,  
The Institute For Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Miss Eichelser:

This will acknowledge your two letters of January 11th.

I enclose herewith Mr. Larson's receipted bill for his disbursement account.

I have looked over the two estimates for the change in the Panofsky garage, and although Mr. Warren's estimate is \$16.00 higher than that of Stillwell, I am inclined to award the job to Mr. Warren for the reason, first, that we have had experience with him and found his work eminently satisfactory, and secondly because his estimate is much more comprehensive.

Will you therefore take the necessary steps to have Mr. Warren do the job, and I will approve his bill when it comes in.

I am returning the estimates herewith.

Yours very truly,



HHM:IS  
Encls.

H. B. WARREN  
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER  
52 AIKEN AVENUE

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 5, 1939.

Mr. Francis A. Comstock,  
Rosedale Road,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

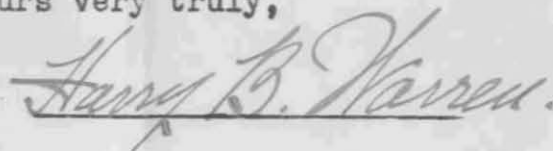
I am pleased to submit my estimate for furnishing all Material and Labor for moving garage, etc., at the residence of Dr. Erwin Panofsky on Battle Road West, for the sum of \$580.00 (five hundred, eighty dollars) as follows:

Move present garage to new location as shown on plan and build frame under present studs and sill to make the same height as at present. This includes new foundations, cement floor and approach. Paint present woodwork one coat and new woodwork three coats to match present finish.

Build driveway to new location of garage and also space in front of garage for turning, etc.

Reset fencing and gate in new location as shown on plans and fill in space occupied by present garage. Grade lawn to new driveway, etc.

Yours very truly,



HARRY B. WARREN.

HBW:CC

*Housing  
Panofsky Garage*

January 11, 1939

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

My dear Mr. Maass:

I am sending you herewith two estimates for the job of moving Professor Panofsky's garage. I have made inquiry of Mr. Comstock, the architect, as to whether Mr. Stillwell's estimate includes the work of filling in the space occupied by the present garage and the necessary grading, as mentioned in Mr. Warren's estimate. Mr. Comstock raised this question with Mr. Stillwell and was told that all this is included.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSEER

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H. B. WARREN

52 Aiken Avenue

Princeton, New Jersey

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Reset fencing and gate in new location as shown on plans and fill in space occupied by present garage. Grade lawn to new driveway, etc.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Harry B. Warren

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S. H. STILLWELL, INC.

22 Edgehill Street

Princeton, N. J., January 6, 1939

Mr. F. A. Comstock,  
Princeton, N. J.

Re. Prof. Panofsky's Garage

Dear Sir:

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Yours truly,

S. H. Stillwell, Inc.

PHONE 393

**S. H. STILLWELL, INC.**  
**CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS**  
OFFICE: 22 EDGEHILL STREET

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 6, 1939.

Mr. F. A. Constock,  
Princeton, N. J.

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Housing

Order 3811-3160

Panofsky Lot

November 16, 1938

Description of Portion of Lands of  
Institute for Advanced Study in  
Princeton Township

Beginning at a monument at the intersection of the northwesterly line of Battle Road with the northeasterly line of a private right of way, said monument bearing South fifty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes West ( $S51^{\circ}57'W$ ) seven hundred ninety-four and sixty-eight ( $794.68$ ) feet from a monument at the intersection of the northwesterly line of Battle Road with the westerly line of Olden Land, and running thence

- (1) along the northeasterly line of said private right of way North thirty eight degrees three minutes West ( $N38^{\circ}03'W$ ) one hundred and five ( $105$ ) feet to a monument; thence
- (2) northwesterly, still along said right of way, along a curve bearing to the right with a radius of two hundred twenty-six and twenty-nine hundredths ( $226.29$ ) feet, a distance of ninety-five and seventy-one hundredths ( $95.71$ ) feet, the chord of said curve bearing North twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes West ( $N25^{\circ}56'W$ ) ninety-five ( $95$ ) feet to a point; thence
- (3) along other lands of the Institute for Advanced Study North sixty degrees forty-three minutes forty seconds East ( $N60^{\circ}43'40''E$ ) one hundred and one ( $101$ ) feet to a point; thence
- (4) still along said lands South thirty-eight degrees three minutes East ( $S38^{\circ}03'E$ ) one hundred eighty-two and forty-six hundredths ( $182.46$ ) feet to a point in the northwesterly line of Battle Road; thence

Panofsky Lot cont.

(5) along the said line of Battle Road South fifty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes West ( $S51^{\circ}57'W$ ) one hundred nineteen and seventy-six hundredths (119.76) feet to the place of beginning.

*C. S. Sincerhan*

# THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

MR. LOUIS BAMBERGER AND MRS. FELIX FULD FOUNDATION

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

125 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF

ASSISTANT TREASURER

IRA A. SCHUR

October 20, 1938

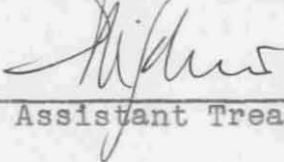
Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Flexner:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Dr. Panofsky regarding payments to be made by him on account of advances made by the Institute in connection with his home.

Sincerely yours,

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY



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Assistant Treasurer

Enc.

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October 19, 1938

Prof. Erwin Panofsky  
Battle Road Extension  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Prof. Panofsky:

Mr. Herbert H. Maass has sent to this office copies of recent correspondence with you.

We note that in your letter of September 16, 1938, you set forth a total of \$17,104.81. There is a slight difference in this total as compared with our records. This difference is occasioned by the fact that we have not as yet received the bill for \$10.00, which you state is for plowing of ungraded portion; also, there is a bill for \$7.50 which was paid by us, copy of which is enclosed for your information. Your account on the books of the Institute, therefore, appears as follows, after giving consideration to these items, as well as the items concerning which Mr. Maass has informed you:

Total stated in your letter of September 16, 1938		\$17,104.81
Bill of Mr. Sincerbeaux		7.50
Proportionate share of charges for the building of road, sewers, plot development and electrical work, of which Mr. Maass has advised you:		
Road	\$920.44	
Sewer	325.10	
Plot development	33.67	
Electric contract	<u>104.09</u>	1,383.30
Amount to be expended		<u>300.00</u>
		<u>\$18,795.61</u>

You will, therefore, note that the amount of the additional mortgage to cover the excess over the present mortgage of \$17,500.00, will be \$1,295.61, which is \$7.50 in excess of the amount of \$1,288.11 mentioned in your letter. As stated hereinbefore, this \$7.50 is represented by Mr. Sincerbeaux' bill.

While the new mortgage will be drawn in this sum to cover the additional \$300.00 to be expended, interest will be

Prof. E. Panofsky

October 19, 1938

charged to you only on \$18,495.61, until such time as the amount is expended.

In accordance with previous advices to you, monthly deductions have been made from your salary covering interest, principal, estimated real estate taxes, insurance, etc. These deductions had been made on a tentative basis, pending receipt of final information. While we have not received information concerning the exact amount of real estate taxes for the year, we have recalculated the monthly deductions, which will now be made on the following basis:

Mortgage - principal sum	\$18,795.61	
Monthly payment on interest and principal at \$6.51 per M or fraction thereof		\$123.69
Estimated real estate taxes 1/12	500.00	41.67
Fire insurance paid (3 years) 1/36	65.69	1.83
Annual life insurance premium 1/12	371.88	<u>30.99</u>
		<u>\$198.18</u>

You will appreciate that it will be necessary for us to adjust the monthly deductions from time to time as conditions require. For example, when the exact amount of the real estate taxes is finally determined, we will adjust the monthly figure. As and when additional fire insurance premiums are paid, we will similarly make the necessary adjustments.

In accordance with the agreement, salary deductions were made beginning with September 1, 1938, and the total of such salary deductions through payment made October 1, 1938, amounted to \$384.14, representing two monthly deductions of \$192.07. The amounts which should have been deducted for these two months aggregate \$396.36, representing two monthly payments of \$198.18 each. There is, therefore, a balance due to the Institute of \$12.22. At your convenience, we would appreciate your check in this amount.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would forward to us promptly any bills received by you in connection with real estate taxes, fire or other insurance covering building,

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Prof. E. Panofsky

October 19, 1938

and premium on life insurance policy. The Institute will then pay these bills and will make monthly deductions over the period covered by such payment.

Will you also kindly forward to us, for our payment, the bill for \$10.00 when the same is received by you. If you have paid this bill, please advise us in order that we may reimburse you in this amount.

Sincerely yours,

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

By *J. A. P. H. W.*  
*and* Treasurer

Encl.

COPY

First National Bank  
Building

Charles S. Sincerbeaux  
Civil Engineer and Surveyor  
Princeton, N.J.

Apr. 23, 1938.

382-3065

Institute for Advanced Study

to Charles S. Sincerbeaux, Dr.

Feb. 9-10- Preparing description of lot on the northeast corner  
of Battle Road and new street, together with exception for right  
of way of electric line \$7.50

Housing  
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October 19, 1938

Dear Mr. Maass:

Mr. Larson has sent me the enclosed, which should, in the first instance, have gone to you. I have let Veblen have one copy, thinking he might make some comments which would be helpful to you.

You will see what Larson proposes with reference to the Panofsky lot, Lot 18. He suggests that this lot be divided in two, thus creating Lot 19, on which a new house, facing Battle Road, can be erected. Veblen is of the opinion that building a house on Lot 19, in line with Panofsky's and the other houses on Battle Road, would very greatly please persons who own property along that street. Also the income from the sale of Lot 19 will enable the Institute to make the improvements on the Panofsky lot in line with Larson's recommendations.

There is a good deal to be said for making these changes at our expense. Panofsky is one of the most eminent members of the faculty. His salary is now \$10,500.00. It should certainly be \$12,000 and ultimately \$15,000, but this is also the case with several other salaries which ought to be raised when we are in possession of the means, in keeping with the policy which I enunciated when the Institute was founded and which I hope will not be lost sight of, namely, that the professors in this Institute



Mr. Maass

October 19, 1938

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should be only men of the highest eminence in their professions and that they should be recompensed accordingly.

You will also notice that the arrangement of the road in this plan makes it possible for us to have Lots 2 to 9 inclusive, so that we have lots for the present and for some time in the future.

I am sending you two copies of Larson's report to me.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

AF/MCE

Housing

October 11, 1938

Dear Mr. Maass:

I have yours of the 10th, containing the letter to Panofsky. It seems to me that your letter to him meets the situation perfectly, and I am therefore forwarding it to him.

I should like at the same time to express my appreciation and gratitude for the way in which you have handled the building situation. Nothing could have been more perfect or more equitable.

With deep appreciation,

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

AF/MCE

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherb"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York*, October 10, 1938.

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Flexner:-

Herewith returned I send you the copy of Professor Panofsky's letter to our Mr. Weinstein, dated September 16th last, our response under date of September 21st, the draft of Professor Panofsky's reply which he submitted to you, and the agreement between Professor Panofsky and the Institute.

After consideration of the matter, I enclose herewith a reply which I in turn would have sent to Professor Panofsky. If, after reading it, you think that it meets the situation, please hand it to him. Personally I am of the opinion that this should dispose of the whole matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*  
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HHM:JR

November 10, 1938

Dear Professor Panofsky:

Thank you very much for the copy of the handsome volume entitled The Meaning of the Humanities. This is a book which I shall read with very great interest. I am sorry I was unable to hear the lectures as they were given last year, but I find myself disinclined as a rule to go out in the evening to attend a lecture when with a little patience I will be able to read it.

I should like to take this opportunity to say to you about the division of your lot that, as I understood Mr. Larson, the next step would be a survey, so as to mark the dividing line. I shall write Mr. Maass this morning, and if he confirms my feeling, I shall ask Mr. Sincerbeaux to proceed immediately. I am sorry that there has been so much delay, but when one person is in Hanover, New Hampshire, another in New York, and the rest in Princeton, it is not easy to get prompt action.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF/MCE

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

September 4, 1938

*filed in Panofsky, Prof. 1938-40*

Dear Dr. Flexner,

Your kind letter of August 27 must have crossed a letter of mine in which I expressed to you my gratitude for your permission to accept the invitation to Northwestern University, which I have done in the meantime. I take pleasure in repeating my thanks now, and at the same time wish to express my heartfelt sympathy with the misfortunes that through a sad coincidence have happened both to Mrs. Flexner and Mrs. Bailey. We are sorry not only for the victims but also for yourself because your well-earned vacation must have been partly spoiled through this unfortunate materialization of the Law of Series, and I am only glad to hear that Mrs. Flexner is quite well now. We hope that Mrs. Bailey, too, will be all right very soon.

As regards my poor garage, I am really sorry that a person or persons unknown took exception to it and must frankly admit that I would have considered it more appropriate for said person or persons to have brought the matter to the attention of my architect or of myself instead of bothering you, and if he or they had done so at a time when a change would have been easier than at present when all building operations are finished. However, as the question has come up, you must forgive me for taking up your time with a rather long-winded explanation accompanied by a map.

As you perhaps remember, the as yet nameless loop street goes off Battle Road not at a right angle but an angle of 110 degrees, and makes a curve exactly where my present driveway abuts. Consequently it was necessary to orientate the garage (A) at right angles to the loop street so that it is not quite parallel with the house. This entails a diagonal view from the corner of

Dr. Flexner

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September 4, 1938

Battle Road, which gives the impression that the garage projects heavily from the pencilled front line of the house. In reality the projection, which I have measured, is exactly two yards. The garage was placed in this position after careful consideration and, in order that it be as little of an obstruction as possible, it was placed at street level and not built on the surface of the lot so that only two thirds of it are above the level of the latter. It is invisible from the house of Mr. Ten Broeck and from the adjacent vacant lot, and it does not obstruct the views of Mr. Riefler's and Mr. Weyl's houses. It is visible only from the farther end of Battle Road and from the opposite side of the loop street, and as the neighbours and prospective neighbours here enjoy its frontal aspect, this situation would manifestly remain unchanged if it were set back two yards so as to be aligned with the side of my house.

A change could be brought about only by shifting (A) either to (B), which is now the run of my dog, with a picket fence, and to shift this run accordingly to the left; or else to leave (B) where it is and to shift (A) to (A'). In this case the expense would be greater because a driveway would have to be built from (A') to Battle Road. But in the case of the first solution as well, the alteration would be expensive, for the garage is not a simple frame structure. Owing to the above mentioned fact that it is sunken into the ground, it has a massive substructure of cinder-block about one yard above street level. This foundation would have to be removed and re-erected in another place, which would further entail (even if B remained unchanged): first, a considerable amount of excavation and several hundred dollars worth of driveway; second; the transfer of the flagstone paths and little stairs now leading to (B) and to the corner of (A), and the present short driveway. I can not but feel that the slight advantage of this whole operation is not worth the money, all the more so as every solution which would really keep the garage out of sight from the opposite side of the loop street would probably infringe on other interests. In my opinion the garage as it stands is less trouble to fewer people than it would be

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in any other location.

As far as I can see the best solution would be to plant bushes and small trees around (A) and (B). These would completely conceal those structures except for the front entrance of the garage, and we planned to do this planting anyway provided some money is left for gardening, which I don't know yet as the last bill of the contractor has not been submitted. Of course, if you wish me to do so, I shall ask my architect for a report on a possible transfer and an estimate of the expense. Please let me know whether I should do this. Mr. Comstock has just returned from a trip and I can put the problem before him as soon as I get your reply. At any rate, I think it advisable not to make a definite decision before you yourself have returned to town and have an opportunity to canvass the various possibilities in situ, with an eye to future vegetation.

I am almost sure that upon inspection of the curious layout which entails a diagonal view of the garage, you will agree that the situation can be more satisfactorily mended by planting shrubs than by any possible transfer. However, if upon inspection of the site and due consideration of all circumstances, you still feel that the garage ought to be moved, you will find me perfectly willing to have it changed to whatever place you think more suitable. The only thing I should be unable to do is to bear the expense of such an alteration which, as I have tried to explain, would be considerable.

Please forgive me for taking up so much of your time, but these things are very hard to make clear by mere words. Hoping that we shall see you soon and that you will like our house in spite of the garage, I am

With kindest regards from my wife and absent sons,  
Very gratefully and respectfully yours,

*Erwin Panofsky*

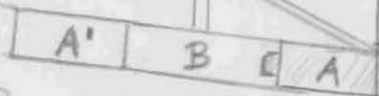
Erwin Panofsky

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
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Battle Road

← Side line of my house. Garage projecting by exactly 2 yards

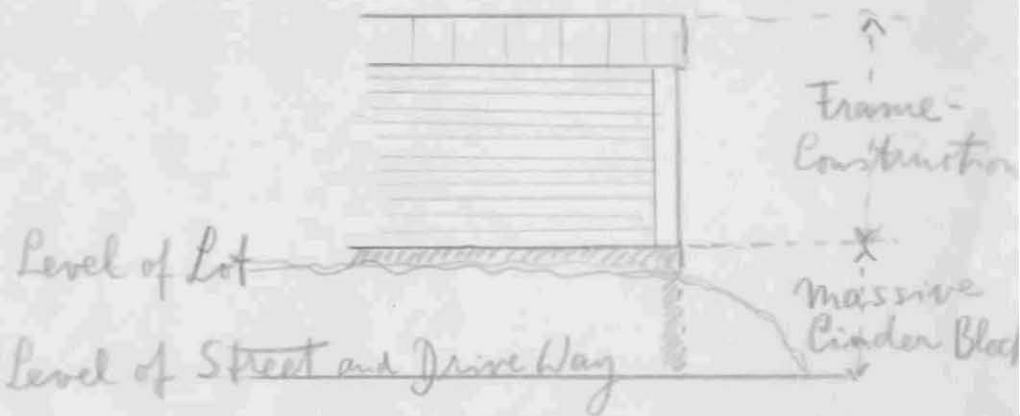
Loop-Street



A: Garage. B: Dog Run.

Dotted line: Drive Way in case of transfer from A to A'. In case of transfer to B, present Drive Way would have to be lengthened and B shifted to A'

Construction of Garage.





November 21, 1938

Dear Professor Panofsky:

Mrs. Bailey tells me that Mr. Comstock has your revised plans ready, and I shall be glad to forward them to the proper persons for approval as soon as they reach me.

As far as the actual work is concerned, my understanding with Mr. Maass was that it would be consolidated with the work on our Institute building. If we bring a separate crew of workmen here to change the garage and the dog-run, the bill will be far larger than it will be if the contractors for the new building simply detach a certain number of men for a few days and allow them to put the changes into effect. When the proper moment comes, I shall of course be very happy to talk with Mr. Comstock.

Very sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AFLESB

January 11, 1939

Dear Professor Panofsky:

In Mrs. Bailey's absence I have received your letter of the 9th, with the two estimates for moving your garage. I have sent them on to New York and I feel sure we will get prompt action on them.

I want to tell you also that I have paid the several little bills which you have sent in recently.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs.

Panofsky,

Sincerely yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSER

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
97 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey  
MCE

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 9th 1938

Mrs. Esther S. Bailey,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I have just received the two estimates for moving my garage  
etc. and building the new drive-way and space for turning the car.  
Would you be kind enough to pass them on to the authorities for  
consideration?

With many thanks for your trouble,

Very sincerely yours,

*Erwin Panofsky*

September 19, 1938

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I am sending you herewith for payment by the Institute,  
bills in connection with the house of Professor Panofsky as follows:

S. H. Stillwell, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey  
Material and labor \$3,600.28

Francis Adams Comstock, Princeton, New Jersey  
Professional architectural services 240.00

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSEER

MCE

C O P Y

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

125 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

August 23, 1938

Mr. Erwin Panofsky,  
Battle Road Extension,  
Princeton,  
New Jersey

Dear Sir:

In accordance with agreement dated June 11, 1938,  
in connection with the property located at Battle Road Extension,  
Princeton, N.J., we are enclosing a statement of the monthly  
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due September 1, 1938.

Please note that the deductions covering monthly  
payment on interest and principal as well as deductions for  
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Very truly yours,

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

(signed) IRA A. SCHUR  
Assistant Treasurer

Enc.

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ERWIN PANOFSKY AND DORA PANOFSKY

In account with

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Mortgage - principal sum	\$17,500.00	
Monthly payment on interest and principal @ 6.51 per M or fraction thereof		\$113.93
Estimated real estate taxes 1/12	500.00	41.67
Fire insurance 1/12	65.69	5.48
Annual life insurance premium 1/12	371.88	30.99
		<u>\$192.07</u>

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August 18, 1938

Memorandum for Mr. Leidesdorf

Re Housing Project - Residence of Professor Panofsky

I understand that the bill of the contractor  
(Mr. Stillwell) for \$3,418.20 has been approved by the  
architect and by the owner and that a payment of \$2,500  
has been made on the bill. I hereby approve the payment  
of the balance, namely, \$918.20.

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Dr. Erwin Panofsky,  
% F. A. Comstock, Architect,  
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BILL No. 663

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*Dr. Erwin Panofsky*

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due to my absence from town this was not taken  
care of - F. A. Comstock

Housing

ONE TWENTY FIVE PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF  
SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF

August 9, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

In reply to your letter of August 6, 1938 concerning payment to Contractor Stillwell on Professor Panofsky's house, Mr. Leidesdorf wishes me to advise you that in view of the fact that the bill has not been approved by Dr. Flexner, he would be willing to make a payment of \$2,500.00 on account and the balance when the bill is approved by Dr. Flexner.

The check will be forwarded to Stillwell within the next two or three days.

I do hope that you are enjoying your vacation and that the weather is not as warm in Cape Vincent as it is in New York City.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Ben*

Mrs. E. S. Bailey,  
Cape Vincent, N. Y.

*D. Flexner has authorized  
payment of balance*

*Aug. 17, 1938*

*\$ 3,418.20*

*2,500.00*

*\$ 918.20*

August 9, 1938

Miss Florence D. Bill  
Institute for Advanced Study  
School of Economics and Politics  
69 Alexander Street  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Miss Bill:

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date concerning the bill of Mr. Stillwell for work and material for Professor Panofsky's house, please be advised that although the bill has not been properly approved, Mr. Leidesdorf is willing to make a payment of \$2,500 on account thereof. The balance will be paid when the bill is properly approved for payment.

I do hope this will meet with your approval.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Leidesdorf

Re Housing Project, Institute for Advanced Study  
Residence of Professor Erwin Panofsky  
Cape Vincent, New York

August 6, 1958

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I have today received by telegram a request as to what can be done to get payment to Contractor Stillwell on house of Professor Panofsky, amount \$3,418.20. The bill was approved by the architect and the owner, and my impression is that Dr. Flexner approved it before he went to Canada in July. If there is anything that Dr. Flexner or I can do to expedite payment, won't you please let us know?

With much appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

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PANOFSKY HOUSE AMOUNT THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN  
DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS BILLED OKAYED BY ARCHITECT AND OWNER=

*Svc's & \$/s  
Lvc \$/s*

FLORENCE BILL

1217

June 29, 1938

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I am sending you herewith, for payment by the Institute, Bills  
in connection with the house of Professor Panofsky as follows:

<u>S. H. Stillwell, Inc.</u> . . . . .	\$4,483.71
Princeton, New Jersey for labor and material, May 3-June 24	
<u>B &amp; B Sound Systems</u> . . . . .	100.00
201 Prospect Ave., Princeton, N. J. for radio and phonograph installed in house, not removable	
<u>Walter B. Howe, Inc.</u> . . . . .	15.49
94 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J. for additional premium on account of increase of insurance	

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAKER

ESB

June 9, 1938

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I am sending you herewith, for payment by  
the Institute, the following bill in connection with  
the house of Professor Panofsky:

Walter B. Howe, Inc. \$26.05  
94 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

For additional premium due  
on account of increasing  
Federal Policy No. 117885  
\$5,000

Sincerely yours,

~~WALTER B. HOWE, INC.~~

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

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*Housing*

OFFICE  
137 E. STATE STREET  
TRENTON, N. J.  
PHONE 4633  
L. R. COLEMAN  
RES. ENGINEER

CHARLES S. SINCERBEAUX  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

OFFICE  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PRINCETON, N. J.  
PHONE 413

Princeton, N.J., April 5, 1938.

Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, N.J.  
Attention Dr Flexner.

Dear Dr Flexner,  
I am enclosing herewith description of relocated lot to be  
conveyed to Mrs Erwin Panofsky. A duplicate copy is also  
enclosed for your files.

Very truly yours,

*C. S. Sincerbeaux*

Mrs Erwin Panofsky lot as relocated.

April 1, 1938

Order 384-3087.

Description of Portion of Lands of Institute  
for Advanced Study in Princeton  
Township.

Beginning at a point in the northeasterly line of a private right of way, said point bearing North thirty-eight degrees three minutes West ( $N 38^{\circ} 03' W$ ) seventy-five (75.00') feet from a monument at the intersection of the northeasterly line of said private right of way with the northwesterly line of Battle Road, said monument bearing South fifty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes West ( $S 51^{\circ} 57' W$ ) seven hundred ninety-four and sixty-eight hundredths (794.68') feet from a monument at the intersection of the northwesterly line of Battle Road with the westerly line of Olden Lane and running thence;

(1) along the northeasterly line of said private right of way North thirty-eight degrees three minutes West ( $N 38^{\circ} 03' W$ ) thirty (30.00') feet to a monument; thence

(2) northwesterly, still along said right of way, along a curve bearing to the right with a radius of two hundred twenty-six and twenty-nine hundredths (226.29') feet, a distance of ninety-five and seventy-one hundredths (95.71') feet, the chord of said curve bearing North twenty-five degrees fifty-six minutes West ( $N 25^{\circ} 56'$ ) ninety-five (95.00') feet to a point; thence

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(3) along other lands of the Institute for Advanced Study North sixty degrees forty-three minutes forty seconds East ( $N 60^{\circ} 43' 40'' E$ ) two hundred thirty-two and sixty-two hundredths ( $232.62'$ ) feet to a point in the westerly line of lands of Edmund J. Saunders et ux; thence

(4) along said line of lands South twenty-four degrees eleven minutes East ( $S 24^{\circ} 11' E$ ) ninety ( $90.00'$ ) feet to a point; thence

(5) along other lands of the Institute for Advanced Study South fifty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes West ( $S 51^{\circ} 57' W$ ) two hundred twenty-eight and twenty-seven hundredths ( $228.27'$ ) feet to the place of beginning.

Subject to the rights of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to erect and maintain poles and wires for the distribution of electric current to other lands now or formerly of the Institute for Advanced Study, along the easterly line of lands above described, as set forth in an Agreement with the Institute for Advanced Study, dated August 20, 1937.

*C. S. Sumner*

*Housing*

April 5, 1938

Mr. David Weinstein  
c/o Messrs. Maass and Davidson  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

In response to your request of  
April 1 I am sending you herewith a description  
by metes and bounds of the lot which has been  
selected for the home of Professor and Mrs.  
Erwin Panofsky.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BARLEY

ESB

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maashort"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*

*20 Exchange Place*  
*New York,*

April 1, 1938.

The Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

Attention of Mrs. Bailey.

Mr. Maass has informed the writer that Professor Panofsky's house is to be built on a lot other than the one which he originally selected. Accordingly, we would thank you to obtain and furnish to us an accurate description by metes and bounds of the lot which has now been selected for his home.

Yours very truly,

MAASS & DAVIDSON,  
By

*David Weinstein*

DW\*d.

*Housing*

February 12, 1938

Mr. Charles S. Sincerbeaux  
First National Bank Building  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Sincerbeaux:

I wish to thank you for your  
letter of the tenth enclosing description of  
lot adjacent to the westerly line of property of  
Mr. Edmund J. Saunders and for returning Mr. Wein-  
stein's letter of February 8, 1938.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. SABLEY

Secretary

ESB

OFFICE  
BROAD STREET BANK BUILDING  
TRENTON, N. J.  
PHONE 4633  
L. R. COLEMAN  
RES. ENGINEER

CHARLES S. SINCERBEAUX  
CIVIL ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

OFFICE  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PRINCETON, N. J.  
PHONE 413

Feb. 10, 1938.

Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Sirs:-

I am enclosing description of Lot adjacent to the westerly  
line of Edmund J. Saunders, also letter of Maass & Davidson dated  
Feb. 8, 1938.

Very truly yours,

*C. S. Sincerbeaux*

Housing

February 11, 1938

Mr. David Weinstein  
c/o Messrs. Maass & Davidson  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

I have your letter of February 8  
and am sending you herewith a description of the  
lot to be purchased from the Institute by Professor  
Panofsky.

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB



Order 382-3065

February 9, 1938

Description of Portion of Lands of Insti-  
tute <sup>of</sup> Advanced Study in Princeton Town-  
ship.<sup>for</sup>

Beginning at a monument in the northwesterly line of Battle Road, said monument bearing South fifty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes West ( $S 51^{\circ} 57' W$ ) five hundred eighty-four and ninety-two hundredths (584.92) feet from a monument at the intersection of the northwesterly line of Battle Road with the westerly line of Olden Lane, said beginning point being also the southwesterly corner of lands of Edmund J. Saunders et ux, and running thence;

(1) along the northwesterly line of Battle Road South fifty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes West ( $S 51^{\circ} 57' W$ ) two hundred nine and seventy-six hundredths (209.76) feet to a monument in the northeasterly line of a private right of way; thence

(2) along said right of way North thirty-eight degrees three minutes West ( $N 38^{\circ} 03' W$ ) one hundred and five (105.0) feet to a monument; thence

(3) northwesterly, still along said right of way, along a curve bearing to the right with a radius of two hundred twenty-six and twenty-nine hundredths (226.29) feet, a distance of twenty and one hundredths (20.01) feet, the chord of said curve bearing North thirty-five degrees thirty-one minutes West ( $N 35^{\circ} 31' W$ ) twenty (20.0) feet to a point; thence,

(4) along other lands of the Institute for Advanced Study North fifty-nine degrees sixteen minutes East ( $N 59^{\circ} 16' E$ ) two hundred thirty-four

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Order 382-3065

and twenty-eight hundredths (234.28) feet to a point in the westerly line of lands of Edmund J. Saunders et ux; thence  
(5) along said line of lands South twenty-four degrees eleven minutes East (S 24° 11' E) ninety-eight (98.0) feet to the place of beginning.

Subject to the rights of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company to erect and maintain poles and wires for the distribution of electric current to other lands now or formerly of the Institute for Advanced Study, along the easterly line of lands above described, as set forth in an Agreement with the Institute for Advanced Study, dated August 20, 1937.

*C. A. Sauerbrey*

Housing

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherb"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York, February 8, 1938.*

Institute for Advanced Study,  
20 Nassau Street,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Bailey: Attention of Mrs. Bailey.

Will you be good enough to obtain for us a metes and bounds description of the premises to be purchased from the Institute by Professor Panofsky. As we are preparing the necessary papers in connection with this sale, it is necessary that we have this description as soon as possible.

With many thanks for your courtesy, we are

Yours very truly,

MAASS & DAVIDSON,  
By

DW:IS

*Lot across from Prof. Merrill's  
on Battle Road Extension*

Housing

January 31, 1938

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

My dear Mr. Maass:

Professor Panofsky has asked me to write you that after consultation with his architect he has decided to procure the lot on Battle Road Extension opposite that of Professor Meritt. The dimensions indicated on the map prepared by Russell V. W. Black are as follows:

120 ft. x 235 ft. x 98 ft. x 210 ft

(210 ft. on Battle Road Extension)

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

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Housing  
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December 5, 1938

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I am sending you herewith, for  
payment by the Institute, a bill in connection  
with the residence of Professor Panofsky, as  
follows:

R. K. Ribsam Nurseries, Inc. ....\$151.80  
P. O. Box 100  
Trenton, New Jersey

Professor Panofsky explains that  
the sum of \$500.00 has been appropriated for  
planting with the understanding that part of  
it should be spent now for trees while the rest  
will be used in the spring for planting the lawn.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

ESB

Secretary

Evanston, Ill.  
North Shore Hotel.

Nov. 30. 1938

Dear Mrs. Bailey,

I should be grateful to you for kindly approving the enclosed bill and sending it on to the Treasurer. Dollars 300.- have been appropriated for planting, with the understanding that part of it should be spent now for planting trees while the rest will be used in the spring for planting the lawn.

With many thanks for your trouble,

Very sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

Magnetawan, via Burks Falls  
Ontario, Canada  
August 27, 1938

Dear Professor Panofsky:

I hope you received the telegram which I sent you promptly upon receipt of your letter of August 17. I am delighted to have you accept the invitation to lecture at Northwestern University on the subject of Albrecht Dürer. As long as we maintain a high university level in other places such as we maintain in Princeton, opportunities of this kind serve to spread our influence without lowering our standards.

I note with interest that you are moving into your new house on the twenty-seventh of August, that is, just as I am dictating this letter. I hope it will be a perfect home for you and your wife and boys and that nothing but happiness may wait upon you during long years of occupancy.

Will you mind if I raise one question with you? When I was in Princeton, I noticed that the garage was in front of the line of the house so that it was very conspicuous not only from your own house but from that of the others who have built and who may in future build upon the same plot. In my judgment, a garage should be either in the rear of a house or at least on a line with it. I think that you will find that this will improve the appearance of the entire tract and will avoid criticism, some of which, to be candid, I have already heard. The expense involved in moving it cannot be an item of importance, but I should myself be happy to bear it rather than allow it to be objectionable from the standpoint of the whole architectural layout.

We have had a beautiful summer in point of weather, but there have been two drawbacks. Mrs. Flexner fell and broke two bones in one of her fingers some weeks ago and is only today getting rid of the cast in which she has had to carry her arm and hand for some weeks. By way of imitating her bad example Mrs. Bailey also fell and broke two bones in her leg. She, alas, is still in the hospital where I am dictating this letter - a beautiful modern hospital within forty miles of our camp. We are hoping that in ten days she may get rid of the cast and be permitted to return to the camp. These are our first accidents in a period of twenty years so that by the doctrine of averages we have no ground of complaint, but this philosophical view does not make much headway with either Mrs. Flexner or Mrs. Bailey. They both join me in warmest greetings and all good wishes for the health and happiness of the whole Panofsky Family.

Ever sincerely,

Professor Erwin Panofsky  
Battle Road Extension  
Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Aug. 17. 1938

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
Magnetawan,  
Ontario (Canada).

Dear Doctor Flexner,

please forgive me for bothering you with the following problem: day before yesterday I received, quite unexpectedly, the invitation to give the six Norman Wait Harris lectures at Northwestern University. It was proposed to choose "Albrecht Dürer" as the subject and to deliver the lectures in December 1938. The honorarium would be \$ 600 for the lectures and \$ 400 upon delivery of the manuscript which, if possible, would be printed.

According to the material accompanying this invitation the Norman Harris Foundation seems to be a rather reputable organization. They have had such speakers as Lowes, Kittredge, Rand and Coolidge from Harvard; Eduard Meyer and Mendelssohn-Bartholdy from Germany; Leaf, Julian Huxley and A. J. B. Wace from England.

From my personal point of view the invitation would appeal to me for the following reasons: 1) I have worked a good deal on Dürer and possess already a lecture course on him in English which could easily be condensed into six single lectures; I have even toyed with the idea of publishing it some time anyway, as there is no English book on Dürer since the rather outdated one by Sturge-Moore. 2) As the Norman Harris lectures



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would given in two consecutive weeks my absence would not considerably interrupt my work in Princeton where I plan to give an advanced seminar on Flemish book-illumination during the coming term; I should have to skip the term at New York University where, curiously enough, I had been scheduled for the abovementioned Dürer-course, but Dr. Cook, with whom I talked before writing to you, has kindly agreed to this, so that I should virtually save time by accepting the invitation to Northwestern University. 3) (to be frank) the extra money would come in very handy in this particular year inasmuch as I had to take up a loan of 300 Dollars to cover the expense for moving, repairing and adapting our furniture.

Thus I should like to ask you whether you would allow me to accept the invitation which, as far as I can see, is both dulce and decorum and would in no way interfere with my work here.

We shall move into the new house on the 27th of this month, to which event we are looking forward with very real pleasure, all the more so as our son Wolfgang is still with us and helps us very efficiently.

With our best wishes for you and your family which, we hope, is still with you,

Very respectfully and gratefully yours,

Erwin Panofsky.