

December 16, 1949

Dear Professor Panofsky:

It is a pleasure for me to inform you that at its meeting of November 15, 1949, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study adopted the following resolution:

It was moved and carried that, operative as of July 1, 1950, the minimum total pension of present full Institute professors should be \$6000; that the obligation of the Institute is to provide the difference between this amount and the pension provided through insurance; that the additional payments should be covered in the ordinary budget.

Thus, under the terms of this resolution, the funds available to you from the TIAA policy which you now hold will be supplemented by the Institute to bring the total to \$6000. a year. The Trustees of the Institute understand that in some cases a professor may desire to make provision for the support of his wife in the event of his death. In general, the Institute will allow each professor to exercise this option with regard to his contribution to his retirement allowance, and in general accordance with the terms of options as established by the TIAA.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer
Director

Professor Erwin Panofsky

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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Dr. Oppenheimer:

In pursuance of our discussion at the last faculty lunch, I take the liberty of informing you that Dr. P. H. von Blanckenhagen of the University of Chicago will give an illustrated lecture under the joint auspices of the Institute and the Department of Art and Archaeology of Princeton University on Thursday, January 6th, 1949. The lecture will be given in McCormick Hall, Room 411, at 8:30 p.m. The subject will be: "The Odyssey Landscapes from the Esquiline; observations on landscape painting in classical Antiquity."

Erwin Panofsky

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August 23, 1948

Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Leary
Miss Trinterud
Mrs. Leahy

Professor Erwin Panofsky plans to spend the "rest of the
season" at

The Blake House
Castine, Maine.

M. C. Welton

*Joe
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June 23, 1948

Dear Professor Deknatel:

Dr. Oppenheimer will be very pleased to receive your good letter of June 19th about Professor Panofsky. Dr. Oppenheimer is away from Princeton and will not return until early in October. I send you this note so that you may know your letter has been received and that it will be brought to Dr. Oppenheimer's attention when he returns in the Fall.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Russell,
Secretary

Professor F. B. Deknatel
Fogg Museum of Art
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

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June 19, 1948

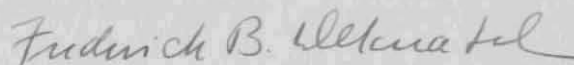
Dr. Robert J. Oppenheimer, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Oppenheimer:

I am writing to tell you on behalf of the members of the Committee for the Charles Eliot Norton Chair of Poetry and my colleagues in the Department of Fine Arts at Harvard how highly we all value the experience of having Professor Erwin Panofsky of your Institute with us this year as Charles Eliot Norton Professor.

Professor Panofsky not only gave us a brilliant series of lectures which will be an important and permanent contribution to knowledge in our field when they are published, but also his enthusiasm and skill as a teacher made a deep impression and stimulated not only our advanced graduate students but all of us as well. We all came to feel that Professor Panofsky is one of the most gifted and one of the most effective people in our profession. It was with great regret that we saw him return to Princeton. We are, therefore, grateful that your Institute permitted us to borrow one of your most distinguished members for this academic year.

Sincerely yours,



Frederick B. Deknatel, Chairman
Department of Fine Arts, and
Committee for the Charles Eliot Norton Chair of Poetry

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↳ Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Leary
Miss Trinterud
Mrs. Leahy

June 3, 1948

Professor Erwin Panofsky has returned to the Institute and will occupy his old office (recently used by Professor Wade-Gery). He will probably remain in Princeton for five weeks. If he cannot be reached at the Institute, his home address is 97 Battle Road, Princeton 1679.

M. C. Welton
School of Humanistic Studies

P.S:

Professor Panofsky would like to see Dr. Oppenheimer for five minutes. If you can give him an appointment later on will you call me?

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The Continental
Cambridge, Mass.

September 29, 1947

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

October 1, a sad day for all of us, shall not pass without a word of gratitude. Working, God knows, against odds, you have succeeded in making the small world of the Institute a "better place to live in"; and everyone of us knows that you leave us, not only as a just and unselfish Director but also as a friend. We, personally, owe perhaps more to you than most of my colleagues; but if I should ever forget your unfailing kindness and understanding as a superior I shall never forget how you and Marie got me out of my house for dinner when Dora had gone to the hospital in Boston.

Fortunately this is only "farewell" (in the literal sense) and not "good-bye." You will remain our trusted adviser; both of you will remain our neighbours; and all the three of you our friends. And you will be able to do much good--perhaps even more than ever before--when all your time is your own. So it is with confidence and in hope rather than in sorrow that we offer you our thanks and our wishes.

Yours as ever gratefully,

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Cambridge, Sept. 29th 47

Dear Marie,

It is with deep gratitude that I think of the years that you have been our "boss" because from the beginning you were not a boss but a dear friend to everybody. And I especially have felt again and again your great kindness when I was so sick and you never got tired of coming to see me and help me with your warm and understanding friendship.

We intended to give you a photograph of Olden Manor, but it can't be taken until the Fall, so that the trees may not hide too much the loveliness of the architecture. I hope you will accept it then in remembrance of these years and as a small token of our gratitude! With love from both of us to both of you,

As ever yours

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Memorandum

To Director's Office and Switchboard Date 9/11/47

From B. A. Miller Re Professor Panofsky's address

His address after 9/17/47 will be The Continental,
Cambridge, Mass.

OR
Fogg Museum
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

May 15, 1947

Dear Pan:

Many thanks for the copy of your letter of May 9th. I certainly think Harvard ought to come forth with this small amount which Boström needs. I am troubled that you do not have a better prospect of accommodations, but if you once get a foothold in the Continental Hotel I imagine you will be able to stay there.

I am a little troubled also about the first sentence of the third paragraph in which you say something about "the whole thing seems to be now somewhat in jeopardy". I hope that is not meant to apply to your professorship. There are a great many expedients we could resort to so far as accommodations are concerned which have not yet been tried.

Yours sincerely,

FA:kr
Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study

Frank Aydelotte

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

9 May 1947

Dear Professor Deknatel:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 6. I cannot conceal my disappointment about the course the Boström affair seems to have taken in spite of the fact that you assured me orally that there would be no difficulties in this respect. Since Mr. Boström is going to participate in my seminars, probably, I do not see why this should not be considered as a fulfillment of the attendance requirements which you mention, and I think that he would not mind taking some other courses if a minimum number should be required by the Harvard regulations. If you insist, I shall take the matter up with my Director, but I should very much hate to do this; first, because the Institute, which generally is very liberal in its awards of stipends, has thus far always insisted on permanent residence as the one requirement for membership; second, because I had already mentioned the case at a faculty meeting and said, in view of your oral assurance, that Mr. Boström would probably go to Harvard on a fellowship so that the Institute would not be responsible for him during the next academic year. Please let me know at your early convenience how the matter stands; if Harvard University insists on refusing a fellowship to Mr. Boström, I should, however reluctantly, take up the matter with the Institute because it would be inhuman to disappoint him after having already postponed his trip once and having raised his hopes to such an extent that he has already booked his passage for the end of September. I am including a copy of his application of March 15, 1947, which he sent me upon being informed that the original had not yet been received in Cambridge. I trust that in the meantime the original is in the hands of the Harvard authorities so that this copy is in fact not necessary.

Thank you very much for your trouble on our behalf so far as accommodations are concerned. Meanwhile, the manager of the Continental Hotel wrote me that they would probably be able to guarantee us accommodation in a single room with the understanding that we would be moved into a suite as soon as possible. But this is still very indefinite. I noticed that you did not answer my question concerning the possibility of finding accommodations on the campus itself and wonder whether this amounts to an answer in the negative. At any rate, I hope that the uncertainty will be dispelled before long so that we can make definite plans as to the future.

Since the whole thing seems now to be somewhat in jeopardy, I hesitate to submit a list of such pictures and books as might be included in the contemplated exhibition of Flemish paintings. Yet, in the hope that everything will ultimately turn out well, I might offer

Professor Frederick B. Deknatel

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9 May 1947

some suggestions which I have noted on the enclosure. I have not mentioned anything in the National Gallery because I believe that they are prohibited by law from lending. I had thought, however, that Harvard University, by using its influence, might obtain the loan of the van Eycks, Rogers and Flemalles belonging to the Kaiser Friedrich Museum in Berlin. This would, of course, be quite an enormous attraction and a sheer blessing to all concerned, but I am afraid that the iron may be too hot even for Harvard to touch. On the other hand, if properly presented, the idea might even appeal to the authorities in Washington in that such a partial showing of the Berlin pictures would testify to their clear conscience.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. Panofsky

Professor Frederick B. Deknatel
Harvard University
Fogg Museum of Art
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

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8 April 1947

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 3 and your congratulations on my degree -- except that I do not subscribe to your theory that I have deserved it more than others. Of course, I was gratified, not to much by the thing itself as by the spirit behind it so far as my colleagues in the department of art and archaeology are concerned.

The news about the Directorship is very good. Dr. Aydelotte had already informed me confidentially and warned me to treat the matter as top secret because he feels that a leak on our part would be very unfortunate. So, I have not mentioned it to anybody yet and trust that you have done the same. On April 14th it will, however, be announced at a faculty luncheon. Alexander, of course, is entitled to know about it, but we felt that, since he does not want to be bothered during this term, we should not take special steps to break in on his self-chosen isolation.

With my renewed thanks and all good wishes for an undisturbed period of recreation,

Yours as ever,

Professor Edward M. Earle
The Santanoni
Saranac Lake, New York

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6 March 1947

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I have received your communication of March 4th notifying me that the President and Fellows of Harvard College have done me the honor of appointing me Charles Elliot Norton Professor of Poetry for the academic year 1947-48. I wish to thank you for this communication and should be grateful to you for expressing my sincere gratitude for this great honor to the President and Fellows of Harvard College.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. David W. Bailey
Secretary to the President and
Fellows of Harvard College
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

20 February 1947

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I am most grateful to you and the Trustees for having granted me a leave of absence that will enable me to accept the invitation to Harvard. It is not without reluctance that I shall leave the Institute for so long a period in so critical a year, and I have very grave doubts as to whether I shall be able to live up to the requirements of the Charles Eliot Norton Professorship of Poetry; but I do think that an opportunity like this is not one to be passed up.

So, I have now formally accepted the invitation (see enclosure) and wish to thank you most heartily for having supported my request to the Trustees.

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Director's Office

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20 February 1947

Dear Provost Buck:

Thanks to the cooperative attitude of those to whom I was under obligation and to the generosity of my Trustees, I am now able to accept the invitation extended to me by Harvard University for the academic year 1947-1948.

I can only repeat that I consider this invitation a great honor for which I am deeply grateful.

With my renewed thanks to you and the Committee on the Charles Eliot Norton Professorship, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Provost Paul Herman Buck
Harvard University
5 University Hall
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

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February 20, 1947

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Pan:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at their meeting on February 18, 1947 approved my recommendation that you should be granted leave of absence on half salary for the academic year 1947-1948 to enable you to accept the Charles Eliot Norton Professorship of Poetry at Harvard. I am sorry to have you away from Princeton but I send you my warmest good wishes for an interesting and stimulating time in Cambridge.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Miss Miller
Mrs. Rosenfeld

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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7 February 1947

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

To my surprise I received the enclosed invitation to fill the Charles Eliot Norton Chair at Harvard University during the academic year 1947-1948. Since this is, as rightly stated in the letter of Provost Buck, about the greatest distinction that can be conferred upon a scholar in my field, I am, naturally, very much inclined to accept this invitation -- all the more so as this will give me the opportunity of printing my book on the Character and Origins of Early Flemish Painting without the usual worry about subsidies, etc.

I should, therefore, be very grateful to you if you would be so kind as to recommend to the Trustees that a leave of absence on half pay be granted me for the academic year 1947-1948. As I have never asked for such a leave since 1935 and, as I understand, a similar arrangement was approved by the Board when Professor Meritt was called to the Eastman Chair at Oxford University, I do hope that this request will not be considered excessive by the Trustees and yourself.

Looking forward to your reply, I am

Most sincerely,

Erwin Panofsky

Dr. Aydelotte
Director's Office

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25 January 1947

Dear Provost Buck:

Please accept my warmest thanks for your letter of January 23. Needless to say, I am most appreciative of and deeply grateful for the honor of being invited to take the Charles Elliot Norton Professorship of Poetry for the academic year 1947-48 and can only say, in all sincerity: "Utinam dignus essem."

I wish I were able to accept the invitation at once, but I am not able to do so, first, because I naturally need the consent of my Director and Trustees; and, second, because previous obligations of different kinds will have to be straightened out. In the hope that Professor Deknatel may help advise and assist me in these matters, and also with the selection of a suitable subject, I have communicated with him and he has kindly agreed to see me by the middle of next week.

In the meantime, however, and in the hope that the ultimate outcome will be according to my inclinations, I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to yourself as well as to the Committee on the Charles Elliot Norton Professorship which has done me the honor of selecting me.

Very sincerely yours,

E. P.

Provost Paul Herman Buck
Harvard University
5 University Hall
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

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let put it through
Many thanks just the same! Pan.*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

23 September 1946

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

Dear Mr. Aydelotte:

Your letter of 20 May 1946 to the Division of Cultural Relations, Department of State, regarding the sending of a cablegram to Hamburg, Germany, for Professor Erwin Panofsky, was referred to the War Department on 14 September 1946.

The Chief Signal Officer directs me to advise you that the commercial communication facilities between the United States and Germany are limited to the handling of traffic for Government business. There are military communication facilities available between the United States and Germany; however, the transmission of personal messages is not authorized under existing laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



JAMES W. BALDWIN
Lt Col, Signal Corps
Executive

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September 7, 1946

Dear Pan:

Just after you left the office I received a little package of old prints from Mr. Bamberger's collection. I wish very much you would stop in to look at them. There are several by Currier and Ives. Do you think we ought to frame them?

Yours sincerely,

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

September 4, 1946

Professor Erwin Panofsky
The Wiscasset Inn
Wiscasset, Maine

Dear Pan:

Many thanks for the revision of the war service item for the Bulletin. I will print it just as you have revised it only checking with de Tolnay.

I am delighted to get this echo from Elderkin. We have signed a contract for moving the houses, have made a most exhaustive study of other possible places to put them on Institute land and can find nothing better than the site already chosen, with the possible change that we may be able to put a few of them south of Goodman Road. I have had the levels run and find the land south of Goodman Road higher than I had at first thought. I think we shall have to make our final decision partly on the basis of economy in fixing roads and in making connections with outside utilities. The neighbors will, I hope, by this time have quieted down and I have had a few expressions of opinion which closely parallel Elderkin's. I am delighted that you have had such a good holiday. I have spent mine entirely on these houses except for weekends in Waterford but I am glad that the houses have come through.

Yours sincerely,

The Miscasset Inn

Miscasset, Maine

August 30, 1946

Dear Dr. Aydélotte,

Many thanks for the summary for the Bulletin. Unfortunately it needs more corrections than I can find room for on the slip, inasmuch as my , Weitzmann's and Frankl's work was not connected with a book but with maps and lists, and as Mr. Lee, who did work on a book (covering Italy is entirely omitted. About Dr. de Tolnay's contribution I am not quite clear and should advise you to check with him directly. Thus I propose the following:

Professor Erwin Panofsky: Contributed to the preparation of maps and tables of information about the cultural monuments in Germany for the use of the American air force and artillery. Drs. Weitzmann and Frankl assisted in the same project. Dr. Lee edited a handbook of the art treasures in Italy, likewise intended for our armed forces, and Dr. de Tolnay assisted in the preparation of a similar book covering the city of Paris."

We have spent four most agreeable weeks in this sleepy little town and hope to be home by September 7. Dora has picked up nicely, and I am curious about

The Wiscasset Inn

Wiscasset, Maine

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the outcome of our difficulties with our aristocratic neighbors on Newlin Road. We spent a day with Prof. Elderkin, who lives on Haslitt Street and has a charming place near Wiscasset, and he was perfectly outraged about the obstructionist tactics of Messrs. Bochner etc. He for one would go to any length to support our project.

With kindest regards from both of us,

Yours most sincerely,

Pan.

June 28, 1946

Mr. Charles W. David, Director of Libraries,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. David,

Please accept my cordial thanks for your kind letter of June 26.

I deeply appreciate the honor of being invited to be the Rosenbach Fellow in Bibliography for the academic year 1946/47 and to deliver the Rosenbach Fellowship Lectures in this year. I should have been delighted to accept this invitation should I have found it possible to do so, and it is with sincere regret that I must beg to inform you to the contrary.

In the first place, I honestly think that whatever contribution I may be able to make would not live up to the requirements of the Rosenbach Fellowships. Like every art historian, I am very much interested in book illustrations, both miniatures and prints, but my knowledge and experience in this field is comparable only to the knowledge and experience of a General Practitioner in, let us say, the special field of neurology. I simply do not possess that highly specialized erudition and training which would qualify me to appear in so distinguished a series of lectures especially devoted to "bibliography," which, even ~~when~~ if this term were to be extended to its widest possible limits, means a study of books qua books.

In the second place, I have already accepted an invitation to give the Colver Lectures at Brown University in the spring of 1947; and the preparation and elaboration of these lectures (which, like the Rosenbach Lectures, have to be published), together with a commitment toward the Princeton Press, will take up all my time for the foreseeable future.

You would greatly oblige me by kindly transmitting both the expression of my gratitude and my regrets to the University of Pennsylvania as well as to Dr. Rosenbach.

Very sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky

Copy to Dr. Aydelotte

July 1, 1946

Dear Pan:

Many thanks for the copy of your very sensible letter of June 28th to David. I think you could do the job, but it would take more effort than they have any right to expect from you during the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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

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June 15, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Dr. Erwin Panofsky holds a permanent professorship in the Institute for Advanced Study, that his appointment began as of September, 1935, and that his present salary is \$12,500 a year.

Assistant Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of June, 1946.

Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

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May 25, 1946

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

In thanking you in writing for your letter of yesterday, I can only repeat what I already told you this morning when I saw you at the Institute, namely, that I am *thrice* grateful. I will not pretend that a raise in salary is a matter of indifference to me (some English writer whose name escapes me for the moment, says very rightly, that "a contempt for money is, if not the root, at least a very definite sign of all evil"). But I am *redly* less gratified by this raise in itself than by the intention which it would seem to reveal, and by the spirit in which it was offered. I take it to mean that the Institute has some confidence in its humanists and their efforts - and I know that it resulted from your personal attitude toward myself. It is this third element which I - as you will be the first to understand - appreciate the most.

Very gratefully yours,

Pan.

PERSONAL

May 24, 1946

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Pan:

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study at their meeting on May 23rd fixed your salary at \$15,000 as from July 1, 1946. This is a well-deserved recognition of your scholarly work and your services to the purposes for which the Institute exists. I hope it will give you satisfaction but whatever satisfaction it gives you will be less than that which I feel, and I know that my feeling will be shared by all your colleagues in the Institute.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Miss Miller

May 20, 1946

Division of Cultural Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Turner:

Dear Mr. Turner:

Professor Erwin Panofsky of the Institute for Advanced Study was formerly a professor at Hamburg. Professor Panofsky was surprised and pleased to receive a communication recently, a copy of which I enclose, inviting him to resume his professorship at Hamburg. X This Professor Panofsky is unable to do for the reasons which he gave in his reply, a copy of which I also enclose.

Since letters are very slow in reaching Germany, Professor Panofsky would like to send a cablegram expressing his regrets so that the University of Hamburg would have the earliest possible notice and could consider other candidates for the professorship.

We find that Western Union is unable to transmit cablegrams to Hamburg and I am writing to you to ask whether you could possibly manage it. I enclose a copy of the cablegram which Professor Panofsky would like to send. He would, of course, be glad to pay the costs of transmission. If you have facilities for sending this cablegram, I should be grateful if you would do so at once, billing me for the cable toll. I suppose the thing could be managed through Army channels but I thought it would be more suitable to have it sent through the agency of the Division of Cultural Relations.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte
Director

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Copy to Professor Panofsky

X This may indicate that some Germans are coming to a sounder mind about Jews.

May 17, 1946

Dear Pan:

Many thanks for your note of May 16th enclosing your masterly reply to Hamburg which I very much admire. I am sure you have given them the right answer and I look forward with great satisfaction to your continuation here.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

C A B L E G R A M

May 17, 1946

Schulverwaltung
Hochschulabteilung
Hamburg, Germany

Most grateful for call to Chair of History of Art.
Yet regret to be unable to accept. Letter follows.

ERWIN PANOFSKY

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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May 16, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I am enclosing my answer to the "recall" to Hamburg University. Since this recall was worded in an unusually personal and cordial fashion I thought it proper to answer in the same spirit, all the more so because Hamburg seems to be one of the few really "denazified" universities in Germany. I still would like to know how it was possible for the scholars now in power to survive through out the Nazi regime although their attitude was well known and never concealed. To my certain knowledge the present Rector and Dean managed to lecture for twelve years without once giving the Nazi salute!

Very gratefully and sincerely yours,

Pan.

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16 Mai 1946

An den Herrn Vorsitzenden der Hochschulabteilung,
Schulverwaltung,
Verwaltung der Hansestadt Hamburg,
Hamburg 13.

Sehr verehrter Herr Senator.

Erlauben Sie mir, Ihnen, der Verwaltung der Hansestadt Hamburg, und ganz besonders der Philosophischen Fakultät der Hamburgischen Universität für die in Ihrem Schreiben vom 28 April 1946 ausgesprochene Rückberufung auf den Lehrstuhl für Kunstgeschichte meinen verbindlichsten Dank auszusprechen.

Ich habe der Stadt Hamburg, der Hamburgischen Universität und vielen meiner ehemaligen Kollegen und Schüler stets ein ungetrübtes Andenken bewahrt. In so freundlicher Form dorthin zurückgerufen zu werden, ist mir eine herzliche Freude, und ich würde einer erneuten Zusammenarbeit mit so vorzüglichen Männern wie Prof. Wolff, Prof. Snell and Dr. Heise mit wirklichem Vergnügen entgegensehen. Ich habe aber das Glück gehabt, in den Vereinigten Staaten, wo ich seit sechs Jahren eingebürgert bin, mit Freundlichkeit aufgenommen zu werden, einen befriedigenden Wirkungskreis zu finden, und meine Söhne ihre eigenen Hausstände begründen und ihre Tätigkeit an amerikanischen Universitäten aufnehmen zu sehen. Sie werden es daher verstehen, sehr verehrter Herr Senator, wenn ich den Wiederaufbau der kunstgeschichtlichen Studien in Hamburg einer jüngeren Kraft überlassen möchte. Ich möchte aber der Hoffnung Ausdruck geben, mit der Alma Mater Hammaburgensis iterum renovata in der Zukunft in freundschaftlicher Verbindung zu bleiben.

Empfehlungen,

Mit wiederholtem Dank und verbindlichen

Ihr Ihnen sehr ergebener

Erwin Panofsky

May 7, 1946

Dear Miss Richardson,

Would you be kind enough to show the enclosures to Dr. Aydelotte and ask his permission to post one of them viz., the invitation signed by me, on the Institute's blackboard? Should there be any objection I withdraw this request; but I feel that the whole thing can do no harm --though probably not much good either.

Very sincerely yours,

E.P.

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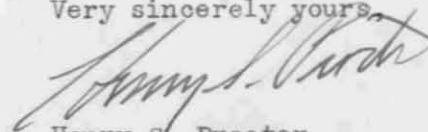
Dear Dr. Panofsky:

Our Mercer County chairman, James Kerney, Jr., has asked me to suggest that as a co-chairman you extend to the faculty of the School For Advanced Study a cordial invitation to be present at the meeting to be held in the War Memorial Building next Tuesday evening, May 7. The meeting will start at approximately 8:15 P.M. It is likely that you would like to include the students at your institution. They would be most welcome.

Miss Fannie Hurst, who is a well-known authoress and ardent devotee of the United Nations, will speak on "World Government" as inter-related with Brotherhood. Dr. Hugh C. Wolfe, an outstanding scientist and a member of the faculty of the City College of New York, will speak on "Atomic Energy".

May I express the hope of seeing you next Tuesday evening.

Very sincerely yours,



Henry S. Proctor

HSP:ARS

C O P Y

VERWALTUNG DER HANSESTADT HAMBURG

1) Schulverwaltung Hamburg, den 28 April 1946

2) Hochschulabteilung

3) Haupting, Germania

Herrn Professor
Dr. P a n o f s k y

P r i n c t o n U.S.A. University

Sehr geehrter Herr Professor!

Es ist mir eine besondere Freude and Genugtung, Sie hierdurch auf Vorschlag der Philosophischen Fakultät der Universität Hamburg auf den vakanten Lehrstuhl für Kunstgeschichte zu berufen. Die Philosophische Fakultät und ich gedenken Ihres jahrelangen erfolgreichen Wirkens auf diesem Lehrstuhl, das in Hamburg unvergessen geblieben ist, und würden es daher herzlich begrüßen, wenn Sie sich entschliessen könnten, auf Ihren alten Lehrstuhl zurückzukehren.

Ich wäre Ihnen besonders verbunden, wenn Sie mir Ihre Entscheidung recht bald mitteilen könnten.

Mit verbindlichen Empfehlungen
bin ich Ihr Ihnen sehr ergebener

Senator

Anschrift: (24) Hamburg 13, Bornplatz 1-3, Fernsprecher: ~~44 86 41-43~~

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April 22, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Dr. Erwin Panofsky holds a permanent professorship in the Institute for Advanced Study and that his appointment began as of September, 1935. Professor Panofsky's salary during the year 1945 amounted to \$11,500.

Assistant Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of April, 1946.

Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

Copy To Prof. Panofsky

Panofsky

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 10, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

war/ In reply to your enquiry about war activities of October 9, 1945, I wish to state that I am not sure whether this enquiry also applies to members of the Institute who did some [^]work without receiving a leave of absence for this purpose. If so, I should like to report that Dr. Frankl, Dr. Weitzmann and myself participated in the preparation of the maps and information sheets required by the Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Monuments for use by our bombers and artillery men. Dr. Frankl, Dr. Weitzmann and myself were in charge of specific towns and sections of Germany, and I was responsible for the revision of the German material in its entirety.

Very sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky

Erwin Panofsky

August 5, 1945

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Kennebunkport
Maine

Dear Pan:

Warmest thanks for your letter. I am delighted with the news about Dora as Marie will be when I pass it on to her on Monday.

I think the case for an extension of Forsyth's stipend is an extremely good one. There will be time to get the School of Humanistic Studies together to act on the matter some time early in September.

I had a most delightful month in England and for once my passages to and fro were made without delay or adventure of any kind. Please give my warm regards to Mr. Tarkington and affectionate good wishes from us both for Dora for continued improvement in her health.

Yours sincerely,

FA:jsr

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Kennebunkport, Maine,
August 2, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

Hoping that you are safely home from what we hope was an interesting and rewarding trip, we wish to greet you and to report that Dora has made very good progress in the cool air of Maine, under the loving care of our old Emma, and (as my little Abbot Suger would say) "sub amministratione omnium fidelium." She now exists entirely without drugs, learns to walk and has recently been to the barber's and to the local drugstore under her own power. We have indeed much to be thankful for, and I wish to repeat my special thanks to you for that raise of my salary which made it possible for us to manage without accepting that invitation to Chicago under such unfavorable conditions. I also wish to thank you very much for your kindness in notifying me of the favorable though short-termed decision in the matter of poor Walter Friedlaender even though you were certainly terribly rushed in those last days before your departure for England.

Mr. George Forsyth has notified me (as he has probably notified you) that he has been granted a stipend from the Rockefeller Foundation for next year in order to write a book on the problem of scale in architecture. This is, I think, very nice in every respect. The only drawback is that the Rockefeller stipend starts, so far as I know, on January 1, 1946, whereas our stipend ends on October 1 (or on October 31, I am not quite sure about this point). Thus, there is a gap of either two or three months; and since Forsyth will use the remainder of the year to put the final touches to the monograph on St.-Martin d'Angers, which he has good as finished while he was staying with us, I was thinking whether it might be financially possible for the Institute to extend his stipend for just those two or three months. I make this suggestion entirely on my own accord and, I must admit, not without egotistic motives. Forsyth has been of great help to me in the preparation of my books on Suger and on the Gothic style, and I should greatly benefit by his presence if he could be around for a few months until the end of the calendar year. / there / has

With all good wishes "von Haus zu Haus"
and my renewed thanks for everything,

Most sincerely yours,

*Mr. Tarkington, still grateful for your assent
in the matter of Conception, wishes to be
remembered to you, too!*

Paul.

June 28, 1945

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Pan:

I have received legal advice to the effect that it will be necessary for the Institute to obtain the approval of the National War Labor Board for increases of salary for members of our staff before these increases can be legally put into effect. I had assumed that this would not be the case since the regulations specifically exempt "organizations operated without profit and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes." It appears, however, that the War Labor Board in making this exception in one paragraph has practically withdrawn it in the next and that specific permission will be necessary for any increase which we may desire to make.

I am taking urgent measures to get a ruling from the War Labor Board but if it proves impossible to get them to act before the middle of July, your check for that month will be kept at the old rate until such time as we receive permission to make the increase voted by the Board of Trustees. If and when permission is granted by the War Labor Board for this increase, I shall ask to be allowed to make it retroactive as from July 1, 1945.

Miss Miller will be glad to give you at any time such news as there is concerning the progress of our negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jsr

Panofsky
June 26, 1945.

Professor John U. Nef, Chairman,
Committee on Social Thought,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Mr. Nef:

The reprint of the Program of Studies laid down by the Committee on Social Thought reached me precisely at the time when the doctors have made up their minds about my future plans.

Although the recovery of Mrs. Panofsky has thus far proceeded without major complications, it has proceeded very slowly and the doctors fear that it would not be advisable for us to go to Chicago this fall. I cannot but submit to this expert judgment, much though I should have liked to accept your kind invitation. On the other hand, my conscience is somewhat set at rest by the fact that your program already provides for quite a number of courses and seminars in precisely that medieval field which I had proposed to make the subject of my own efforts had I been able to come. Thus I, rather than The University of Chicago, will be the loser.

In spite of this, I am truly sorry that circumstances have prevented me from seizing upon this fine opportunity and I wish to express to you, as well as to your colleagues, my sincere gratitude for the unfailing patience and consideration with which you have borne the long and tiresome uncertainty imposed upon our plans. Let me hope that you will forgive me for finally disappointing you with a negative answer.

With my best personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Erwin Panofsky

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June 7, 1945

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I love your kind letter of yesterday and wish to express my heartfelt gratitude. It would be hypocritical to deny that I am thankful for the financial relief, especially at this somewhat difficult time. But I think I am honest in saying that this consideration is secondary to two others. I do appreciate the academic recognition expressed in the action of the Executive Committee; and more deeply than that do I appreciate your personal attitude in this matter, and this not so much with respect to what you did for me (and I know it was not easy) as with respect to how you did it. My "official" gratitude belongs, of course, to the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees; but you will forgive me for reserving my private gratitude for yourself.

With best regards and wishes from both of us,

Sincerely yours,

Pan.

June 6, 1945

Professor Erwin Panofsky
97 Battle Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Pan:

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that in accordance with the action taken yesterday by the Executive Committee, your salary will be fixed as from July 1, 1945 at \$12,500. It is a matter of deep satisfaction to me to report to you this well-deserved recognition of the splendid work you are doing at the Institute.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Miss Miller

April 25, 1945

Dear Pan:

I think this proposal for a collection of documentary prints is admirable. I wish it could be realized in Princeton. I had great fun in choosing the illustrations for my Rogues and Vagabonds from material of this character and could have found a great deal more than I actually used. I was limited by the Oxford University Press to a given number: I think fifteen. After the prints were all made, I discovered in the manuscript collection of the British Museum the forged passport which you may have noticed in the book, and I managed to persuade the Press that this was so interesting that they ought to let me add it, which they very kindly did. The passport was actually a greasy old document which this vagabond carried around with him on his travels.

One convenient thing about these documentary prints is that since they are usually not works of art, reproductions are just about as good as the originals. I hope the project goes through.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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Enclosure

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 24, 1945

Dear Dr. Cydelotte,

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed plan for a (or, rather, the) collection of "documentary prints" the value of which you have tacitly recognized by adding illustrations to your delightful book on Elizabethan card-sharps etc. The Institute is, of course, not directly involved; but if the project were to materialize, preferably though not necessarily in Princeton, it would be a great blessing.

Perhaps Miss Richardson will be good enough to return the enclosures to Mrs. Lieberman for filing.

Sincerely yours,

Pan.

March 26, 1945

Dear Pan:

M'Donough is not going to get a Guggenheim Fellowship. On the other hand, Morey is very much interested in him, primarily because the Index of Christian Art would be so useful to M'Donough in the work he is planning.

Do you think it would be feasible to find anything for him at Princeton University? Since no Guggenheim aid is possible, he would of course need a stipend from some source.

I am holding the material about him on the chance that you might care to speak to anyone in the University about his case.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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

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TEACHERS INSURANCE & ANNUITY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

522 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

January 12, 1945

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

Dear Doctor Aydelotte:

Of the two cases you brought up recently that of E. A. Lowe seems clear-cut and so I will handle this one first. If present premiums are continued through July 1, 1945, the first annuity payment to be made August 1, 1945, the annuity under Option III of settlement would be at the rate of \$2,517.84 a year, which would be continued in one-half benefit to his wife who, we understand, was born June 15, 1876.

As to the case of Professor Panofsky, our records show that current premiums on his contract are \$153.11 a month, which is at the rate of \$1,837.32 a year. This is less than the figure you stated to me orally and which is mentioned in your letter of January 10. If premiums of \$153.11 monthly are paid through July 1, 1957, the single life annuity then available would amount to \$376.17 a month, which is at the rate of \$4,514.04 a year.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: R. L. MATTOCKS

Associate Actuary

RLM:RJ

December 13, 1944

Professor Erwin Panofsky
97 Battle Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Panofsky:

I am enclosing a photostat of the
letter from Charles de Tolnay to you dated
May 18, 1943 which you wished to have copied.
In view of the fact that this is a photograph,
I assume that it will not be necessary to have
an affidavit made that this is a true and
correct copy.

Sincerely yours,

Jane S. Richardson
Secretary to Dr. Aydelotte

December 11, 1944

Dear Panofsky:

Many thanks for your letter of December eleventh. I understand completely and send you and Mrs. Panofsky all possible good wishes for the success of the treatment which she has to undergo. I hope you will give us the news when there is any.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Professor Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study

FA:KK

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 11, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of December 6, informing me that the Board of Trustees, on your recommendation, have agreed to give me a leave of absence on half pay for three months in the autumn of 1945 in order to enable me to accept the invitation extended to me by the University of Chicago.

I have informed the University of Chicago that, unfortunately, the condition of Mrs. Panofsky is such that it would be equally inadvisable to bring her with me to Chicago as to leave her alone for so long a period, and that my decision must therefore depend upon the result of a medical treatment which will begin this week. Since this result will not be apparent until the middle of Ja-

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nuary, I have asked the University of Chicago to consider itself free to appoint another Visiting Professor in case they wish to complete their plans for their academic year without delay. But even if they should decide to keep their offer open until the middle of January or so my answer will of necessity depend upon the verdict of the doctor

I shall not fail to keep you informed of further developments. In the mean time, I wish to express my appreciation for your very kind attitude in this as well as other matters.

Sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

Erwin Panofsky

December 6, 1944

Dear Panofsky:

It gives me pleasure to report to you that the Board of Trustees at their meeting on December fifth approved my recommendation that you should be given leave of absence on half salary to enable you to accept the lectureship for one quarter at the University of Chicago.

I understood and reported to the Trustees that this would necessitate your absence from Princeton for about three months. The Institute will continue its payments on your annuity contract at the usual rate during the period of your absence, and assumes that you will be prepared to do the same.

I am very glad to report that the Trustees share my feeling that an appointment of this kind is good for the Institute as well as for the individual concerned.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study

FA:KK

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

October 2, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

Upon returning from our Faculty luncheon today, I found a letter confronting me with a problem similar to that of young George Forsyth, only that it does not affect the Institute directly. Yet I should like to bring it to your attention.

The letter comes from Professor Henry Goddard Owen, Dean at Middlebury College and Director of the Bread Loaf School of English which you doubtless know better than I do (we were up there for a very delightful summer in 1942). Mr. Owen has been, and still is, a Lt. Sr.G. in the Navy and anticipates his discharge some time this winter. He can, of course, return to his twofold job in Middlebury and Bread Loaf, but he seems to think that a new President of the College, elected during Mr. Owen's absence, would make things more difficult for him than in the past. He would like, if possible, to obtain a post "with some educational foundation such as the Rockefeller or the Carnegie, in some kind of administrative work." And he has asked me whether I knew of such an opportunity.

This, of course, is not the case. The Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations are not in the habit of consulting me in such matters, but I thought I might mention Mr. Owen to you. He is a man of great culture, and really amazing administrative ability. He has made Bread Loaf a kind of paradise for both students and faculty, has an admirable judgment of personalities (in the Navy, too, he was employed as a "Procurement Officer," selecting young men and women for the educational program), and it would be a blessing, I think, if a man of this type were to exert some influence in two organizations which, or so it would seem, have developed a somewhat chilly attitude toward the humanities of late. Knowing your genuine concern for the humanities, I thought you might perhaps like to know the name of a really first-rate man should he be needed somewhere.

Most sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky

Waterford, Connecticut
August 29, 1944

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Kennebunkport
Maine

Dear Panofsky:

Will it be satisfactory to Forsythe if he knows sometime in September what we can do for him next year? I find that the budget for Humanistic stipends is exhausted. I had already lifted the amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and I don't think I ought to go further without consulting the Treasurer. I expect to see him in New York September 6th and hope to get the members of the Humanistic faculty together in Princeton shortly after. I think this is a time to go all out in expenditures for research and I feel now that the financial condition of the Institute would justify the additional outlay, but I do not think it right to make definite commitments without such formal consultations as I have indicated. I hope Forsythe can keep his plans flexible until we can reach a decision.

Yours sincerely,

FA:jsr

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
BRYN MAWR
PENNA.

March 1, 1944

Dear Dr. Panofsky,

It is sad and disappointing that you will not be able to accept our invitation to come to Bryn Mawr next year as visiting professor. I had hoped that you would be able to convince Mr. Aydelotte. I quite understand of course that he would want you in Princeton, but I had somewhat persuaded myself that he would be willing to release you for one year. We are going to reconsider plans as soon as possible and make some appointment of a visiting professor for the year. This plan must come first, but as we make it we shall keep in mind your very kind suggestion that you would be willing to give a series of lectures at Bryn Mawr. I need hardly say that we should like very much to have these lectures, not only for the Art Department, but for the College, and if we can arrange them we shall be delighted.

Sincerely yours,

Ruthanne McBride

*Kress Edelstein,
please to show
Dr. Aydelotte
and file.*

S.P.

Professor Erwin Panofsky
The Institute for Advanced Study
School of Humanistic Studies
Princeton, New Jersey

February 21, 1944.

President Katharine McBride,
Bryn Mawr College,
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dear Miss McBride,

Let me thank you very much for your kind letter of February 14th. I wish to repeat how much I appreciate the honor of this invitation and to express my thanks both to the Faculty and to yourself.

I have at once submitted the matter to Dr. Aydelotte who, like myself, is fully aware of the difficult and even dangerous situation of the humanities in general and of the exceptionally precarious situation at Bryn Mawr. He feels, however, that the Institute for Advanced Study, too, might lose coherence if its members, their number already reduced by military service or urgent war work, were to move their residence from Princeton. Such an event, he feels, would set a precedent not altogether desirable from the point of view of an institution which, as a matter of fact, asks almost nothing of its members except to do their work and be available in Princeton. And I, much though I like to teach, cannot help realizing that this objection is not unjustified. Dr. Aydelotte thus feels that my presence in Princeton is particularly useful at this moment when we are making plans for work after the war.

Would it be any use to Bryn Mawr to have me come over to give one course of ten or twelve lectures? This would be agreeable from my personal point of view because it would give me an opportunity to keep in touch with young people while not infringing on the interests of the Institute. Such an arrangement would, of course, have to be an extra, since obviously you will need another scholar in residence. I only submit this idea in case you feel that I might do some good even if I have to limit myself to one course of lectures and private consultation with the more advanced students. I could easily arrange to stay overnight and be available for personal interviews which, as I know from experience, are often more valuable to the more serious student than the lectures as such.

With my renewed thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 18, 1944

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I am enclosing the draft of my answer to Miss Mrs. Bride of Bryn Mawr, and shall ask you for another brief interview on Monday to discuss it. I have not yet included any recommendations of other candidates. After leaving you I recalled that they do not want anybody without teaching experience in this country, so that it would be difficult for me to recommend D. de Tolnay. And under these circumstances it might be better if I should refrain from any recommendations, all the more so as Miss Mrs. Bride has not asked me to make one. But perhaps you, having been apprized of the whole thing by

me, could write to bring her Bride
from President to President as it were.
However, you will settle this point on
Tuesday, and if you think it all-right
I am quite prepared to add another
paragraph to my letter if you are kind
enough to help me to formulate it.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
BRYN MAWR
PENNA.

February 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Panofsky,

After a period of uncertainty we have finally arranged for the work in History of Art to be divided this semester between Mr. Robb of the University of Pennsylvania and Mr. Held of Barnard College. In many ways I regret not having at least one of the professors in residence, but the arrangement on the whole seems a good one and we are at least to this point blessed by the continued presence of Mr. Bernheimer.

Now that the present semester is arranged I am free to write you to express our pleasure that you are willing to consider a year as visiting professor at Bryn Mawr and to send you our most cordial invitation to come for the year 1944-45.

I realize of course that it may be difficult for the Institute to release you, but our need is very great. It is in the humanities generally as well as in art, for we have had many losses; and yet we have more students than before and much interest and vigor. The contribution you would bring would be unique. We should feel it so in any year, but to look forward to your coming as visiting professor after these war years would be an even greater satisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine McBride

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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

September 16, 1943

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Tory Chimneys
Kennebunkport, Maine

Term begins Monday September twentieth and faculty meets five o'clock that day Notmatter of life and death but should be glad of your presence ^{at faculty meeting} if not too inconvenient Leave decision to you

Frank Aydelotte

#1.32

Kennebunkport, Maine

September 13, 1943

Dear Dr. Bydelotte,

Please accept my thanks for your continued interest in my friend Kapp. So far as I know Jaeger and Harvard have taken steps with the Committee, emphasizing however the fact that Harvard could not commit itself for the future. Since these \$ 1200 fellowships are normally awarded without such commitments I do hope that this reservation will not be held against Mr. Kapp and that he can go on - at least for a year. I wonder whether he should not apply for a Guggenheim Fellowship. He definitely has the caliber; perhaps he is too modest to say so himself.

Before receiving your letter I wrote to Miss Sichelser - not wishing to trouble you personally - that we should like to stay here another week longer in view of the fact that my son Hans and his newly acquired wife

are with us and have no other place to go.
 I love, I am ashamed to confess, no very definite idea as to whether the term of the Institute starts before September 22 and whether I have to apply for a leave of absence up to this date. If so, may I do it herewith?

In a place like Keenebuckport ~~is~~ an event like the review in Time cannot possibly escape the attention of the victim. I was rather amused, for not in my wildest dreams should I have imagined that anyone might ever call me "permissible." But I am looking forward with some trepidation to the more professional reviews, when my book will be weighed, not by the pounds of paper but by the number of errors "et uil inulbum remanebit."

With my renewed thanks and our very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

Kennebunkport, Maine

TX/13/1943

Dear Miss Eidelser,

As it happened, my recently married son Hans and his wife received a leave of absence - their first - on Sept. 10, and since they had no place to go, and we love this big house in Kennebunkport we asked them down here for 10 or 12 days. This means that I shall not be back to Princeton until September 22. I have, frankly speaking, no idea when the official term starts and when the first Faculty Meeting is to be held. Thus I don't know whether I have officially to apply for an extension of my own leave of absence or whether I can simply notify you - as I have with do - that I shall stay until the above date. If I do not hear from you to the contrary I shall assume the latter. Otherwise kindly drop me a note and I shall take the necessary steps.

We had and love a very good time here, and I get even some work done.

With best regards from both of us,

Sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

September 11, 1943

Dear Panofsky:

I have this morning received the formal minutes of the last meeting of the subcommittee of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars and note that the \$1200 for Kapp was formally voted subject to an application from Werner Jaeger asking for Kapp's services there. My recollection is that I heard of this indirectly and let you know at the time, but I have only today seen the formal document. I hope very much that this will settle Kapp's difficulties.

Did you see the admirable review of your book in this week's number of time?

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Tory Chimneys
Kennebunkport, Maine

FA/MCE

see also Emergency Com.

Tory Chimneys,
Kennebunkport, Maine

August 31, 194

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I thank you very much for your kind reception of the long-delayed Dürer book. Your note came, amusingly, before I had seen the book myself. Now I have a copy too, and must say that the Princeton Press did a really beautiful job, considering the scarcity of labor and materials and the great technical difficulties attendant upon the Second Volume. Their whole staff seemed to take a real interest in this publication, and I feel very much obliged to them. But in addition I am also most grateful to you for your invaluable and in fact indispensable help in securing the subsidy without which the publication would not have been possible. I thought it better not to mention this debt of gratitude in print, but wish to assure you of my very keen appreciation.

With all good wishes from both of us, and including your son who, we hope, has benefited by his bucolic exploits,

Very gratefully yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

28 August 1943

Dear Panofsky:

The great book came today. Thank you very much for it. I shall read it with the keenest interest. So far I have only had a chance to leaf through it and look at the illustrations, which seem to me beautifully reproduced, and constitute in themselves a Dürer gallery. Certainly you and deToInay have added greatly to the reputation of the Institute this year.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Erwin Panofsky
Tory Chimneys
Kennebunkport, Maine

13 August 1943

Dear Panofsky:

I am very much interested in the quotation from Dr. Saxl's letter, and if I should go to England in September, as there is just a chance of my doing, I shall try to have a talk with him.

I am sorry about Dr. Kapp and shall be very glad to talk to him whenever he comes to Princeton.

I am delighted to hear that you are having such a good summer. It has been unusually hot here, but the contrast with Washington (where it was 95 yesterday) makes it seem comfortable to me.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Tory Chimneys
Kennebunkport, Maine

Tory Chimneys,
Kennebunkport, Maine

August 9, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

This is only to inform you of a letter just received from Dr. Saxl in London which contains the following passage:

"As regards our future the prospects do not seem unduly bad. We may be attached to London University. The President of the Board of Education is taking a strong interest in the [Warburg] Institute, and a number of people have made up their minds that we should not fade out. But it is very good to know that if these plans fail - and nobody can as yet say with 100% certainty that they will not - there is a chance of other developments. You will say it is about time we knew whether or not our funds will expire at the end of December, but strange as it is the war has made us worry much less about these things than in peacetime."

This passage would seem to confirm my impression that the Warburg Institute, in spite of occasional small panics, will always "muddle through" in London.

My friend Kapp wrote me that his application for a Rosenwald fellowship has been turned down, allegedly because it has to be en-

dorsed by some institution (which surprised me because this objection was not made to another application which I had recommended about half a year ago). Since I cannot do or say anything more I have taken the liberty of suggesting to Prof. Kapp that he may seek an interview with you. Should he do so I should it consider a great personal favor if you would be kind enough to see him. Perhaps you remember that I introduced him to you, a very long time ago, while he visited us in Princeton.

Life here continues to be so cheap and agreeable that we have decided to extend our stay to the middle of September. Fortunately my work has reached a stage at which I can write without depending, for the moment, on a Library.

With all good wishes from both
of us,

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

Erwin Panofsky

August 3, 1943

Dear Panofsky:

Many thanks for your letter of July 26th. I wrote to Duggan and understood from him that the Emergency Committee was going to act on Professor Kapp's application at a meeting to be held on July 28th. I have not yet heard the results of this meeting, but I shall not fail to let you know as soon as I have any news.

I do not think the postponement of the publication of your Dürer is a serious matter. It may be even better to have it come out in September than in August.

I am very much interested in the invitation you have received from the Morgan Library and heartily approve your acceptance if you find yourself free to give the lectures.

I thoroughly agree with all that you say about the common room and as soon as you return I am very much inclined to get my niece to come down for a conference, with a few of us here as to what could be done to improve it. I am strongly inclined to try to dispose of the rug, even at a sacrifice. My niece would like to have beams on the ceiling, but whether this can be arranged I do not know. I feel very strongly moved, however, to make such such changes and improvements as can be made in the room without too much expense.

I am just back from a week's holiday at Buck Hill, where I got a lot of golf and a very good rest.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Tory Chimneys
Kennebunkport, Maine

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Tory Chimneys,
Kennebunkport, Maine

July 26, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I am again in your debt for you two kind letters, one referring to the application of my friend Kapp for a Rosenwald Fellowship, the other to my retirement problems.

It is most kind of you to have written to Mr. Duggan, and I hope that the Committee will be favorably disposed toward an opportunity of doing "so much with so little," to paraphrase Mr. Churchill.

Concerning my annuity, I wish to repeat that I am very sorry to have caused trouble by my indecision, and that I am quite prepared to take the consequences if the Trustees should be unwilling to make the change from \$ 4000.- to \$ 4500.- now. If, on the other hand, the change can still be made I quite agree with you in feeling that it would be the simplest thing to start the greater deduction in August or September instead of now. By then the difference will have been figured out,

and it will be easy for me to reimburse the Institute with the difference (probably something in the neighborhood of \$ 20.- per month) in cash. In fact we live somewhat more cheaply here than in Princeton.

I am very much interested in your plans to improve the Common Room. The rug is of course the main obstacle, but unfortunately not the only one; the room has so many doors and windows that it resembles a "social hall" on a boat rather than a sedate academic common room, and it might be advisable to make a virtue out of this fault by an attempt to "lighten" everything in it (perhaps even slip covers for some of the chairs may do some good if suitable material can be had). At any rate I shall be delighted to look at your friend's designs and give my opinion for what it is worth.

With my renewed thanks for your patience and consideration,

Sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky

Erwin Panofsky.

P.S. A piece of bad news; the date of publication of my Dürer has been postponed once more to September 15 on account of difficulties with the bindery. A piece of good news; The Morgan Library has asked me to give some lectures in the second term this year. In view of the possibility (not probability, unfortunately) of a war job I have not committed myself, but hope to have your approval of acceptance if I should stay in Princeton any way.

July 21, 1943

Dear Panofsky:

I have your letter of July 17th and have immediately written to Duggan to find out what Kapp's prospects are.

The house in which you are living must, according to your description, be a marvelous place. I should love to see it.

I may want soon to get your advice about the common room. I have always been unhappy about it, and a niece of mine, Vivia Barnard (daughter of George Grey Barnard, the sculptor), who is an interior decorator, was staying with us recently and she was rather horrified at the ugliness of the common room as compared with the beauty and charm of the library. She thinks the common room has great possibilities and would love to try her hand at doing it over. Her ideas so far are to do something about the rug - either have it dyed or dispose of it altogether; to have somebody draw a relief map - a kind of bird's-eye view on a large scale - to put over the fireplace; to paint the wooden mats around the Chinese stone pictures in old Chinese red, leaving the frames black; and to add some other touches of color to the room.

I am, on principal, a little shy of interior decorators, but Vivia is a very gifted person and there is a certain stamina about the things she does, quite different from the fluffy effect which most interior decorators produce. I may get her to propose a design for your criticism.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Panofsky and yourself, I am

Yours sincerely,

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Kennebunkport, Maine

FRANK AYDELOTTE

FA/MCE

Kennebunkport, Maine

July 17, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

I thank you very much for your kindness in forwarding the letter from the Principal of Brasenose College concerning my enigmatical busts. It reached me with the customary delay, for Kennebunkport is a pretty out-of-the-way place. But it is very beautiful, and we live most agreeably in a house of 1785 which has 63 windows, 8 major and 2 minor doors, and - depending on the method of counting - from 17 to 21 rooms on seven levels.

Unfortunately I must bother you once more with the predicament of my friend Ernst Kapp about whom I spoke to you shortly before I left. Following your very good advice, he has applied for one of the Rosenwald fellowships, and from my correspondence with the Emergency Committee - which apparently sent out the usual questionnaires without delay - I conclude that his chances are not bad. He is indeed one of the quite outstanding classical philologists, both his lectures at Columbia University and his book on the Foundations of Greek Logic were a definite success, and it is not his fault that, with the regrettable decline of classical studies, Columbia was unable to keep him on. The present trouble is that Miss Drury is on an apparently rather indefinite sick leave, and that no one seems to know when a decision about his application can be made. Since he has no money whatsoever he is naturally more than anxious to know how matters stand, at least when a decision is to be expected. Would it be possible for you to enquire about this and to let me know? I know that I continue to be a nuisance, but I cannot help profoundly sympathizing with one who lives in a permanent state of insecurity and still manages to produce such excellent work.

With our very best wishes for you and your family,

Most sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky

Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.
14 May 1943

Dear Sonners:

One of the members of our faculty, Professor Erwin Panofsky, who is one of the leading art historians of the world, has become very much interested in two stone heads which are mentioned by various early writers as having been over the hall door next to the old Quadrangle of BNC. Various legends concerning these heads are in existence. They have been supposed, without any foundation, to represent Alfred the Great and Scotus Erigena. They are mentioned in Wood's History and Antiquities, and the inventory of 1939 alludes to two 17th Century carved heads which may be the same ones. An old life of Alfred the Great says that these heads were found when the excavations for the present college buildings were in progress.

Professor Panofsky thinks it possible that these may be early Gothic sculpture of the school of Chartres and has asked me whether I could find out if the heads are still in existence and if so whether it would be possible to have them photographed for him, of course at his expense.

I enclose an old engraving of these heads which is probably extremely inaccurate, together with a note which Professor Panofsky gave me about them. If you or someone at Brasenose could answer his four questions and could have the heads photographed, if they still exist, Panofsky would be most grateful, as indeed I should myself, since I am interested in everything pertaining to the history of BNC. If the heads are still there and it is possible to have someone make photographs of them, please tell them to send the photographs to me together with a bill and I shall send a check on my Oxford bank. Please tell the photographer to take pictures from two or three angles, since Panofsky thinks that if they are actually old sculptures found when the excavations for the present college buildings were in progress, they may have considerable importance.

The war news looks much better now, and we are all very excited about the conference which is going on between Churchill and Roosevelt in Washington. It looks as if we were going to see great events this summer.

With kindest regards, I am

The Principal
Brasenose College
Oxford, England

Yours sincerely,
FRANK AYDELOTTE

Received

Princeton, N. J.

April 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Gydelotte,

I hardly know how to thank you adequately for your note from Philadelphia. The honor of being elected a member of the oldest learned society in this country came as an absolute surprise to me, and I do not quite know how I have deserved it. I suspect that it is chiefly to you that I have to thank, not only for the congratulations but also for the res ipsa, and I should like to add, that I deeply appreciate your kindness in writing me so soon and in so friendly a spirit almost as much as the fact itself. What naturally gratifies me most is, of course, the feeling that I, as a newcomer, have been accepted by a society

which not only embodies the best of eighteenth-
century humanism (and humanity), but is also
one of the most typically and admirably
American institutions.

With my renewed thanks,

With kindest regards,

Erwin Panofsky.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
BRYN MAWR
PENNA.

January 7, 1943

Dear Professor Panofsky,

I hesitate a little to write you and yet I am going to put that hesitation behind me and write directly to send you a request I have had very much on my mind.

On February fourth we expect to lose Mr. Bernheimer to the Army. He is the last of the full members of the Department of History of Art: Mr. Soper went to the Marines in 1941 and Mr. Sloane to the Navy last May. As you can imagine we are in a very difficult situation, and our losses unfortunately extend far beyond this Department. It is a sort of slough from which no ordinary measures could rescue us.

I am writing to inquire whether you would consider asking for leave from the Institute to come to Bryn Mawr for the semester or for the semester and the year 1944-45. The work I shall not describe to you. In any case it could be altered somewhat in accordance with your interests. I am also asking Mr. Bernheimer to go to Princeton to discuss the matter with you.

I simply want to tell you that we are in serious difficulty and that, while we should value your coming at any time, your coming now would bring to the Department and to the humanities more generally

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the new power and spirit we need. I hope you can consider
our request.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine McBride

Professor Erwin Panofsky
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Princeton, N.J.
97 Battle Road

January 13, 1942

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

Miss Eichelner has just informed me that the Carnegie Corporation has granted the subsidies for Tolnay's "Michelangelo" and my own "Dürer." I could hardly believe my ears, but it actually seems to be true. Knowing that this enjoyable and unexpected grant - which now ensures the publication of our book by the Princeton Press - is entirely due to your kind intervention, I beg to accept my thanks ex corde. If only similar miracles could happen in

a multitude of other cases!

When the Kimballs, the Moreys and the Meritts had dinner with us the other night we all were very sorry to miss Mrs. Agdelotte and yourself. But we realize that both of you needed and deserved a little rest, and we hope that your stay in Florida lives up to your expectations and our wishes.

With my renewed thanks and respectful regards from both of us,

Very sincerely yours,

Erwin Panofsky

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

April 10th, 1942

Dear Professor Panofsky:

It was very kind of you to write me as you did on April 7th. Such misunderstandings are bound to occur in view of the fact that the two institutions are so close to each other. The fact that you were listed as being a professor at Princeton is no embarrassment to me.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor Erwin Panofsky,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, N. J.

*Please to file with my
letter to President Joddy.*

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April 7, 1942.

President Harold W. Dodds,
Princeton University,
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Mr. President,

A short while ago the "Loyalty" Committee - founded by immigrants from the Nazi and Fascist oppressed countries for the purpose of giving a fighter plane to the United States as a symbol of loyalty - asked me to give my name as a sponsor. Since the cause is a worthy one I did not hesitate to comply with this request, naturally presuming that the Committee knew who I am. In the Committee's advertisement in the New York Times (April 7, 1942), however, I find myself listed as "Professor ,Princeton University" instead of "The Institute for Advanced Study." The only thing I could do was to request the Committee to correct this error should the advertisement be repeated. But I wish to express to you my regrets, and to assure you that I had no opportunity of correcting the mistake before it had happened.

Respectfully yours,

Erwin Panofsky.

Copy,

To the Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, N.J.

E. P.

October 14, 1942

As a result of a telephone conversation between Dr. Aydelotte and Professor Panofsky as to whether Professor Panofsky's office at the Institute could be made available to Dr. Mitrany on his arrival, it was today agreed:

That the office can be made available to Dr. Mitrany, provided:

- 1) that Professor Panofsky may reserve the right to occupy the office himself at any time, if and when heating and transportation facilities should make it ~~more~~ necessary.
- 2) that other office space be provided for Professor Lee in the Humanistic pavilion.

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PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART
Fairmount, Philadelphia

September 17, 1943

Dear Pan:

I have been reading your Dürer by day and by night--
dazzling!

The inner reconstruction, psychological, intellectual
and aesthetic, is incredibly complete and convincing: summing
up--to use a phrase you once kindly used--"several decades of
work both infinitely patient and intelligent," and, I may add
in your case readable, apt, and delightful.

The book calls to mind what you said once at Lemon Hill
years ago, when we were canvassing what will now be the current
problems of art history: "Biography restudied on a new basis,
for one." This is it.

I hope to have a copy of my Rococo inscribed to you
within a month.

Yours,

FISKE

I reopen this letter to add that very few people write
an English prose as rapid, clear, and flexible as yours,