

Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Miscellaneous. 1941-1961 (mostly  
1941-1946)

To - Building & Grounds  
Comm.

24 January 1961

Memorandum to: General Greenbaum, Mr. Henry, Mr. Hochschild,  
Mr. Linder

Herewith an analysis of the costs of tea and dinner that  
you requested of Mr. Morgan.

The figures for tea are quite unambiguous; the figures  
for dinner are ambiguous, because we could probably not obtain  
and retain a competent chef if the additional income provided  
by serving dinner were denied him. Probably the wisest estimate  
is intermediate between that of Method I and Method II, and  
would give a figure of something like \$750. as the annual cost  
of serving dinner. It is clear that a forty percent increase  
in prices will completely eradicate this deficit. The service  
of tea at the Institute is of long standing, traditional,  
Institute-wide, and almost certainly worth the cost.

Robert Oppenheimer

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Oppenheimer

Date: January 24, 1961

From: M. C. Morgan, Jr.

Subject: Cost of Tea and Dinner, IAS Cafeteria

Pursuant to the request of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board, I have done some arithmetic on the costs of operating the tea room and of serving dinner in the cafeteria:

I. Tea

A recheck of the work-sheets of the Self-Study confirms these figures for the cost of serving tea in the Common Room five days a week, fifty-two weeks a year.

Payroll - approx.	\$2,700
Food - approx.	<u>1,300</u>
Total	\$4,000

II. Dinner

The numbers are as follows:

- a. Period of service--September 15 to May 15.
- b. Number of nights of service--157.
- c. Average nightly income--\$36.45.
- d. Average nightly food cost--\$26.10.
- e. Average nightly attendance--20.4.
- f. Nightly payroll

	<u>Method I</u>	<u>Method II</u>
1. Cashier	\$5.50	\$5.50
2. Dishwasher	4.50	4.50
3. Chef	<u>2.70</u>	<u>7.50</u>
Total	\$12.70	\$17.50

Method I. Using maximum salary cut present chef (or a replacement) would accept, if dinners were omitted.

Method II. Using chef's actual hourly rate.

g. Annual loss on dinner service

<u>Method I</u>			
	Food	\$26.10	
	Payroll	<u>12.70</u>	
	Nightly cost	\$38.80	
	Nightly income	<u>36.45</u>	
	Loss	\$ 2.35	X 157 = \$368.95

Dr . Oppenheimer

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January 24, 1961

Method II

Food	\$26.10			
Payroll	<u>17.50</u>			
Nightly cost	\$43.60			
Nightly income	<u>36.45</u>			
Loss	\$ 7.15	X	157	= \$1,122.55

Respectfully submitted,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.  
General Manager

1 December 1960

Dear Harold:

We have just had a draft report on our housekeeping from Cresap, McCormick and Paget. I think that it is a very good report, encouraging as to the state of our operations, and clear as to alternatives that we may consider. There are a few, mostly quite minor, inaccuracies in the report, which I imagine the authors will wish to correct; but we should have a document very soon that I can make available.

It might be a good idea for us to meet briefly, to discuss this, and other areas of progress and stagnation, before you go off for the Christmas holidays. That gives us about two weeks.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Harold K. Hochschild  
1270 Avenue of the Americas  
New York 20, New York

cc: Gen. Greenbaum  
Mr. Henry  
Mr. Linder

27 December 1960

Dear General Greenbaum:

This will confirm the luncheon meeting of the Buildings and Grounds committee, to be held here on Friday, January 13th, at 12:45 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Wilder Hobson  
Secretary to the Director

General Edward S. Greenbaum  
285 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

P.S. You should by now have received your copy of the Cresap, McCormick and Paget report.

NOTE: Same to Mr. Henry, Mr. Linder

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HAROLD K. HOCHSCHILD  
1270 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS  
NEW YORK 20

January 19, 1961

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

Dear Robert:

Many thanks for your helpful letter  
of January 17.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Harold*



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

C O P Y

12 April 1960

Memorandum to the Members of  
The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Wallace Harrison has today told me that Harrison and Abramovitz will be glad to undertake the design of the Institute library. They will come down to Princeton after my return from the West Coast late this month. I have sent them some preliminary reading. Mr. Harrison asked that, if the tempo of progress in the design is unsatisfactory to us, we feel free to retain another architect.

I have told Mr. Kessler and Mr. Beck of the Committee's decision, and Mr. Morgan is prepared to pay the bills which he will solicit from Mr. Brenner, Mr. Powerance, Mr. Beck and Mr. Larsen.

Robert Oppenheimer

Copy to Mr. Leidesdorf

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March 22, 1960

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I should be grateful if you would submit in my name the following views to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their consideration:

1. Careful technical studies carried out this winter by our librarian show conclusively that the requirements of the two schools concerning their libraries are so essentially different that these cannot be met conveniently within one and the same building without a vast increase in outlay and cost.

2. If it is decided, nevertheless, to have a unified building for the combined libraries, then it seems important to have this done in a central location. To my mind, the least unsatisfactory attempt by far at a solution of this problem has been the one embodied in the Kassler plan. This, in its present form, is still liable to several serious objections, which further study could presumably remove; but it suffers chiefly from the unavoidable defects of an underground building with restricted daylight, and the no less serious and unavoidable handicap of a Southern exposure for the reading and working area, or the greater part of it.

3. Statistical estimates provided by the librarian show that the Kassler plan, in its present form, is quantitatively inadequate in several important respects. This is so, even if the rather conservative estimates made last year for the rate of growth of the libraries in the next twenty years are strictly adhered to; if not, and particularly if the Institute should venture into new fields during that period, the inadequacy would become far more acute. This means that final plans would have to be much more costly than is indicated by present estimates.

4. As a solution, satisfactory to both schools, cannot be achieved within a unified building except at great cost, it seems time now to explore alternatives. The really urgent need is at present for a library for the School of Historical Studies, which should be tailored primarily to the requirements of that school. The librarian's studies show that her staff would have to go into the same building. As to the library of the School of Mathematics, it is largely self-servicing, so far as its actual operation is concerned (as distinct from the ordering and buying of books which would of course remain in the hands of the librarian); it needs no more than one part-time worker. There

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March 22, 1960

is no difficulty in leaving it where it is (subject to some readjustment in order to convert the large reading room into a common room); this is likely to remain satisfactory for perhaps ten years or more.

5. Eventually it will become desirable to find another location for the library of the School of Mathematics. One should then give full consideration to the very real need of the mathematicians for a convenient seminar room close to their library (a need not provided for in the Kassler scheme).

6. If I had to make some suggestion concerning a possible location for the library of the School of Historical Studies, I should feel inclined to agree with what I understand to be Professor Kennan's view, in favor of the present parking lot near Building B. As for the far less urgent problem of a mathematics building, I should suggest the parking lot near Building A; other generally satisfactory solutions may possibly present themselves before the problem becomes acute.

I am greatly indebted to Miss Sachs, our librarian, for the technical and statistical estimates on which I have based the above conclusions. Those estimates can be communicated to the Buildings and Grounds Committee at any time this is desired.

Sincerely yours,

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A. Weil

cc: Faculty  
Miss Sachs

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To B & G Council

21 March 1960

Dear General Greenbaum:

At Mr. Hochschild's request, this is to confirm the meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on Monday, March 28th, at 9:30 a.m. in Dr. Oppenheimer's office.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Wilder Hobson  
Secretary to the Director

General Edward S. Greenbaum  
285 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

*Route to Mr. Henry & Mr. Hochschild*

T.A. Committee  
Buildings & Grounds

Handwritten note on a small piece of paper attached to the top right corner of the document.

16 March 1959

Memorandum to Messrs. Cherniss, Greenbaum, Henry,  
Hochschild, Kennan, Veblen, Weil:

There will be a joint meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Institute, and of the Library Committee of the Institute Faculty, to discuss problems of the Library and, of course, any related matters.

We shall meet as soon after 5:30 as possible on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 7th, at Olden Manor, and continue through dinner.

Robert Oppenheimer

cc: Mr. Mitchell  
Professor Thompson

Copy to Mr. Linder, 3/31/59

19 March 1959

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The copy of the call for a meeting of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds in the late afternoon of April 7th at Olden Manor should have come to you as an invitation, and not as a copy. Mr. Hochschild, who is the chairman of the committee, and is away, asked me to arrange this meeting. When we called your office, I was given the garbled information that you were expected back April 17th. I therefore proceeded to arrange the meeting with those who could come, and sent you the copy for your information. I very much hope that you will be able to come.

The circumstances are the following: The Institute faculty has been discussing alternate plans and criteria for a library building, and the library committee has been trying to make some sort of order and sense of the conflicting desires. I thought that it would be helpful if, prior to the meeting of the Board on April 17th and 18th, the appropriate committee of the trustees and the library committee could talk things out in the considerable detail which seems to me necessary if we are to reach a sensible conclusion. It would be very helpful if you could be with us, and I hope that you can.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Mr. Sidney A. Mitchell  
36 East 72nd Street  
New York 21, New York

*copy sent to Dr. Hochschild*



*Tn B & G Committee*

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**285 MADISON AVENUE**  
**NEW YORK 17, N. Y.**

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MORERNST, NEW YORK

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September 28, 1959.

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Mrs. Hobson, Secretary to  
Dr. Robert Oppenheimer  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Hobson:

General Greenbaum could make an afternoon meeting (5 o'clock)  
on October 1, but he cannot make it on the 2nd. As I understand  
it, you will let us know what the final date is.

Sincerely,

*Grace C. Scottino*  
Secretary to Edward S. Greenbaum

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cc Mr. Morgan

11 September 1959

Memorandum to Messrs. Greenbaum, Henry, Hochschild:

We now have colored perspectives illustrating the design of Mr. Pomerance and of Mr. Breuer for the new library building. Mr. Beck has been in to see me today with some preliminary sketches, and his ideas should be available for inspection within a fortnight or so. I have asked Mr. Morgan to let you know.

I hope that you will find an occasion to look at these proposals, and that we can meet to talk about this, and other problems, very early in October, when I am back from Europe.

With good wishes,

Robert Oppenheimer

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SHERLEY W. MORGAN, F. A. I. A.  
ARCHITECT - PRINCETON - NEW JERSEY

Jan 5 - 1957.

Board of Trustees,  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N.J.

Gentlemen - The start of a new year seems an appropriate time to acknowledge the gratitude which I owe you for your Bird Sanctuary. Its pleasant quiet trails have been a source of pleasure and relaxation to me on numerous occasions. They provide a welcome oasis, insulated from the noise and rush of modern life.

I feel that you should know how much I appreciate the opportunity to enjoy them, and I thank you sincerely for your generosity in making them available.

Yours very sincerely,

Sherley W. Morgan

Director Emeritus,

School of Architecture,  
Princeton University

February 18, 1950

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Oppenheimer

FROM: William Bradley

ROCKAFELLO~~R~~ INSTITUTE

This plant could be readily adopted for a farming project or some specialized field where animal housing together with a large area of greenhouse space could be utilized for some special project.

Plant consists of approximately 800 acres of land, 560 acres in tillable farm land and the balance consists of wood land, lawn and grounds surrounding and adjacent to the buildings and housing.

Buildings consist of 25 family unit houses from 4 room duplex accommodations to 8 and 13 room houses. The main building consist of an administration building, laboratory building, central power house and shop, 4 animal houses (stables and cow barns), 5 large greenhouses, 2 special buildings for poultry breeding and numerous barns, storage sheds and one sizeable dog kennel building with outdoor wire runs.

This plant is located in Plainsboro Township on route # 1 approximately 2 miles east of Princeton. The yearly state taxes on entire plant are approximately \$7000 per year. The administration building and laboratory building are tax exempt.

The laboratory building constructed in 1930 is the most modern building and is in good repair. The administration building was constructed in 1917 and is in a fair state of repair. The housing group is made up of a number of old farm houses which from general observation need a good bit of care and maintenance. The residential units are located quite a distance from the main buildings and it is necessary to operate a bus to transport workers to and from the homes. Water for this entire plant is obtained from wells and sewage disposal is handled by septic tanks for most buildings.

#### COMPUTER BUILDING ADDITION

Preliminary plans have been completed and studied for this unit. Complete plans and specifications are now being compiled by Egly-Furlow Engineers, architects and engineers who designed the original building. Preliminary estimates for the construction work have been obtained from 4 companies: Fuller Construction Company, Vermilya Brown, Matthews Construction Company and the Belli Construction Company. The Fuller Company were low bidders on work outlined on the preliminary plans and submitted a figure of \$71,000. The architect fee for work on this building will be the customary 10%.

#### FOUNDER'S WALK

The grass walk from Fuld Hall south to the Trolley line has been completely graded and seeded. 75% of the trails through the woods have been cleared of brush and undergrowth. Bridge No. 1 is now completed and the foundation excavation work for Bridge No. 2 has been completed.

#### THE LIBRARY ADDITION AND ALTERATION

The second floor of Fuld Hall can be readily converted for library expansion by the removal of several partitions and the installation of bookcases on all exterior walls together with free standing book stacks in several locations. The conversion of this space can provide book storage for an additional 25,000 volumes. One or two additional new wings could be added to provide additional office space.

To provide for care and maintenance of two new buildings it would be necessary to employ one new janitor for custodial care, routine maintenance items can be cared for by the present maintenance force. Heat for two new wings similar to the units constructed last year can be provided by the present boiler plant in Fuld Hall.

I agree with  
Wister's main  
point that the  
landscape problem  
as a whole ought  
to be considered  
before we make a  
large an expenditure  
as is now contemplated  
S.B.

*Prof. Veblen  
from Director's off.*

JOHN C. WISTER  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT  
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE  
SWARTHMORE, PA.

May 24, 1949

Mr. William Bradley  
Institute of Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I was interested, of course, to hear of the project for development of the property south of Fuld Hall, but was much relieved at your second telephone message cancelling my visit today as I have a very crowded day and it would have been very difficult for me to leave here.

When Dr. Aydelotte first went to Princeton in 1940, he asked me to come over and talk over with Professor Veblen the development of the entire property.

I wrote him a series of letters after I had spent a great deal of time going over the whole place and thinking of its possible development and finally wrote a final report giving my views as to the proper procedure to follow in developing an estate of this size. As you know, Dr. Aydelotte was much impressed with the improvement on the Swarthmore campus which had taken place under the auspices of the Scott Foundation during the ten years between 1930 and 1940. I hoped very much that the trustees would authorize a similar development on the Institute grounds.

As you also know, the trustees did not feel that this work could be undertaken at that time, and, as far as I know, have not taken any decisive steps to plan for the property as a whole.

There have been various bits of planting put in at various times and at a good deal of expense and I personally feel that nearly all the money so expended has been wasted because no effective results have been achieved. That is, of course, entirely a matter of opinion.

When the wooden houses were brought from New England, Dr. Aydelotte was very anxious to have them well planted to avoid the criticism which had come to the Institute for having buildings of this type put up. I put a good deal of study on the matter and made an elaborate planting plan expecting to plant it in the autumn of the year in which they were purchased, but as you may remember they were not completed until the next spring so that planting could not be done even then and then apparently the whole scheme was given up and some temporary plants stuck in at random. I drove around the property when I was in Princeton last week and felt sorry to see it in its present condition when a proper plan would have done so much to beautify the entire block.

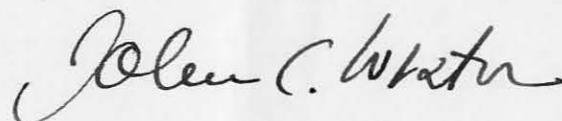
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I write you this long preliminary because it seems to me that a sudden decision to put in a lake follows the same pattern of a lack of comprehension of the need for an overall plan which I had stressed so often to Dr. Aydelotte. I have no means of knowing whether a lake is practical from the point of water supply or whether at that distance from Fuld Hall it would be effective, but I think that it probably could be made quite beautiful if its size and general outline were in proportion to the building, the distance from the building and the size of the adjoining fields, and the woods beyond, and I think it could well be made a part of a comprehensive scheme for the development south of the building and into the woods towards Stoney Brook.

I should of course be very glad to talk over this matter with you if a time can be arranged, but feel that there is little time for effective planning if the trustees wish to put this in this summer.

If you do want me, please give me a little longer notice. I have many engagements between now and the second of June, and between the sixth and ninth of June, but could probably come to you the second, third or tenth, or after the thirteenth.

Yours sincerely,





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October 23, 1947

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In answer to your letter of the 21st, Dr. Oppenheimer will be pleased to see you on Friday, October 31st, at 11:00 a.m. If another time during that day would prove to be more convenient for you, you might drop me a note, or give me a call, to see what can be arranged. If I hear nothing from you, I shall consider the time and date confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Russell,  
Secretary to Dr. Oppenheimer

Mr. Allan C. Johnson  
Vermilya-Brown Company, Inc.  
100 East 42nd St.  
New York 17, N. Y.

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VERMILYA-BROWN COMPANY  
INCORPORATED  
BUILDERS  
100 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

October 21, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer  
Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

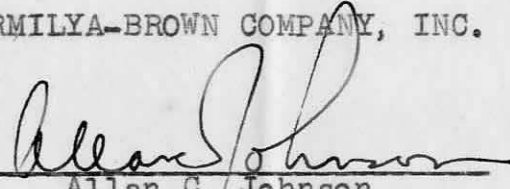
A few months ago when I mentioned my desire to visit with you, it was your suggestion that I wait until some time in October. I should like now to make a definite appointment, and in this respect, I am wondering if Friday, October 31st, would be convenient for you. Any time of the day is suitable to me and if agreeable to you, I will telephone you upon my arrival in Princeton.

Should the 31st not be acceptable, may I suggest Thursday, October 30th.

I trust that you are enjoying your new responsibilities and I hope to see you either of the two above-mentioned days.

Sincerely yours,

VERMILYA-BROWN COMPANY, INC.

  
Allan C. Johnson

ACJ:HB

*Building*

VERMILYA-BROWN COMPANY  
INCORPORATED  
BUILDERS  
100 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

August 8, 1947

Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer  
Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

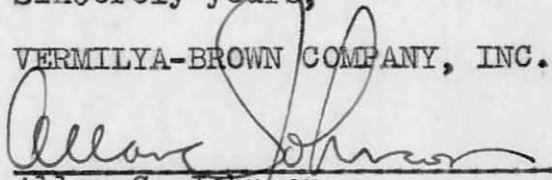
As discussed with you over the telephone the other day, I will make it a point to check with you again in October regarding any building program that might be contemplated for the Institute. In the meantime and while you are getting acquainted with Princeton, may I point out that the 282 housing unit project on Harrison Street (site of the old Polo Field) was erected by the Vermilya-Brown Company last year. The buildings originally served as a Naval Personnel Separation Center at Nashville, Tennessee, from which point they were dismantled and transferred to Princeton; not an ideal way to build housing but necessary at the time. Both Col. E. A. MacMillan, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at Princeton and Mr. John Kervick, Regional Director, FPFA, New York, have expressed full satisfaction with our performance and I might add that FPFA have recently recommended us for another such project in New York State. In addition, under contracts with the Federal Works Agency and the State of New York, we are currently erecting structures at Columbia University to provide increased facilities for veterans including an administration building, laboratories and a storage building.

I manage to keep in touch with atomic energy doings through our representatives on the U.N.A.E.C. and through some of the former M.E.D. officers who are now associated with the Commission in Washington.

I know you will find Princeton an enjoyable and interesting environment and I was very glad to learn of your appointment as Director of the Institute. You have my congratulations and best wishes in your new endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

VERMILYA-BROWN COMPANY, INC.

  
Allan C. Johnson

ACJ:DA

October 7, 1947

Dear Oswald:

I think you as Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds should consider very seriously the attached letter from the Matthews Construction Company. The estimates seem to me surprisingly moderate. I take it, however, that since we have decided that Homer Thompson should have Herzfeld's room, the work contemplated in estimate #3 will not be called for.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Professor Oswald Veblen  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

See

COPY

W. DOUGLAS SMITH

First National Bank Building  
PRINCETON, N. J.

January 7, 1947

Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton,  
New Jersey

Att: Dr. F. Aydelotte

Gentlemen: Re: Vacation of Streets

I am pleased to state that last evening Princeton Township Committee passed on final reading the ordinance pertaining to the vacation of a portion of Battle Road and an unnamed street between the same and Mercer Street. I shall inform you when the same has been published by title which is the last step to be taken in the matter.

Yours very truly,

W. DOUGLAS SMITH

W. Douglas Smith

WDS:nf

Copy to Professor Earle  
Professor Meritt  
Professor Veblen

# THE PACKET

DECEMBER 26, 1946

## NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON, VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AN UNNAMED STREET AND A PORTION OF BATTLE ROAD WEST AS SHOWN UPON MAPS SHOWING PLAN OF LOTS AND STREETS FOR CHARLES H. OLDEN, JUNE 1912, AND APPROVED BY PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MAY 4, 1925, AND VARIOUS OTHER MAPS, INCLUDING THE PRINCETON TOWNSHIP TAX ATLAS.

WHEREAS, a certain unnamed street and a portion of Battle Road West have been shown on several maps, including the Tax Atlas of the Township of Princeton, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, but said lands have never been deeded to the Township of Princeton, but have been dedicated by being shown on the maps above-mentioned; and

WHEREAS, said lands and said streets have not been improved nor used by the public in general; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that the public interest will be best served by releasing and extinguishing the public right or interest in and to the said streets as hereinafter described from whatever rights may have arisen therein,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton that: 1. The public rights or interest in and to the unnamed street and portion of Battle Road West, as shown on said maps, including the Township Tax Atlas of the Township of Princeton, arising by any means whatsoever be and the same are hereby abandoned, vacated, released and extinguished, and the boundaries and description of said land in regard to which said public rights are hereby abandoned, vacated, released and extinguished are as follows:

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Township Clerk

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# ADVANCED UNIVERSITY IS PLANNED IN BERLIN

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Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES. Dec 10 '46

BERLIN, Dec. 9 — Ambitious plans have been practically completed for the establishment of a school for advanced studies and possibly a new international university in Berlin. The school, modeled on the Advanced School for Social Studies at Princeton, would be financed by the German Laender Governments and would make use of the facilities of various pre-war institutes in the United States sector of the capital.

The Ministers of Education in the American and British zones met in Wiesbaden today to discuss the entire problem of education in Germany; representatives of the Russian and French zones attended as observers. It is known that the Laenderrat in the United States zone agreed to spend 3,500,000 marks on the new program.

It is planned that 400 to 500 students, carefully selected as to scholarship, would attend the classes in Berlin, and it is hoped that world scholars — possibly noted educators and scientists driven out by the Nazis — will come here to teach. The education level will be extremely high and the school will be conducted more in the nature of a research institute for men already holding post-graduate degrees.

The new school, or rather association of institutes, is not designed to compete with the University of Berlin, which is in the Soviet sector of the city and run by the Russians along traditional lines. Instead, it is planned that only scholars of the greatest merit will be accepted. Applications will be accepted from persons in any zone of Germany.

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W. DOUGLAS SMITH  
COUNSELOR AT LAW  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PRINCETON, N. J.  
TELEPHONE 3190

January 7, 1947

Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton,  
New Jersey

Att: Dr. F. Aydelotte

Gentlemen: Re: Vacation of Streets

I am pleased to state that last evening Princeton Township Committee passed on final reading the ordinance pertaining to the vacation of a portion of Battle Road and an unnamed street between the same and Mercer Street. I shall inform you when the same has been published by title which is the last step to be taken in the matter.

Yours very truly,

*W. Douglas Smith*  
W. Douglas Smith

WDS:nf

Copy to Prof. Earle  
Prof. Meritt  
Prof. Veblen  
Miss Miller

DECEMBER 26, 1946  
THE PACKET

## NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON, VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH THE PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AN UNNAMED STREET AND A PORTION OF BATTLE ROAD WEST AS SHOWN UPON MAPS SHOWING PLAN OF LOTS AND STREETS FOR CHARLES H. OLDEN, JUNE 1912, AND APPROVED BY PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MAY 4, 1925, AND VARIOUS OTHER MAPS, INCLUDING THE PRINCETON TOWNSHIP TAX ATLAS.

WHEREAS, a certain unnamed street and a portion of Battle Road West have been shown on several maps, including the Tax Atlas of the Township of Princeton, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, but said lands have never been deeded to the Township of Princeton, but have been dedicated by being shown on the maps above-mentioned; and

WHEREAS, said lands and said streets have not been improved nor used by the public in general; and

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Township Clerk

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

November 29, 1946

Dr. Aydelotte:

Mr. Earle asked me to tell you that Mr. Douglas Smith called to say that at a meeting of the Township Committee, Township Hall, Monday night, December 2, at 8 o'clock an ordinance will be presented for the elimination from the Township Map of the unnamed street. Professor Meritt is trying to round up some people to attend, and Mr. Earle thinks it would be well for you to do so if you can.

M. G. Hartz

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

*Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld*

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 18, 1946

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
The Harvard Club  
27 West 44th Street  
New York City, New York

Dear Frank:

The Maxwell house got pretty thoroughly burned up a day or two ago. This afternoon Mr. Cooper and I had a look at it from the outside. The facade and the front rooms as seen from outside are relatively little damaged. Also the walls at the front which appear to be in large part at least of stone can probably be considered to be still standing, but all the flimsier rear part of the structure is badly gutted and we guessed that the walls would either fall down or have to be taken down.

It has occurred to several of us, including Riefler and von Neumann, that it might be a good idea to reopen the question of buying the part of that property which does not go to the Battlefield Park. Presumably Maxwell will obtain a considerable part of what he hoped to get for the house from the insurance company.

Anyhow I thought it well to pass these remarks on to you while you are still in New York. I am now expecting to get away on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

*Prof. Veblen also asked me to thank you very cordially for sending him a copy of your Rhodes Scholar Book.*

*Oswald Veblen*

P.S. Professor Veblen has kindly consented to let me use the bottom part of this letter to say that Mr. Matthews telephoned about the prospects of getting paint through Mr. Maass. If Mr. Maass cannot provide paint for the Institute, Matthews should start at once to order it, so that he will have it on hand to begin work as of July 1, 1946.

JSR

P.P.S. Wes Dauncey says that there is no use painting the building until the drip caps are repaired. Miss Miller has already written Mr. Matthews to that effect.

JSR

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP HALL  
MARTIN CLAUSEN, CLERK

June 15, 1946

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of June 13th and will be pleased  
to refer the matter to the Township Com-  
mittee at its regular meeting, Monday,  
July 8th.

Very sincerely yours,



(B. Franklin Bunn)

Chairman,

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

BFB:g

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8 feet - Mon

June 13, 1946

B. Franklin Bunn, Esq.  
Township Hall  
Somerville Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Bunn:

The Institute has recently purchased some land from Mr. Maxwell on which there are three small houses standing in a field a considerable way in the rear of the Maxwell house but fairly near to Fuld Hall where the members of the Institute do their work. In view of the housing crisis in Princeton, we should like very much to convert two of these into two-family houses. While they are quite near the Battle Road #2 Section where two-family houses are permitted, they are not actually in that Section and special permission from the Township Committee would, therefore, be required.

The changes involved would not affect the exterior of either house but would simply be a matter of installing some very temporary kitchen equipment in a bedroom in each case.

Inasmuch as the houses are off in the country, away from any streets or neighbors and inasmuch as the changes would not affect their exterior appearance, I hope very much that the Township Committee will be willing to grant our request.

The housing situation in Princeton is, as you know, desperate. We recently had someone come here for a year's work who was compelled to leave because he could find no place where he and his family could live. We have at the present moment scholars working at the Institute who are commuting, one from Philadelphia and one from New York. In view of this situation, the location of the houses, the fact that they are entirely surrounded by Institute land and the very slight nature of the changes involved, I hope very much that the Township Committee will be willing to give us the permission requested.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Copy to Miss Miller

June 7, 1946

Dear Mr. Maass:

I have taken up the matter of paint with Matthews, and he informs me that we should need at the Institute the following:

3000 lbs. heavy white lead. (This would cost Matthews \$13.75 per 100.)

150 gallons linseed oil ( Cost to Matthews \$1.40 a gallon for unsatisfactory oil)

If you can get these quantities of satisfactory material, it would be a great thing for the Institute. The material could be shipped directly to the Institute and billed to us. Matthews is especially concerned about the quality of the linseed oil.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

H.H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

FA:mh



*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherb"*

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

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York 5, June 3, 1946.*

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Herewith I acknowledge your letters of May 28th.

So far as the New York Life Insurance Company project is concerned, I think it is important that we keep pressing the matter with Mr. Gurney and reach some arrangement for control of an adequate number of apartments on any basis that is feasible.

As to the computer building, I thought we had already agreed that for the present we would omit the gable roof. As to location suggested in accordance with the map which you forwarded, that is acceptable to me.

Have you had any response from Mr. Sweetzer regarding Joan's application?

As I am dictating this letter, yours of June 1st arrived. Please let me know what color, kind and quantity of paint you require, and I will ascertain whether I can secure it.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



HHM:JR

W. DOUGLAS SMITH  
COUNSELOR AT LAW  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
PRINCETON, N. J.  
TELEPHONE 3190

March 25, 1946

Institute for Advanced Study  
Olden Lane  
Princeton, New Jersey

Attention: Mr. Marstan Morse Re: Vacation of Streets.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
March 21, 1946, in the above matter, and I shall proceed  
accordingly.

Yours very truly,

WDS:MB

W. Douglas Smith

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March 14, 1946

Institute for Advanced Study  
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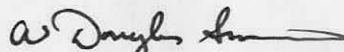
Attention: Mr. Marston Morse, Chairman of the Standing Committee

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herein please find a map of the Estate of Walter H. Olden, on which I have marked in pencil the various roads which it is proposed to have vacated by the Township of Princeton.

If the same meets with your approval, please return the map and a letter to that effect, and I shall prepare an ordinance for that purpose.

Yours very truly,

  
W. Douglas Smith

WDS:MB  
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Blueprint:  
"Plan of  
Property  
of Estate  
of  
Walter  
H. Older"

Jan 31, 1936

March 21, 1946

Mr. W. Douglas Smith  
First National Bank Building  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am happy to inform you that at its meeting on March 19th, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees asked me to authorize you to proceed with the ordinance for vacating the roads in the Township of Princeton as indicated on the attached map.

Yours very truly,

Marston Morse  
Chairman of the Standing Committee

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W. DOUGLAS SMITH  
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
TELEPHONE 1331  
PRINCETON, N. J.

February 15, 1946.

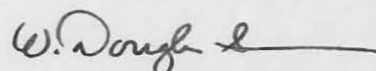
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Attention: Mr. Marston Morse,  
Chairman of the  
Standing Committee.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of February 11th,  
1946, I shall proceed relative to vacation of certain  
streets in the Township of Princeton.

Yours very truly,

  
W. Douglas Smith

WDS/E

February 11, 1946

Douglas Smith, Esq.  
90 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee wishes you to continue with our plans for the vacation of certain streets in the Township. It is desired that you notify us when the hearing on this subject is to be held so that property owners such as Professors Earle, Veblen and myself can attend.

Yours sincerely,

Marston Morse  
Chairman of the Standing Committee

xx 3190

February 4th, 1946

Mr. Herbert Maas,  
c/o Mass & Davidson,  
20 Exchange Place,  
New York 5, N. Y.

Re: Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Mr. Maas:-

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WDS:LBS

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WDS:LBS

Cc - Mr. Marsten Morse,  
cc - Fuld Hall.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
Princeton, N. J.

January 25, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

I am sending a copy of a letter from Douglas Smith to the members of the Committee. I do not have at the present time adequate information with which to act on this letter.

Recommendations as to action presumably should come from the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. It may even be desirable to leave the matter in abeyance until Dr. Aydelotte's return.

Will you please let me know your recommendation in this matter.

MARSTON MORSE

Chairman of the Standing Committee

MM:KK

*In addition to giving a clear  
signal - Mr. Smith should let this  
matter will come before the  
Committee  
more also.*

c o p y

W. DOUGLAS SMITH  
First National Bank Bldg.  
Princeton

January 24, 1946

Institute for Advanced Study  
Fuld Hall  
Princeton, N. J.

Attention: Dr. Aydelotte

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions, I have ordered descriptions from Mr. C. S. Sincerbeaux, civil engineer, of the streets which the Institute desires to have vacated in Princeton Township. The streets to be vacated are as follows:

The un-named street between lots of Maxwell and the Institute running from Mercer Street in a general southerly direction from Battle Road as far south as Mr. Sincerbeaux may find said streets to be shown on maps heretofore made public, and also that portion of Battle Road running from the said un-named street in a general northeasterly direction to the point where the present drive comes out from the Institute lots on Battle Road. In addition, it is proposed to vacate all the un-named streets south of the line drawn across Olden Avenue and the line drawn across Springdale Road as shown on page three of the Township Tax Atlas, which un-named streets are shown in greater detail on page twelve of the Tax Atlas.

It would seem that the only interested parties outside of the Institute are Mr. R. C. Maxwell, Prof. Benjamin D. Meritt and the property owners on Newlin Road.

My general procedure will be as follows: to present the matter as soon as possible to the Princeton Township Committee and if the Committee is favorably inclined, I shall prepare the necessary Ordinance and supporting papers. It will be necessary for me to notify all the property owners who are within the distance provided by law. I will request Mr. Sincerbeaux to give me the names and addresses, according to the tax records, of all persons within the required distance.

It is my understanding that the Institute does not desire to vacate any portion of Springdale Road and if the Township Committee is not willing to vacate any street or portion of a street, I am to have them vacate as much or as many of the streets mentioned as possible. This vacation, of course, effects only the general rights of the public in the streets mentioned.

Yours very truly,

W. DOUGLAS SMITH

WDS:LBS

T E L E G R A M

Received December 10, 1945

Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Please send me list of real estate you have for sale.

SAMUEL HOFFMAN  
472 Park Avenue  
Patterson, New Jersey

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November 24, 1944

Herbert H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Maass:

Since I wrote the letter to Mr. Parrier which you saw about the purchase of tools from the Bamberger Estate, we have been offered a brand new Case tractor for \$850 ready for immediate delivery. I should like to raise the question with you as to whether we ought not to buy it. The Bamberger tractor is ten years old and is priced by the Estate at \$300 for tractor, Triplex lawn mower, snow plow and roller. These three attachments would themselves be worth \$300 in my opinion and if we were to buy the new tractor I should not feel that there would be any point to cancelling this deal with the Bamberger Estate.

It would be an advantage, I think, to have a new tractor which would be in good mechanical condition and cheaper to maintain and operate.

I should be glad to have your opinion and to discuss the matter with you if you wish when we meet next week.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jsr

October 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

A letter from me about the gutters crossed the one I received from you this morning. I am glad that you agree with the proposal to make a temporary repair. As soon as I have Dawson's estimate, I shall send it on to you.

There is another little matter of buildings on which I would like your approval. The house in which Albert Worthington and Wes Dauncey live with their families has only a twenty-gallon hot water tank which is insufficient for the five people living in the house. I have the enclosed proposal for the installation of an adequate tank and coal heater at a cost of \$110, using extra heavy material, or \$80, using standard material. I imagine the extra heavy material is worth the extra cost, but I should be glad to have your judgment.

So far I have not had much luck in finding a short-coupled Ford or jeep to pull our gang mower. I heard the other day of a light tractor which could be bought for \$350. Does that seem a reasonable price to you, if the machine turns out to be in good condition?

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

FA:KK  
Enclosure

September 16, 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

I am very sorry indeed to hear from Mrs. Maass last night that you are not feeling well and are condemned to spend a day or two in bed. I very much hope that you will be able to come down to Princeton sometime soon, since there are a number of matters on which I need your advice.

You will be glad to know that the waterproofing has apparently stood up well under the recent deluge which accompanied the hurricane. Of course it may take some days for any leaks to show, and we cannot therefore be entirely certain as yet.

The gutters about which you will remember we had a difference of opinion with Larson, Hageman and Harris last spring behaved very badly in this storm, and I have written Larson to ask if he will get a man from the Hageman and Harris organization and come down again to inspect them. Wes thinks the difficulty is cracks caused by expansion and contraction of these long copper gutters which are not provided with expansion joints. Another builder whom I consulted is inclined to agree with Wes.

The cost of cutting the grass and caring for our grounds has always been too high. I have just had a chance to buy a Gang mower second-hand but reconditioned for \$275. With your approval I should like to buy this and



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look out then for a second-hand jeep or short-coupled Ford to pull it. I am sure that the use of it would be a great economy in caring for our grounds.

Another matter of immediate urgency is the question of cutting a door between the librarian's office and the little room behind. The work of the librarian is constantly increasing in volume and it is impossible to carry on in the one little room. This matter is so urgent that I had hoped to get your decision on it this morning. Since it is not important I will not trouble you by telephoning but will instruct Wes to go ahead on Monday.

I had a telephone message from Mr. Farrier saying that he and Mr. Schapp would like to know whether we could use Frank Black who had charge of the landscaping at the Bamberger estate in South Orange. The trouble is that Black is paid, as men on these large private estates are, likely to be, on a distinctly higher scale than prevails in educational institutions. Black has been getting \$240 a month plus his house. On the other hand we pay Wes only \$140 a month and if we wanted to organize a staff of our own, I feel certain that we could get good men in Princeton for much lower salaries than Black receives. We can discuss this matter when I see you.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

FA:KK

*Bldg. + Gr. Com.*

Waterford, Conn.  
22 August 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

Many thanks for your letter of August 21st. By oversight McGuire's bill went directly to Mr. Leidesdorf. I should appreciate it if you would O.K. it when you are in his office or would send him a note of your approval.

I enclose herewith the bill for the waterproofing job which has now been completed and which is in accordance with their contract. I inspected the work, which has about half done the last time I was in Princeton, and it seemed to me satisfactory. Of course in letting a contract of this kind we put ourselves in the hands of the contracting firm, and only the test of prolonged rains will show whether the work has been satisfactorily done. So far as I can tell it is O.K.

The effect on the look of the building, about which I was a little nervous, seems to me on the whole beneficial rather than otherwise. It makes the building look older, which I think an improvement.

I apologize for omitting my letter to Doubleday Doran. I enclose a copy of it herewith just as a matter of interest, although I agree with you that the whole business is probably not important.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

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*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*  
*New York* 5, August 21, 1944.

Re: The Institute for Advanced Study.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Waterford,  
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Thanks for yours of the 19th.

I am indeed glad to learn that you were able to have the job on the roads done satisfactorily at so much less than the original bids. If you will forward Mr. McGuire's bill, I will O. K. it and direct payment by the Treasurer.

Also note admission of Mrs. Fuld's will to probate.

I have only today read yours of the 13th, since I was away from the office all of last week. Unfortunately the copy of your letter to Doubleday Doran was not enclosed. I hardly imagine the book in question will have a very wide circulation, and do not believe it worthwhile stressing too much the question of Einstein's salary.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*

HHM:JR

Waterford, Conn.  
19 August 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

I am delighted to inform you that the roads have been finished and that Miss Miller and Mr. Warren consider the job extremely satisfactory. We did not trouble to have the edges trimmed which might have added a little to the appearance, but the road surface is in satisfactory condition to last for several years.

I have received Mr. McGuire's bill today. His charge was \$1072.50. That is very satisfactory as compared with the other two bids which were in the neighborhood of \$2000 or \$2200.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

Waterford, Conn.  
19 August 1944

Dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

I enclose a bill from Mr. C.N.McGuire of Pennington, N.J. for his work in putting a seal coat on the Institute roads. The bill, which I O.K.'d for payment, amounts to \$1072.50. The work has been finished, Miss Miller and Professor Warren report that the job is extremely satisfactory, and Mr. McGuire's bill is less than half of the other two bids which we had for the work. Mr. McGuire has charge of the road work in Mercer County and takes care of the roads on the Princeton University campus. It was through the University engineer that I heard about him.

Yours sincerely,

S. D. Leidesdorf, Esq.  
125 Park Avenue  
New York City 17

Waterford, Conn.  
19 August 1944

Dear Miss Miller:

I have sent off the payroll and Mr. McGuire's bill to Mr. Leidesdorf today. I am delighted the roads are so satisfactory and that we got them done at such a moderate price.

I take it that you have informed Mr. Schur that Mr. Morrell will pay the additional premium on the insurance on the barn.

I should be glad to know how the waterproofing job is progressing and to get Professor Warren's opinion of it as well as your own. Have they been careful about the plants?

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bernetta A. Miller  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N.J.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

*Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld*

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

18th August, 1944

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Regarding McGuire's  
Road Work

I am enclosing Mr. McGuire's bill for the road work. The figures ( i. e. prices) are as you gave them to me.

I have no record of the amount of stone that was estimated. It was estimated that there were 10,000 or 12,000 square yards and that  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of the asphalt oil spread would be used per square yard.

Everybody who has mentioned roads at all has spoken of the improvement and Professor Warren thought them beautiful. Albert and Mr. Morrell criticised the edges. I spoke to Mr. McGuire about this and he said the loose stone should be brushed back from the edges to the road. Is it in order for me to ask Mr. Morrell to have George do this? I doubt it. The work was done in the manner that I understood it would be done. If we had the labor, it of course would be nice to have the edges beautifully straightened and trimmed.

When you approve the bill, will you please send it to Mr. Leidesdorf with the voucher which is attached?

I would ask Professor Warren to add a word but he will not be here until early next week.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Waterford,  
Conn.

Very sincerely yours,

*Robert A. Miller*

July 25, 1944

Morris Maple, Esq.  
200 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Maple:

Many thanks for your letter of July 14th. In view of what you say I am sure that some time in September or early October will be a better time for the painting job. That fits in perfectly with my personal plans.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jsr



SWARTHMORE COLLEGE  
SWARTHMORE, PA.

ANDREW SIMPSON  
SUPERINTENDENT

July 18, 1944

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
The Institute For Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

The cost figures given below may be of interest to you.

The Borough of Swarthmore is now sealcoating approximately 3000 sq. yds. of road surface. The contract was awarded in the early spring after competitive bidding for cleaning (sweeping) the roadway, spreading 30 lbs. of stone per sq. yd. and rolling according to Pennsylvania State Highway Department specifications at  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cents per sq. yd. There is a separate contract for supplying and applying bituminous material at a rate of one-third gallon per sq. yd. at  $14\frac{1}{2}$  cents per gallon. It is standard practice to have two contracts for the reason that it is difficult to control the amount of oil supplied, but if the oil is charged for by the gallon there is no temptation to skimp the job. Although two contractors are involved the work is done under the supervision of the one who spreads and rolls the stone. If the oil is spread exactly as specified the total cost per sq. yd. for this work will be about 13.3 cents per sq. yd.

Here at college we generally wait until the Borough has awarded its contract and we then give the successful bidder an opportunity to do the college work in connection with the Borough job. The contractor generally accepts the proposal.

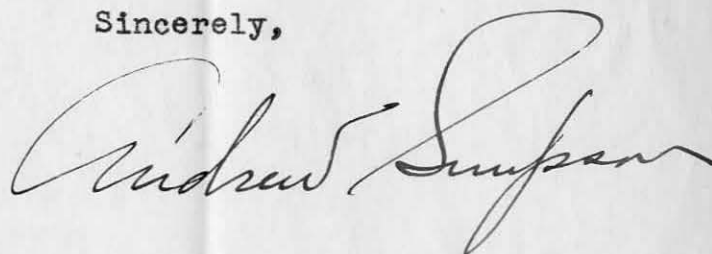
During the three day shutdown between the spring and summer terms we sealcoated 3000 sq. yds. of college roads following the same specifications at a total cost of 16 cents per sq. yd. Because of the shortage of time available and the impossibility of working in with the Borough job we awarded the contract without competitive bidding, and the contractor purchased the oil for us.

It is my understanding that road oil is now more readily available than it was in the spring and that the costs are coming down.

The sealing of roads every three or four years is standard practice for well managed municipalities. It is an excellent way of preserving the original investment as the treatment seals the road against frost damage, replaces surface wear, and, in fact, may gradually strengthen and improve the road.

The figures which I have given you may not hold good for Princeton. There should be a short haul on the crushed stone, but perhaps a long haul on the hot oil. However, if the contractor quotes you on the oil cost separately you can use these figures for comparison.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andrew Simpson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely,".

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*New York* 5, July 25, 1944.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Waterford, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

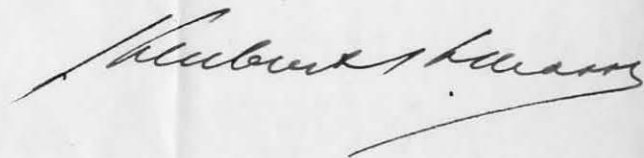
Having been away from the office, I had no opportunity to read yours of the 19th until this morning.

It seems to me that if we are to do the job on the road, we should do the whole job and not omit the Battle Road Circle and I hope you will act accordingly.

The special committee met, but since Mr. Douglas was away and unable to attend, we have adjourned without date, pending his return to the city.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



HHM:RS

*Edg. & Gr. Com.*

Waterford, Connecticut  
July 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

Many thanks for your letter of July seventeenth. We have about 9/10 of a mile of road, counting the extension around Battle Road Circle. It averages roughly twenty feet wide, making a total of something over ten thousand square yards. This should make the cost of the job about \$2200 if we accept the 22 cent bid. These measurements of mine are only approximate, made with an automobile speedometer. Would you think it worth while to have Mr. Sincerbeau, the surveyor, measure the road exactly before awarding the contract?

I am not certain whether the extension around Battle Road Circle needs the sealcoat as badly as the rest of the roads. It gets much less traffic, but on the other hand, it is subject to the same freezing and thawing which it is the function of the sealcoat to prevent. Marie and I are going down to Mrs. Fuld's funeral on Friday and it might be possible for us to have a word about this over the telephone in New York early that morning or in South Orange.

Marie and I dined with Mrs. Fuld three or four weeks ago. We went in to see her late in the afternoon and she insisted on our staying to dinner and very bravely sat up to dinner with us. It seemed to us that she was not at all well then, and we were a good deal troubled about her. I have made it a practice since Mr. Bamberger's death from time to time to write to her about goings-on at the Institute, and she always seemed remarkably interested. Her mind was so alert that it is a pity she could not have had a few years of good health to follow our developments.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
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*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* 5, July 17, 1944

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
c/o The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thanks for yours of the 12th, as well as the  
13th.

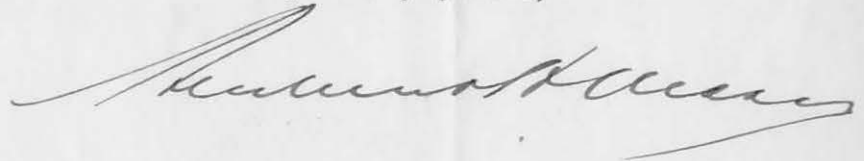
I note that you are taking a Summer vacation  
at New London, and hope the same proves very enjoyable.

Today the Committee appointed by Mr. Hardin  
is holding its organization meeting and I expect that  
as soon as it has planned its procedure, it will desire  
to have an interview with you, which can be arranged by  
mail or telephone, to suit your convenience.

As to the repaving of the roads, I think that  
it is better to award the contract to the Barrett Company,  
but the estimate of 22¢ per square yard is no indication  
of the total. Will you therefore advise me, before award-  
ing the contract, what the total expenditure will amount  
to.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



HHM/S

# MORRIS MAPLE

PAINTING AND DECORATING OF QUALITY

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PHONE 58

200 NASSAU STREET

PRINCETON, N. J.

July 14, 1944

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:                      Re: Exterior Painting.

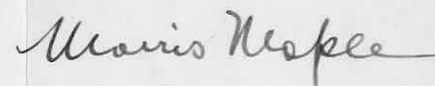
I regret very much not replying promptly to your recent inquiry as to the time planned for your painting. I believe it was agreed the Institute work should not be done until early fall--around Oct. 1st. The reason being the hope of better oil and more suitable working conditions.

I had expected we might do the smaller items at your house this month. However, the recent oil received gives me real concern during the hot weather. It appears to give uncertain results, especially while the humidity is high. Therefore, it would appear better to do this work around the last week of September.

It is my hope this may be satisfactory to meet your personal plans.

Very truly yours,

MM:fm



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BUILDERS

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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July 13, 1944

Mr. A. D. Morrell  
Mt. Lucas Road  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Morrell:

Dr. Aydelotte called me in yesterday in an advisory capacity to decide upon placing a contract for resurfacing certain drives. He had two bids, one for 18 cents per yard and yours for 22 cents. After analyzing the bids, I decided that the Barrett specifications was the better of the two and advised its acceptance.

Should you receive this order, I hope you will give the work your personal attention and see to it that it is well done and without destruction to planting, etc.

I firmly believe that you will do a job that will justify my recommendation.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEWS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

WRM:W

By \_\_\_\_\_

COPY

July 5, 1944

Dear Mr. Maple:

Can you give me an approximate idea as to when you expect to begin work on our painting job? I ask because I should like to be here for the time while you are working so as to hear from you what the conditions of our woodwork is when you have done some of the scraping and sandpapering which will doubtless be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Mr. Morris Maple  
200 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

FA:KK



June 13, 1944

Morris Maple, Esq.  
200 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Maple:

The arrangements suggested in your letter of June twelfth are entirely satisfactory. I very much hope that you may be able to secure the supply of pure linseed oil for Fuld Hall.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:KK

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# MORRIS MAPLE

PAINTING AND DECORATING OF QUALITY

DEALER IN PAINTS AND WALL-PAPERS

PHONE 58

200 NASSAU STREET

PRINCETON, N. J.

June 12, 1944

The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Attention of Dr. Frank Aydelotte.

Re: Exterior Painting.


My dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 9th, advising me of the acceptance for proposed exterior painting. It appears we can hardly reach the work at your house before next month. This is of a nature that the summer sun would not harm.

As to the work at Fuld Hall, it is my best judgment that this work should not be done until the fall season. The exposure is such that it would be best to allow the present paint to weather over the summer. It is also my hope that I may be able to obtain a small amount of pure linseed oil by that time. The present oil obtainable is replacement linseed oil and, while fairly dependable on most work, it lacks the penetrating action needed to work over the evidently hard undercoat paint used for the original painting.

It is my hope this arrangement meets approval and thanking you for the consideration for the order, I am,

Very truly yours,



MM:fm

June 9, 1944

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Maass:

Many thanks for your letter of June eighth. I am accordingly writing to Maple today to accept his proposals. While the Matthews Construction Company is not directly interested, Mr. Matthews has kindly offered to assist in the supervision of the job and to give us his advice on any points concerning which Mr. Maple may be in doubt.

You will be interested in a wholly different subject, namely, the danger to our elm trees from Dutch Elm disease. I received a call from representatives of the Department of Agriculture who are undertaking some experimental work in the Princeton area. I am glad to say that our grounds are within the limit of their plans and that they will without cost to us try some of the new methods which they are evolving for the eradication of the disease.

Fortunately, the beautiful elms near our house have not so far been affected. The worst cases are down in the woods near Stony Brook, except for one beautiful tree on the Princeton campus which is dying of the disease and will have to be cut down.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:KK

June 9, 1944

Morris Maple, Esq.  
200 Nassau Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Maple:

I have consulted the members of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and I am glad to say that I am authorized to accept your proposals of June first to clean and paint such parts of the exterior woodwork of Fuld Hall and Olden Manor as are needed to preserve the wood for a year or two, until such time as proper materials can be obtained for a sound job of repair.

The understanding is that the cost of the work on Olden Manor will not exceed \$94 and for Fuld Hall it is not expected to exceed \$640, although at your request an extra allowance of \$160 is to be made for extra burning and cleaning which may be necessary.

I note that you expect to do only what is essential, keeping the cost down as much as possible. I shall be glad to have you proceed with the job at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:KK

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*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* 5, June 8, 1944.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Herewith I return correspondence between you and the Matthews Construction Company. I think you should have the work covered by the Maple estimate done now. Then after the war we can have the job done permanently.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*

HHM:SK

Encl.

**MATTHEWS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED 1912  
**BUILDERS**  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 1, 1944

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Enclosed you will find estimates prepared by Morris Maple for temporary preservation of the wood work in Fuld Hall and the Olden Manor house.

Should you decide to have this work done, I would suggest your making contracts direct with Mr. Maple without the necessity of our entering into the picture.

If we can be of any further service to you in the matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEWS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

By W. R. Matthews

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Gallons of Paint (approx.).....	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ gals.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ gals.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ gals.

## OLD WORK (Two Coats)

	First Coat	Finish
Eagle Soft Paste White Lead.....	100 lbs.	100 lbs.
Oil: Linseed-Replacement.....	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ gals.	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ gals.
Gum Turpentine.....	$\frac{3}{4}$ gal.	
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bullets, lead for storage batteries, lead for acid plating,  
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*But that doesn't begin to tell the story!*

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job on these and many other fronts . . . to hasten the  
day when the Dutch Boy can again turn to the job  
of better living for Uncle Sam's boys and their  
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PAINTING AND DECORATING OF QUALITY

DEALER IN PAINTS AND WALL-PAPERS

PHONE 58

200 NASSAU STREET

PRINCETON, N. J. June 1, 1944

Matthews Construction Co., Inc.  
Alexander Street  
Princeton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Re: Olden Manor Exterior  
Painting.

As requested, I have recently inspected the exterior paint condition of the above mentioned house. Considering this work in general was touched up and given one coat and the new work three coats, the paint is holding up well. The materials used were Eagle White Lead and pure linseed oil, mixed on the work. Although the greater part of the surfaces are badly soiled, the paint film in general will give good protection a year to eighteen months from this date. In allowing the present painted work to age, it will be in better condition to receive two good coats, which should be applied. It is also reasonable to consider more dependable linseed oil will be available by the time mentioned.

However, for the present there are parts which should be given attention this year. All window sills should be cleaned and painted. The front balcony work, porch columns and columns at south and service entrance should also be painted. The greater part of this requires two coats.

The cost for this work will be \$94.00 and can be done during the summer or early fall, should the order be given.

Very truly yours,



MM:fm

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200 NASSAU STREET

PRINCETON, N. J. June 1, 1944

Matthews Construction Co., Inc.  
Princeton, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Re: Exterior Painting Fuld Hall  
School of Advanced Study.

After due consideration of the recent report from the Eagle-Picher White Lead Co. giving the chemical analysis of the paint film, I have again made a complete inspection of the painted surfaces. Taking into account the parts now evident of paint failure, together with the analysis report, it presents a serious problem as to immediate procedure.

My first consideration is to be practical and also to keep in mind the minimum cost. The present paint film in general has a hard, brittle zinc content. It also has poor penetration, lacking adherence to the wood pores. With exception to certain parts, to be mentioned later, it is my best suggestion to allow the present paint film to weather at least until the fall of 1945. My practical theory being that after greater exposure, by severe wire brushing and sanding, it may be possible to apply a sharp, fairly thin, penetrating coat of pure white lead and oil through the weathered paint film and fairly good adherence to the wood proper. In the meantime, there will no doubt be other paint failures in places, while at present or for nearly a year no one can know where this may take place. Beyond all this, the present type linseed oil replacement, now available, would be too uncertain over painted surfaces of this nature, as evident and shown by chemical analysis.

Although the paint surfaces look badly, this is largely soil and copper staining and upon close examination, there is really greater protective quality remaining than general appearances indicate. Therefore, beyond general appearances, the work that may be considered for attention this year for protection will be as follows:

The entire tower should be given two coats, after wire brushing and a moderate amount of scraping on surface

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near the main roof. All window sills should be painted after cleaning. The window frames, parts of sash and panels under windows of the east and west wings, the entrance doors of wings, front entrance and west porch need doing over. The iron railings of front, west and south, as well as light posts at front need attention. A good amount of burning off of old paint is involved on parts of this work. The items mentioned have severe exposure, the construction having no drainage gutters, permitting water from roofs to flow over the painted work and no protection from sun or winter cold.

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It appears the minimum cost for replacing the work briefly outlined would be \$640.00. However, due to the nature of the work, it seems reasonable to make an allowance of \$160.00 additional for extra burning and cleaning that may be necessary. I am most assuredly interested in doing only what is essential at the lowest possible cost.

Very truly yours,

*Morris Maple*

MM:fm

*East & west Bays also included as needing severe cleaning & painting.*

June 5, 1944

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Maass:

Mr. Matthews and the painter whom he employs, Morris Maple, have gone over the Institute and Olden Manor very carefully and Mr. Maple has submitted proposals for such patching as is needed to safeguard the exterior surface until such time as it is possible to get good materials again and do a thorough job of repainting.

The estimate for Fuld Hall is \$640 but Maple asks for a possible allowance of \$160 additional for extra burning and cleaning that may be necessary. The estimate for Olden Manor is \$94.

The figure for Olden Manor seemed to me reasonable but the figure for the Institute seemed to me high. I have talked it over with various people, however, and held a committee meeting of Veblen, Meritt and myself on the subject. Our final conclusion was that we had better accept the proposal.

Painting Fuld Hall last time cost between \$1,200 and \$1,300. Labor costs are higher now and removal of the inferior paint is a time consuming job. If you approve, I will accept these figures. I enclose Mr. Maple's letters and should be grateful if you would return them to me.

I am convinced that the Institute could save money and get more satisfactory service if we employed an extra handy man or two of the type of Wes Dauncey who could be used for painting inside and out, grass cutting, construction of bookshelves, maintenance of motor cars and all sorts of practical work around the Institute. It may not be feasible to get the kind of men we want until after the war. It would certainly not be feasible to get a gang mower such as we need for the economical cutting of the grass. The fact is, however, that dealing with Morrell and with the building firms in Princeton for small jobs is highly uneconomical.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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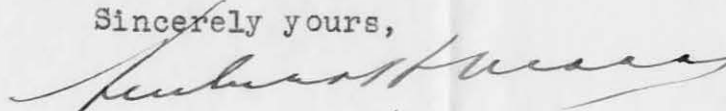
Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Yours of the 31st ult. came to hand this morning.

If the patchwork job will meet the requirements of  
the situation, I am heartily in favor of waiting until after the  
war to do the whole job on a permanent basis.

Sincerely yours,



HHM:JR

Fuld Hall - 640  
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Older Manus 94

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*New York* 5, May 31, 1944.


Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

This will acknowledge yours of the 29th.

I do not think we have any recourse in connection with the prior paint job, and would recommend that you follow the suggestions contained in your letter with regard to the full job to be done on the several buildings described.

Sincerely yours,



HHM:JR



CROSS REFERENCE

FILE: Building and Grounds (Miscellaneous)

SEE ALSO: Maass, Herbert H., Correspondence 1940 -

SUBJECT: Correspondence between Herbert H. Maass and Frank Aydelotte re estimates for applying seal coats to Institute roads, May 22, 1944 and May 24, 1944.

*Bldgs. & Gds.  
Maass*

Copy to Prof. Veblen

May 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

Here is another matter which ought to be considered by the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and which, if you and Veblen agree, can be taken care of without a meeting.

We have a semicircular path in front of the Institute leading down from the steps on either side and three short paths which are somewhat wider leading from the road up to the steps. These are all covered with loose stone which so far has not packed down and which is rather disagreeable to walk on, especially for ladies with thin shoes. I have inquired from Mr. Morrel what would be the cost of covering these with some bituminous material which would give us a smooth surface, and have a proposal from him to cover them with what he calls "black top," properly compacted and rolled, at a cost of \$1.50 per square yard. The price for the whole job at this rate would be \$688. This would make the paths and entrance to the semicircular path in front similar to the single path which leads from our house down to the circle. Since almost everyone who walks uses these paths, this provision of a smooth surface would be very much appreciated by all the members of the Institute.

The roadways running in at either end are in the same condition but, since these are used by automobiles, they show some tendency to pack down, and I do not think it would be necessary to go to the expense of treating them in the same way.

I enclose a rough sketch which will give you the layout. The four areas that I proposed treating are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4; those areas which I think may be omitted are numbered 5 and 6.

Very sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Herbert H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York City

*Bldgs & Gds*

May 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Maass:

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There are three matters connected with buildings and grounds on which I should like your advice.

1. We have been carrying insurance of \$3,500 on tenant house No. 1 and \$3,000 on tenant house No. 2, the rate being \$11.50 per thousand. I would suggest that in view of the improvements we have made to tenant house No. 1, the amount should be increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000. In addition to what we did to the house, Mr. Rockefeller is constantly making the place more presentable and more valuable.

2. Insurance of \$2,000 on the red barn at \$19 per thousand, and \$8,500 on the house in which Wes and Albert live, at \$11.50 per thousand, could, I think, remain as at present. The rates given per thousand are, of course, for a period of three years.

3. Mr. Millard F. Bird, Vice President of the A. C. Horn Company, has now returned and has given me a formal proposal of \$1,360 for weatherproofing the two wing buildings, if the work is done at the same time as the main building. This, added to their bid of \$5,961, makes \$7,321 for the entire job. With your approval, I shall inform him that we are willing to make the contract on this basis and ask him to undertake the work at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York 5, N. Y.

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BUILDERS

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

May 10, 1944

Miss Nancy Lee Swann  
7 Greenholm  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Swann:

We propose to furnish the necessary labor and material to complete the alterations to the Farm Cottage for a sum not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS---\$5253.00

In the event new wood floors are laid over all the existing, add the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS----- \$ 183.00

16 windows

In the event blinds are installed for windows, add the sum of Twelve dollars sixty cents (\$12.60) for each window opening.

We further propose to furnish the necessary labor and material to connect the three cottages to the Borough trunk sewer for a sum not to exceed ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS----- \$1288.00

In the event this proposal is accepted, you may deduct the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) from the amount quoted in paragraph one (\$5253.00).

The base bid includes the following items:

One pipe steam heating system with standing Arco radiation, oil burner, summer and winter domestic hot water connections to the furnace. The plumbing includes 4'6" tub, W. C. and china basin, a kitchen sink and laundry tray, a pump and pressure tank to be connected with the present well assuming this well will deliver adequate supply of water. Complete exterior and interior painting and papering, repair porch, exterior clapboards and trim. Provide foundation wall under kitchen wing, plaster patch throughout, open fireplace in Living Room and line present chimney with clay flue for oil burner, remove present kitchen chimney, refinish floors with new floor in Dining Room and linoleum in kitchen and bath. Electric service throughout, insulate second floor ceiling and side walls, floor and ceiling of kitchen addition. Change

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second floor partition to a large bedroom and cut door into new dressing room. New cellar window frames and new window in Living Room and bedroom above. New cellar door, new rear door, kitchen cabinets, sash balances, screens throughout, hardware where required, bathroom accessories and new leaders and gutters.

We will be pleased to execute this work on the basis of the actual cost, plus a fee of 10%, guaranteeing that the total cost will not exceed the amounts quoted above.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEWS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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NEWLIN ROAD

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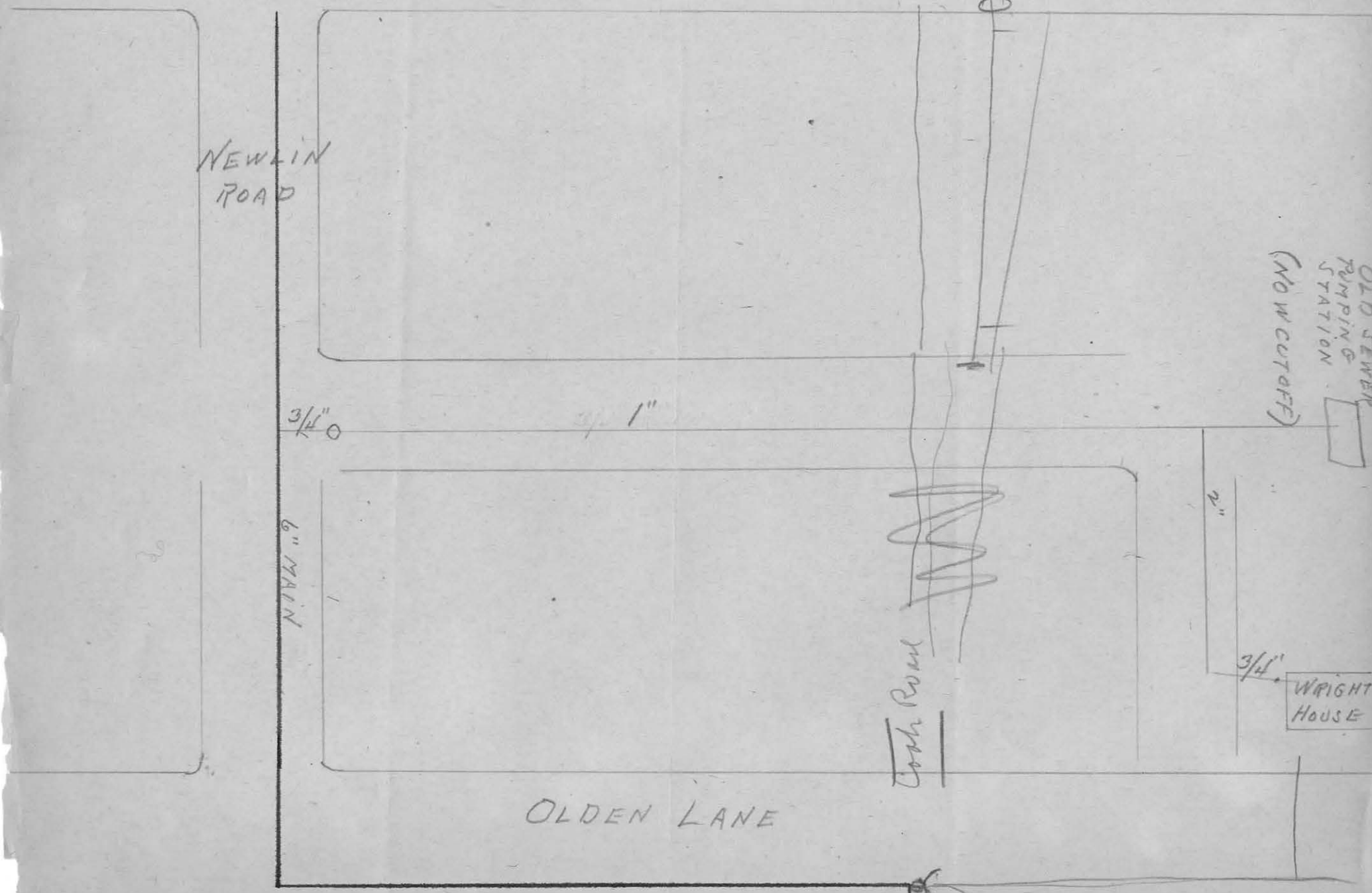
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OLD SEWER  
PUMPING  
STATION  
(NO W CUTOFF)

WRIGHT  
HOUSE

Cook's Road

OLDEN LANE



MEMORANDUM TO FILE

May 6, 1944

Yesterday I talked with Mr. George Knaefler about the problem of painting Fuld Hall. He told me that a chemist from the paint manufacturers had looked at the work and taken away for analysis some samples of the paint which is peeling off. This man expressed the opinion that since the paint peeled off down to the wood there must have been something wrong with the original coat of paint. He promised to make an analysis and report on the results. Since he had not yet done so, Mr. Matthews telephoned to him, but without getting much satisfaction. Mr. Matthews thereupon wrote a letter dated May 5 of which he sent me a copy.

I told Mr. Knaefler that it is now four years since the Olden house was painted, and that I think it ought to be repainted. We also referred to the painting of Tenant House No. 1 which is referred to in a letter of May 3 from Miss Miller to me. We also discussed the plan that Miss Swann might take over Tenant House No. 2. She has consulted Mr. Quick and the Matthews Company is preparing an estimate for her.

We agreed that it is best to delay the whole matter of painting until Mr. Matthews obtains some assurance as to the quality of the materials which are to be used.

I called Knaefler's attention to the problem of sewage for this group of houses. I said I thought that this problem ought to be considered by the Institute for the whole group of houses. Knaefler agreed to make a survey and let me know what the situation is.

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This morning I reported the above to Dr. Aydelotte and suggested that it would be best to postpone doing anything about the paint until Mr. Matthews has found some way of getting assurances about the quality of the material. I also suggested that we should defer any action about Tenant House No. 2 until Miss Swann has received the estimates from Matthews. Dr. Aydelotte agreed.

Dr. Aydelotte mentioned the fact that Dr. Raubitschek is in need of a house. He also expressed the opinion that if Miss Swann is to occupy the house it would be better for the Institute to make the repairs and rent the house to Miss Swann with an agreement that she could renew the lease as often as she wishes during her lifetime. This would keep the control of subletting in the hands of the Institute and make it our right and obligation to look after the exterior of the house. I agreed that this is the proper way to manage such affairs.

Copy to Dr. Aydelotte

O. Veblen

MEMORANDUM TO FILE

May 6, 1944

From Wes Dauncey I got the following information:

Tenant House No. 1 has a septic tank which is working properly, and the overflow line was carried 100 feet down toward the field and should be carried another 100 feet. He put in it a Y which could be used in case another septic tank is used for Tenant House No. 2. The arrangement would then be satisfactory for both houses. Another way of dealing with the sewage would be by connecting with the town sewer, which is 200 yards or so down among the pines. The house in which Wes lives is connected with a tributary of the town sewer which goes down near the edge of the golf links to the trunk line of the sewer; this is at least 300 yards away from the Tenant Houses.

The house in which Wes lives has city water which, contrary to previous information from the Water Company that the pipe was 3/4", is brought in by a 2" pipe. He thinks it would be practical to bring the city water to the Tenant Houses and to sell the electric pump which is used in Tenant House No. 1. We could probably get at least as much for it as we paid, which was \$80.

Wes uses electricity for cooking in his house and is satisfied. Neither illuminating gas nor Philgas is available.

Wes feels that the road, which received a dressing this spring, will have to be treated similarly every year. Subsequent dressings will not be as heavy as the last one. Sooner or later the road will have to be done properly.

The old windmill ought to be pulled down.

Wes thinks the old corn crib ought to be pulled down.

O. Veblen

Copy to Dr. Aydelotte



*Bldgs + Gds*

December 22, 1943

Memorandum for Professor Veblen:

Miss Miller is asking Morrell to make a bid on this road including binder. She is also getting a bid from another contractor. I have instructed her to take these up with you as soon as received and I should be grateful if you would consult Maass about them. The road ought to be fixed and if you and he consider either of the bids satisfactory I should be glad if you went ahead with it without waiting for my return.

F. A.

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*New York 5, December 17, 1943.*

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Herewith I acknowledge yours of the 15th.

I cannot agree with Mr. Morrell that crushed stone without a binder will be at all satisfactory, nor am I sure that a binder is not obtainable at this time. There are many kinds of binders that would serve the purpose, and one of them should be available. In any event, please make sure that we receive some other bids before you let any contract.

I was at Mr. Leidesdorf's office this morning and saw several communications which Miss Miller had sent to him regarding injuries which had been sustained by employees of the Institute, and he and I are both of the opinion that we should now consider taking out Compensation Insurance and no longer act as self-insurers. Will you be good enough to inquire of Howe's office what the cost of adequate coverage in this regard will be.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*

HHM:JR

*Bridge v Gdo*

December 15, 1943

Dear Mr. Maass:

I find that the stretch of road which needs repair is about 1000 feet, but that the circle at the end plus a spur to the barn door brings the total up to about 1900 feet.

It was Mr. Morrell's plan to use run-of-the-quarry crushed stone, small and large pieces together, which he says will pack satisfactorily without a binder. According to Morrell, no kind of binding material is obtainable at this time. He figures that it will take about 180 tons of crushed stone, which will cost \$720, and he figures labor at \$150. I am making inquiries as to whether we can find another contractor to bid on the job, but I am not sure that this will be possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Herbert H. Maass  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, N. Y.

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Copy to Professor Veblen

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*New York* 5, December 10, 1943.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

One of the open items in the affairs of the Institute, which has been open for a long while and should have prompt and immediate action, is the matter of the homes of Professors Earle and Lowe. You will recall that the question is still unsettled as to whether they are to be purchasers or lessees.

I am still unalterably of the opinion that the lessee arrangement is entirely unfeasible, and you will remember that Mr. Hardin's office concurred in this point of view.

Can you arrange in some way to have the matter finally settled?

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*

HHM:SK

*Earle - OK*  
*Low - prob OK - consulted w/*  
*Paworsky - OK*

*Beag & Eds*

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*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* 5, July 12, 1943.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
The Institute for Advanced Study,  
Fuld Hall,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Herewith I acknowledge yours of the 8th regarding  
Morrell's bill.

Even at \$3,000 per annum the upkeep of the grounds is  
running far beyond what we ever contemplated and I am wondering  
whether there is not some way in which the item can be cut below  
even this amount. In any event, I will be glad to have you  
arrange a meeting of the Committee of Buildings and Grounds at the  
end of the summer so that the problem can be studied.

Yours very truly,



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