August 6, 1951

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Dear Mr. Leidesdorf :

Dr. Kurt Gödel has enquired whether the Institute would be willing to take over the mortgage on his house which at present is held by the Frinceton Bank and Trust Company. I have taken up this request with Dr. Oppenheimer, who looks favorably on such a plan, with certain provisos, and he has asked me to submit the matter for your consideration.

Relevant details concerning the house and its present financing are contained on an appended sheet of paper. It will be noted that the original mortgage at the bank was for \$9,000, at 5% for 15 years and the total has been reduced to approximately \$8,000.

Dr. Oppenheimer feels that an Institute mortgage should not be in excess of \$8,000, and the mortgage should certainly be liquidated before Dr. Gödel reaches the age of 65 (Dr. Gödel is now 15 years old).[×] He is agreeable to an interest rate of $\frac{1}{2}$.

Dr. Gödel at present has a loan obligation to the Institute of \$1724. which is being paid off at the rate of \$57.48 per month. This obligation would be completely liquidated if and when the Institute consents to take over the mortgage.

Sincerely yours.

H. K. Fleming

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Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf 125 Park Avenue New York 17, New York

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Facts pertinent to the mortgage application of Dr. Gödel

Location of house.	129 Linden Lane, Princeton Borough.
Construction.	Cinder block.
Built.	1946.
Purchased by Dr. Gödel (for \$12,500.)	1949.
Mortgage Institution.	Princeton Bank and Trust Co.
Original amount of mortgage (15 yrs.)	\$9,000.
Present amount, approximately.	\$8,000.
Present monthly payments.	\$71.
Interest.	5%
Amount of mortgage now sought.	As much as Institute will give.
Length of mortgage sought.	As much as Institute will give or 25 years.
Interest sought.	4%
Appraised value for tax purposes.	\$3150.
Taxes being paid.	\$41.47 per quarter.
Age of Dr. Gödel.	45 years old.
Date of birth.	April 28, 1906.
Dr. Gödel's salary.	\$9,000.

Godel is now paying off \$1724. Institute loan. At present rate of \$57.48 a month, it will be paid off in Feb. 1953. (30 month loan started Aug. 1950). This is only money he owes us.

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February 19, 1951

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Mr. Joseph Galman Agent, Federal Life & Casualty Co. 121 Broad Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Galman:

I am inquiring for one of our members, Dr. Kurt Godel, about sending in his claim for hospitalization insurance. He has been hospitalized since Thursday, February 1, 1951 and has received his first hospital bill. Is it possible to send this bill directly to you when it has been paid, before Dr. Godel is discharged from the hospital? The form Dr. Godel has from your company asks when he leaves the hospital; that is not yet known, but he would like reimbursement currently if possible.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. John D. Leary)

> THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

> > February 15, 1951

Dear Dr. Gödel:

I talked to your doctor about the worries expressed in your letter to me. He tells me that you will be leaving the hospital very soon. I have confidence that he understands your troubles and will take good care of you. Get well soon.

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. Kurt Gödel Princeton Hospital Princeton, N. J.

Sehr geehrter Men Doktor Oppenheimer! Joh mochte Sie dringend vergen der Finge einer Wechsels des Sanatoriums sprechen, da ich mich hier bestandig schlechte a. schlechter fühle n. 2 Fehler in der Behand bung zweifellor schon unter lounfen sind. Ich bin überzengt, das, vem isbehanpt eine Wiederherstellung der Gesmolhert moylich ist, dam sicher micht hia.

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> THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Gödel is in the Princeton Hospital, quite ill, under the care of Dr. Rampono, who is trying to get his and Einstein's New York doctor down. Eleanor believes it is a bleeding ulcer; he is receiving transfusions; and if the bleeding does not stop they might have to operate. Einstein has gone to see him, and Veblen knows about it.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY September 20, 1950

Dr. Oppenheimer:

Dr. Godel has an appointment with you tomorrow at 11:30. He wants to discuss extending terms of his loan from the Institute.

The loan is \$3500. at 3% from 8/1/49 to 7/31/51. Monthly deduction is \$154.58.

With Princeton Bank & Trust Co. he has a 1st mortgage of \$9000. His monthly payments on the house, with interest on our loan, must come to about \$225.

He is very worried about finances. He and Mrs. Godel each send something abroad monthly to their mothers. I know of no other responsibility; except that Dr. Godel's doctor's bills are continuing. I think he wants to stretch out his loan with us.

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June 13, 1950

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Dr. H. Bode Ball Telephone Laboratories 463 West New York, New York

Dear Dr. Bodet

Dr. Goldstine, at our Electronic Computer Project has suggested I send you the enclosed resume written by the nephew of one of our professors, Dr. Kurt Godel. Mr. Bonish is very anxious to come to this country, if possible to do some work for which he is fitted.

We would appreciate it very much if you could give us any advice about where Mr. Bonish might make application for work. I understand Mr. Bonish speaks, understands and reads English.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. John D. Leary) Aide to the Director

Enclosure

June 13, 1950

Dear Dr. Zworykin:

I have already talked to your secretary, Mrs. O'Brian, about sending you the enclosed resume written by the nephew of one of our professors, Dr. Kurt Gödel. Also enclosed is a picture of Mr. Bonish, who is very anxious to come to this country, if possible to do some work for which he is fitted.

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Sincerely yours.

(Mrs. John D. Leary) Aide to the Director

Dr. V.K. Zworykin RCA Laboratories Princeton, New Jersey

Enclosure

ELECTRONIC COMPUTER PROJECT

TO: Mrs. Leary FROM: Dr. Goldstine DATE: May 8, 1950

I have looked over the material which I am returning herewith on Mrs. Godel's nephew. I think your idea of his applying to RCA is a very good one, and I would suggest that you speak directly to Dr. Zworykin. If he doesn't have a vacancy at the laboratories, he probably knows other companies where this man could fit in.

It might also be a good idea to try the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York. One possibility to approach there would be Dr. H. Bode, although there are a number of other people we could suggest. Still other possibilities are the Sperry Gyroscope Company and General Electric.

You might also consider the Moore School of Electrical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania; I don't know about security problems, but there are, of course, a large number of Government laboratories which could use a man of this caliber.

Does this give you enough leads to get started? I will, of course, be most happy to do what I can to help.

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Enclosure

> I was born at Berlin on 4th of August 1913. There I went to school at first till the Sexta of the Albrecht-Durer-Real Gymnasium. My parents went to Stebbin and there I visited the Stadt-Gymnasium until my parents travelled to Benthen O/S. At the Hindenburg-Gymnasium I finished my school with the Abilurium. Then I made my practical time in the railway workships of Gleinsibs 0/S. And after half a year I began the studies af the Institute of Technology of Berlin-Charlattenburg in November 1933. At 1934 my parents went to Dansig and in the autumn of this year I changed the school and went to the Institute of Technology of Dansig. During the holidays I worked at Siemens-Halske in the high-frequency workshop and in the transmitting station of the Sandessender-Dansiz. In the year 1938 I made my (first exam) Voopsufung. Then in the next year the Institute of Technology was closed and I was soldier from 1939 until 1943 (Stalingrad). I was wounded and was ordered to the Physical Laboratory as first high-frequency engineer for development of radar and ultrahigh-frequency sets. I worked in the ultra violett and ultra-red sector and was too a short wave amateur. My Dansig cell was: YM 4al. Under this cell I was in the American cell-book. After the war I married and worked in a high frequency laboratory at Turen. I developed a system to refresh old valves and I rewrote a little book for building such a set (1947). In the next year I developed an R-C bridge which had a linear scale. Later on I wrote a description for building an oscilloscope. So I am technical assistant of a specially high-frequency newspaper. Now I am teacher of the Kreisbernfschule for electricians and electro-monteurs. I hope it will be soon possible to work in my special high-frequency profession.

> > Erwin Bonish Electro-Engineer

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Dear Prof. Oppenheimen:

We both want to thank you very much for the financial help the Institute gave us in buying on own house. We have found a place which is very convenient for us and which (so we both think) is exceptionally pretty. We hope we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs Oppenheimer in om new home and letting you judge for yourself. Very sincerely yours

Kint and Adele Godel

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Dr. Oppenheimer:

Mrs. Godel wants to see you to ask you about maney arrangements anyhow. What she wants, I believe, is an advance on Dr. Godel's salary of \$3000. to make a down payment on whatever house they purchase. Apparently they have no cash at hand - or so she says - and she seems anxious to explain to you. I told her I thought an arrangement might be made but that it would be better to select property first, etc.

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May 21, 1949

Dear Dr. Godel:

The enclosed two pamphlets will explain the Blue Cross hospitalization and surgical plan which any member of the Institute can join - either for himself or for his family. We plan to have the Blue Cross representative come to the Institute soon to answer questions; if you have any, let me know.

Dr. Oppenheimer asked me to tell you and Mrs. Godel that he would be glad to bring to the attention of the Trustees the matter of your taking out a mortgage with the Institute. That is the only way arrangements are made with permanent members in helping them to purchase property in Princeton. But, before this could be done, you would have to have a definite proposition in mind; that is, if you select a house and have figures on the price asked, taxes, assessment, etc., Dr. Oppenheimer could then present your request to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. It is up to them to decide whether the investment is a sound one for the Institute; this depends entirely on the particular property you want.

For instance, if you found a house around the price Mrs. Godel mentioned - \$15,000. to \$18,000. - and you are prepared to make a cash payment of say, one-fourth or one-third of this amount, it would be a matter of presenting figures on taxes, assessment, an opinion on the structure, neighborhood, etc. of the house. The Institute would then consider taking out a first mortgage on the property; this would mean perhaps your paying something in the neighborhood of 4% a year interest on the balance due on the property and a similar amount a year in amortization. I believe the usual arrangement is a 20-year mortgage. I am just using these figures as an example. In actual fact, the financial arrangement must be based on the Institute's estimate of the value of the property.

Mr. Bradley knows real estate values in town very well, I believe. He would, I am sure however, advise going through one of the real estate agents. And I know Dr. Oppenheimer would want his opinion on the value of any property you select. I have mentioned Mrs. Kerr in the Cook office because she has handled several of our purchases and rentals, but any of the several agents in town should do. So far as building is concerned, Dr. Oppenheimer does not think for your price you could build anything very substantial. Mr. Bradley again could give you a good estimate of current costs. Did Mrs. Oppenheimer speak to you of the Golden brothers; apparently they are well thought of as builders of private homes here.

Dr. Oppenheimer would be glad to speak to you or Mrs. Godel about this but thought that this information might be what you want. I think you should look around first and then make the request; it is certain that on any good proposition the Institute is prepared to help.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kurt Godel

(Mrs. John D. Leary)

Dr. Gödel asked that we send him \$300. Professor Veblen wrote Dr. Flexner about it, and Dr. Flexner asked me to get information and transmit it to Prof. V. I thought it would save time if I gave him your address.

I am wondering if, in asking for \$300.00. Dr. Gödel had in mind to buy a round-trip ticket. Perhaps if we did that it would not be necessary to send him any funds. You can decide what you think best.

(An. Kust Stödel) His address is Himmelgasse 43, Vienna XIX. mas

Dr. Oppenheimer:

The Godels have a rented apartment with a lease to Sept. 1950.

They would like to know what arrangements the Institute would make in helping them purchase or build a house. They have in mind a house between \$15,000. and \$18,000 - if they buy. They would prefer to buy Institute land, I believe; but would have to look into cost of building.

Mrs. Godel would like to talk to you about it. The other mortgage arrangements were made through Mr. Leidesdorf's office; after house was selected. I think the Godels want some sort of guarantee before they investigate purchase or building.

In the Montgomery case:

Price of house - \$23,000. Cash payment by Montgomery - 5,000. 1st mtge. taken by Institute - 18,000. (20 yrs. - 4% int. 3% amortization a yr.)

EWL

June 8, 1948

Dear Professor Godel:

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This is written just to confirm what I have already told you of the action of the Trustees in increasing your Institute grant to \$9000. a year. As you know, this becomes effective with the new fiscal year, July 1, 1948.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer Director

Professor Kurt Godel

Copy: Miss Trinterud

February 25, 1949

Dear Dr. Godel:

The Trustees, at the meeting of their Executive Committee on February 15th, acted on the matter of group insurance for the Faculty. It was decided that the Institute would not provide any group coverage for the Faculty.

Dr. Oppenheimer has suggested that perhaps the Business Office could be helpful if you wanted any advise on savings. I am sure Mr. Bradley could tell you about the possibilities of your taking out individual life insurance.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. John D. Leary) Aide to the Director

May 6, 1948

Dr. Godel:

The following is the information our lawyer has given us on OPA rent control:

Landlord may make a 15% raise if agreeable to tenant; has to give lease through Dec. 1949 if such raise is made. Landlord must give same services but does not have to make alterations for the 15%.

If landlord wishes to raise rent more than 15%:

- (1) He must show increase in maintenance costs to OPA since 1942; permission has to be given him by OPA.
- (2) He must apply for permission if he wishes to go over 15% for alterations; must apply to OPA and show that value of property is enhanced in proportion to increase.

Usually, if a tonant believes the raise unlawful, he goes ahead and pays rent according to old lease. It is long procedure to get him out, if at all possible. But without a lease, this would not seem fersible in any case for you.

Mr. Bradley will be glad to talk the matter over with you.

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Kurt Godel - Permanent Nember. Stipend \$6,000 yearly. (To be raised to \$9,000.)

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Present appointment - from Minutes of Executive Committee, February 18, 1947. p. 3-4.

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""The Director recommended that Professor Kurt Godel be made a permanent member with a stipend of \$6,000 plus a contribution to Professor Godel's retiring allowance to be matched by him sufficient to give him a pension of \$1500. at the age of 65. It was understood that the terms of the appointment are to be such that if for reasons of physical disability Professor Godel should at any time be unable to perform his duties he should be retired on a pension of \$1500."

"On motion of Professor Veblen it was resolved that Professor Godel's stipend as a permanent member should not be drawn from the Mathematics budget but should rather come from general Institute funds."

From letter of appointment - December 19, 1945 - from the Director:

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you that on the recommendation of the Faculty of the School of Mathematics and the approval of the Board of Trustees I am authorized to offer you as from July 1, 1946 membership in the Institute with a stipend of \$6,000 per year..... (TIAA provisions) We all of us hope that you will consider this a satisfactory provision for your work and that with this security you will be able during the next twenty-five years to continue the notable series of contributions to knowledge which have brought so much credit to you and to the Institute."

Field - Mathematical logic. Work is entirely advanced research, done independently.

> Note: Taring status was determined in February 1943 on Mr. Mass' advice. Entry of Godel as refugee was determining factor. See attached file.

TELEGRAM

May 2, 1947

United States Lines 1 Broadway New York City, New York

Mrs. Gödel, wife of Dr. Gödel, member of the Institute for Advanced Study is sailing at 4:30 this afternoon by the Marine Flasher from Pier 62. Should be grateful if you would instruct your agent at the pier to issue a pass to Dr. Gödel to accompany his wife on to the ship.

> FRANK AYDELOTTE Director

Charge to Institute for Advanced Study

April 10, 1947

Dear Siri

This is to inform you that Mrs. Adele Thusnelda Oddel is the wife of Dr. Kurt Godel who is a life member of the Institute for Advanced Study.

Hrs. Godel is of Austrian nationality and has taken out her first American papers. The plans a visit to Austria, leaving on April 18th.

Hrs. Gödel's husband, Dr. Kurt Gödel, receives a stipend from the Institute of \$6,000 a year as from July 1, 1946. The Institute for Advanced Study withheld \$703.20 for federal taxes on this stipend for the colendar year 1946 and from January 1 to April 1, 1947. \$225.90 have been withheld. So far as my information goes, Mrs. Gödel receives no income in addition to her husbands.

I should greatly appreciate any assistance which you can give Mrs. Godel in obtaining clearance papers and sailing permit.

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte Director

Copy to Miss Miller Niss Blake

not sailing on april 18th - railing malefinitely postponed.

TO THOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Dr. Kurt Gödel was appointed to a permanent membership in the Institute for Advanced Study as from July 1, 1946 and that he will be in receipt of a stipend of \$6,000 a year. At the present time Dr. Gödel is a temporary sember of the Institute and is in receipt of a stipend of \$4,000 a year.

Assistant Secretary

Subscribed and shorn to before me this /3th day of February, 1946.

Notary Public of the State of Mer Jersey

Godel

Lie er Hurtl!

Ich lege diesem Brief noch ein paar Zeilen bei in einer sehr wichtigen Sache. Seit gestern werden die in Wien befindlichen Volksdeutschen aus der russischen Zone nach dem Westen Österreichs in Sammellager abtransportiert und zwar ziml. rasch und unvermutet. Mama ist vorläufig auch Volksdeutsche da sie österr. Staatsbürgerschaft noch nicht erhalten hat (niemand hat das bisher) Die Verfügzgung erfolgte von der russ. Militärbehörde Wir sind in der amerik. Zone doch ist es leicht möglich dass in kurzem auch eine gleiche Vefügung für diese Zone kommt. Da die öster. Reg. in dieser Sache anscheinend nicht zuständig ist sondern die Militärreg. so wäre es sehr wichtig, wenn ich mit Nachdruck auf Deine Stellung in Princeton hinweisen könnte um Mæma hierbehalten zu können. Wenn es Dir daher irgend möglich ist, so sende mir so rasch als möglich eine notarielle Abschrift der seinerzeitigen Einladung der amer. Regierung in welcher diese Dich als Grösse ersten Ranges bezeichnet hat und vor der Deutsch. Regierung Deine Freigabe verlangte (1939) wenn es Dir möglich wäre von der Leitung der Universität ^rrinceton ein Schreiben zu bekommen

> in welchem die hiesige Militärregierung ersucht wird mit Fra u M Gödel mit Rücksicht auf Deine Stellung hier eine Ausnahme zu machen, wäre das natürlich ein noch bessere Möglichkeit. Die Ausweisung von hier hat nichts mit Partei zu tun sondern betrifft alle Volksdeutschen der CSR also auch Mamaa die nicht Parteimitglied war! Ich werde natürlich hier auch alle Hebel in Bewegung setzen Mama hier zu behalten bes. mit dem Hinweis dass sie seinerzeit viele Jahre in Wien gelebt hat doch wären für die amerik, Behörden wahrscheinl, die oben erbetenen Schriftstücke mehr ausschlaggebend. Wenn Du von der Univ. etwas bekommen kannst so sende auch nicht das Original sondern eine legal. Abschrift. Gut wäre wenn du beides getrennt in zwei verschiedenen Briefen senden kannst da es unsicher ist ob alle Briefe ankommen. Ich hoffe dass in der Sache hier eine menschliche Regelung möglich sein wird denn es ist ja nicht auszudenken wenn Mama wirkl. von hier in ein Lager müsste. Dass ich alles in Bewegung setzen werde um das zu verhindern kannst Du Dir denken!

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MRS ROBINIA DEAN R.A.F. MALCOLM CLUBS HOTEL ASTORIA WIEN, KÄRNTNERSTR. 32

January 8, 1946

Mr. Raymond L. Mattocks Teachers Insurance & Annuity Association 522 Fifth Avenue New York 18, N. Y.

> Re: Kurt Gödel, born 4/28/96 His wife, born 11/4/99

Dear Mr. Mattocks:

I am writing you at the request of Professor Marston Morse who is acting for Dr. Aydelotte during his absence as a member of the British-American Palestine Commission.

On December 29, 1945, Dr. Aydelotte gave Dr. Gödel the following information: "I now have information from the Teachers Insur nce and Annuity Association concerning your retiring allowance. In order to retire you on a pension of \$1,500 per year at age 65, it will be necessary to contribute about \$800 per year to the TIAA."

Neither Professor Morse nor I are quite clear as to exactly how this information was arrived at, nor, more specifically, whether any provision is made for Professor Gödel's wife should she survive him. We are aware of course that this decision is not arrived at until immediately before he reaches the age of 65, but we would like to be able to give him the correct information now. Would you therefore be kind enough to let us have your answer to the following questions:

(1) As a male -- born April 28, 1896, what income at age 65 could Professor Gödel expect to receive if \$800 were deposited annually in monthly installments beginning August 1, 1946?

(2) If he should elect to have two-thirds of the annuity made payable to his wife (born 11/4/99) upon his death, what income could she expect to receive?

We should be most grateful for this information and for your kind attention to the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Bernetta A. Miller Director's Office

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Dear Dr Aydelotte: I am very happy indeed at the appreciation of my work which the Institute is showing by offering a permanent position to me and I accept with pleasure this rare opportunity of continuing my research work unhampered by any other obligation and of being at the same time affiliated with this formed Institute.

Moy I succeed in paying through the results of my work The debt of gratitude I ove to The Institute for Advanced Study and to America! Sincerely yours Kunt Godel

copy to Miss Miller Miss Blake

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Princeton, Jan. 6, 1946

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

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May I succeed in paying through the results of my work the debt of gratitude I owe to the Institute for Advanced Study and to America!

Sincerely yours,

KURT GUDEL

December 29, 1945

Dr. Kurt Gödel The Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Gödel:

I now have information from the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association concerning your retiring allowance. In order to retire you on a pension of \$1,500 per year at age 65, it will be necessary to contribute about \$800 per year to the TIAA. Of this amount the Institute will be prepared to pay \$400 on condition that you pay \$400 from your own stipend. This will mean a reduction of \$33.33 1/3 from each monthly check.

The funds so contributed will, of course, belong to you and should you sever your connection with the Institute at any time you would be entitled to the proceeds of the accumulations up to that date, both the payments made by us and by you and you would only have to continue these payments to be sure of your pension.

Furthermore, if at any time you wish to deposit additional funds with the TIAA they would enlarge your pension by just so much. I hope this arrangement is clear and satisfactory.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Miss Miller

December 19, 1945

Professor Kurt Gödel The Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Gödelt

It gives we great pleasure to inform you that on the recommendation of the Faculty of the School of Mathematics and the approval of the Board of Trustees I am authorized to offer you as from July 1, 1946 permenent membership in the Institute with a stipend of \$6,000 per year.

In addition to your salary the Institute will be prepared to pay 5% to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and will ask that you contribute an equal sum from your own salary for the purpose of building up a retiring allowance available to you'at age sixty-five. We are concerned that this pension should be not less than \$1,500 per year. If the 10% of your salary so contributed is not sufficient to realise this sum we should propose to increase it by equal payments from the Institute and from you.

If at any time between now and age sixty-five you should because of physical disability be unable to continue your work your salary would cause and your retiring allowance of \$1,500 would begin immediately.

We all of us hope that you will consider this a satisfactory provision for your work and that with this security you will be able during the next twenty-five years to continue the notable series of contributions to knowledge which have brought so such credit to you and to the Institute.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Miss Miller Mise Blake

Dear D-Agolelotte: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter from March 17 offering me a reneval of my membership in the Institute for 1945/46 and Jaccept with great pleasure.

Very sincerely yours Kint gödel

March 17, 1945

Dr. Kurt Gödel 120 Alexander Street Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Gödel:

On the recommendation of the Faculty of the School of Mathematics, it gives me great pleasure to offer you a reneval of your membership in the Institute for the academic year 1945-1946, fixing your stipend at \$4,000. I take this occasion to express to you the satisfaction which we all feel in maving you as a member of the Institute group and the pride which we take in your scholarly schievements.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copies to Professor heyl Miss Miller

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

GRANT FOR DR. KURT GODEL

YEAR 1943-44 ENDED JUNE 30, 1944

RECEIPTS:

July 3,	1943	The	Rockefeller Foundation	\$1,875.00
December	27, 1943	The	Rockefeller Foundation	1,875.00
			TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,750.00

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Submitted by Bernetta Miller July 1, 1944

Dear D' Aydelotte: I have neceived your letter of Feb. 7, offering me a reneval of my position at the Institute for 1944/45 which I accept with great pleasure. Sincerely yours Kint yoold

Copy for Miss Blake Miss Miller

February 7, 1944

Dear Dr. Gödel:

On the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Mathematics it (gives me pleasure to invite you to continue as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study for the academic year 1944-1945, with a stipend of \$4000.

Looking forward with great pleasure to your continued presence in the Institute, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Dr. Kurt Gödel Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey



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

September 16, 1943

Dr. Jacques Cattell Biographical Directory of American Men of Science Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dr. Kurt Gödel at this Institute

Frank Aydelotte

Princeton, April 21, 1943.

Dear D'Aydelotte:

I thank you very much for your invitation to be a member of the Institute for Advanced Study next year again, which I accept with great pleasure.

Very sincerely yours Kint goold

Copy sent to Miss Blake Miss Miller

April 5, 1943

Dear Dr. Gödel:

On the recommendation of the School of Mathematics, it gives me great pleasure to offer you a reappointment as a member of the Institute for the academic year 1943-1944, with a stipend of \$4000.

I myself and all the members of the School are deeply sensible of the value of the contribution which you are making to our work in mathematics during these difficult years.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Dr. Kurt Gödel Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

February 22, 1943

His Excellency The Secretary of State Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hull:

Some of the members of the Institute for Advanced Study who came from foreign countries have lately received questionnaires from an organization known as Survey of Foreign Experts, which gives its address as 11 West 42nd Street, New York City. This questionnaire opens with the following two paragraphs:

> "The Survey of Foreign Experts is a United States Government project engaged in establishing an Index of foreign experts now resident in this hemisphere who have knowledge of conditions in countries affected by the war. Your name has been presented to us in this connection.

"We should appreciate it a great deal if you would fill in for us as completely as you can the answers to the following questions in order to enable us to consult with you later as occasion may arise."

I am writing to ask whether this Survey of Foreign Experts is an official part of the United States Government and whether it is desirable that I should advise our members to answer the questionnaire and whether these answers are voluntary or mandatory. I ask this because I cannot find this Survey in the United States Government Manual and the communication is entirely anonymous, with no names which one could check in order to determine its official character and reliability. My curiosity was further aroused by the fact that it does not seem to be authorized to use United States Government official envelopes.

If by any chance this inquiry is not official, it would seem to me desirable that it should be investigated by the authorities of our Government.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Copy to Miss Miller

February 16, 1943

rei muitvule cont Dear Dr. Godels

I have thought over your tax problem a good deal since you came in to see me the other day, have looked through the application which we made for your visa, and have taken the advice of Mr. Maass, who is a lawyer in New York and one of the Trustees of the Institute since its foundation.

It is my own firm opinion, in which Mr. Maass agrees, that it would not be wise for you to try to change your tax paying status at this time and thus reopen the question of your re-entry into the country on the grounds upon which your visa was obtained. I think it unlikely that the authorities would release you from the responsibility of paying income tax, and I am sure that raising the question would subject you to long and wearisome negotiations and investigations.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Kurt Gödel Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

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20 Exchange Place

New York , February 15, 1943.

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

Dear Dr. Avdelotte:-

Herewith I acknowledge yours of the 12th.

To my mind, the question of judgment involved as to whether the gentlemen referred to should or should not pay income taxes, resolves itself not alone into the question of whether the taxing authorities would look narrowly into the situation, but whether, as refugees, they should not be glad to pay the tax on their stipends.

In the particular case of Dr. Godel, I am clear in my own mind that it would not be the part of wisdom for him to change his tax paying status at this time and re-open the question of the manner of his entry into the country and the underlying facts sustaining his right to a visa.

With kind personal regards, I am,

HHM: JR

Sincerely yours,

February 12, 1943

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Dear Mr. Maass:

I should be very grateful if you would give me your advice on an income tax problem which is puzzling all of us here at the Institute.

It is a settled policy of the Income Tax Dep rtment that fellowship payments which are in the n ture of gratuities and not payment for services rendered are not subject to income tax, and our members do not as a rule pay tax on their stipends.

Three members of the Institute, however, have departed from this rule, namely, Pauli, Siegel, and Gödel. These men are very much more eminent than most members of the Institute. They have all come directly or indirectly from Germany or Austria, although Pauli had lived many years in Switzerland and was about to be anturalized as a Swiss citizen when he came to the United States. They are all men who possess scientific qualifications for professorships at the Institute and they all entered on professorial viass. These were, as a matter of fact, the only visas they could get without dangerous delay.

Pauli and Siegel feel very strongly that, under these circumstances, since they are, so to speak, guests of the United States, they are glad enough to wave any exemption from income tax and pay on their stipends just as if they had been employed by the Institute as professors. Gödel followed the same policy last year, but with the new increased taxes he feels the pinch somewhat and he has raised the question with me whether I would think it advisable for him to try to obtain exemption from income tax this year.

The question seems to me quite as much one of judgment as of law. So far as I can see, Gödel would be entitled to exemption. On the other hand, his stipend is 34000 and the income tax authorities would be certain to look quite narrowly into his case. The question is whether they would not say that if he wishes to have the status of a student he should not leave the country and reenter on a student's visa. This is, of course, a very difficult thing to do under present conditions.

> We had, as a matter of fact, a certain amount of difficulty in securing Gödel's admission under a professorial visa, because he had not been teaching for two years, as is required, immediately before he came to this country. We represented, however, that the reason he was not teaching was that he had been deprived of his position as a Privatdozent and the American authorities accepted this explanation.

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We explained to Dr. Gödel when he came that the circumstances of his admission would involve payment of income tax, and I feel myself, while Austrians are no longer enemy aliens, nevertheless the raising of the whole question of his visa would be a great mistake and might expose him to a good many difficulties.

I should appreciate it if you would let me know how the matter strikes you.

Yours sincerely,

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FRANK AYDELOTTE

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

PA/MCE

February 2, 1943

Dear Dr. Gödel:

Miss Miller has reported to me your feeling about the question of income tax. I think I said to you last year that I thought you really would be exempt from income tax had it not been for the character of your visa, which caused you to enter the United States on a professorial status although your appointment is really one for advanced research.

Professor Pauli and Professor Siegel are in the same situation and my understanding is that they are going ahead to pay the income tax without attempting to contest the matter. Our treasurer's office, which has a good tax expert, is inclined to think that this is the best plan in all three cases. Even if you decide to contest the case, it will probably be better for you to pay the tax in the first instance on the date due, namely, March 15th, applying for a refund if there seems any chance of getting it.

You might have a word with Pauli and Siegel about the matter, and I should be glad to talk to the three of you if you think there is any aspect of the case that I may have overlooked.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Kurt Gödel Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

17th November, 1942

To Dr. Gödel

From B. A. Miller (Director's Office)

In looking over the data regarding the reporting of your stipend to the Income Tex Bureau, I find that Mrs. Bailey on January 2, 1941 wrote to the Institute Treasurer that you were admitted th the United States on the basis of a <u>professorial appointment</u>, therefore on the advice of the Treasurer (Jan. 6, 1941) \$3,725.56 was reported for the year 1940.

\$1,074.44 which you received in 1940 while engaged in Europe and Asia had not to be reported.

In sending the report for 1941, I again re-checked with Mrs. Bailey and as the same status existed, I reported \$3,200 via the Treasurer.

The funds for this latter stipend all came from the Institute with the exception of \$800 which was charged in February and March, 1941 to the Emergency Committee.

It is possible that part of your stipend in 1942 can be reported differently, since part of it is from the Rockefeller Foundation. I will obtain what information SM I can regarding this.

Dear D' Aydelotte :

I thank you and the Faculty of the School of Mathematics very much for the invitation to be again a member of the Institute for Advanced Study next year and I accept very gladly.

I yreatly appreciate the excellent opportunity for work given to me in This way and am look in y forward with greatest pleasure to the next year Very sincerely yours Kint goold

March 5, 1942

Dear Dr. Gödel:

On the recommendation of the School of Mathematics, it gives me great pleasure to offer you a renewal of your appointment as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study for the academic year 1942-1943, with a stipend of \$4000.00.

I should like to express at the same time the cordial appreciation which is felt by our whole mathematical group of the value and stimulus which you have brought to the Institute.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Dr. Kurt Gödel Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

Professor Veblen thought Dr. Aydelotte would be interested in the following cable just received from London

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1941 Dec. 16 PM 10:56

INSTITUTE SECRETARY FINE HALL PRINCETON NJ

PLEASE SEND GOEDEL CONTINUUM HYPOTHESIS NOTES

A M TURING KINGS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE ENGLAND

December 5, 1941

Dear Dr. Gruenthals

I apprediate very warmly your letter of December 4th. I may say at once that the evidence we have had here of Dr. Goedel's difficulties comes from the fact that he thinks the radiators and ice box in his apartment give off some kind' of poison gas. He has accordingly had them removed, which makes the apartment a pretty unconfortable place in the winter time. Dr. Goedel seems to have no such distrust of the heating plant at the Institute and he carries on his work here very successfully. In a general way I have always been a little worried by the fact that he does not take more recreation.

I am trying to get Dr. Goedel's friends to see to it that he consults you more frequently. They advise me that it would perhaps be more tactful not to ask his authorization for a full report from you to me at this moment, more particularly as the indications are that he is somewhat improving. Perhaps it is best then for us to concentrate on seeing to it that he consults you as frequently as possible. I shall do this and if he continues to improve nothing more will be done. If the improvement does not continue, I shall certainly ask his authorization to consult you myself. It is a great satisfaction to me to know that you feel there is no danger that his malady will take a violent turn.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Dr. Max Gruenthal 32 West 82nd Street New York City

FA/NCE

> MAX GRUENTHAL, M. D. 32 West 82ND STREET New York, N. Y.

> > December 4, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Thank you very much for your kind letter concerning Dr. Goedel and the expression of your wish to cooperate with me in my treatment. Of course, you will understand that I cannot give you a detailed report on Dr. Goedel's condition without his consent. Therefore, I should like to ask you whether Dr. Goedel knows that you have been informed of his consulting me. At the same time I would appreciate your letting me know in which way it has become evident at the Institute that Dr. Goedel is suffering from a "mental tension".

I may be entitled, though, to reassure you insofar as I do not see any acute danger of his malady taking a violent form. However, since I have not seen Dr. Goedel for more than three weeks, I cannot judge at present whether he is still able to continue his work at the Institute. In any case I should like to see him again and more frequently in order to work out an adequate therapy for him. I have written him to this effect without mentioning your letter, and I shall be glad to answer your questions more satisfactorily as soon as I shall be in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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December 2, 1941

Dear Dr. Gruenthal:

As Director of the Institute for Advanced Study I am naturally a good deal concerned about Dr. Goedel's condition and should be most grateful if you would give me your general opinion of his case, letting me know especially whether you think it is all right for him to go ahead with his work, whether you consider him improving, and whether there is anything we could do here at the Institute to ease the mental tension from which he is evidently suffering.

I should like also especially to know whether you consider that there is any danger of his malady taking a violent form which might involve his doing injury either to himself or to other people.

Dr. Gödel is, as you know, one of the greatest mathematical logicians in the world, and we are very anxious, both on personal and on scientific grounds, to cooperate in every possible way with the treatment which you are giving and to do anything which might assist in his recovery.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Dr. Max Gruenthal 32 West 82nd Street New York City FA/MCE

October 25, 1941

Dear Dr. Gödel:

I found on sending in the applications to the Hospital Service Plan of New Jersey that they preferred not to have remittances with any of the applications unless they had them with all. As your remittance happened to be the only d_1 they asked that we hold it until a bill was received. Since the bill will go to your residence, I am returning the check to you so that you may send it when the bill comes.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kurt Gödel 3 Chambers Terrace Princeton, New Jersey

Dear D'Aydelotte : I thank you very much indeed for your invitution to be a member of the Institute for Advanced Study for another year and I accept with greatest pleasure Sincerely yours unt Godel

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May 27, 1941

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that

Dr. Kurt 66del is a member of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study and that during the year, 1940-1941, he rendered no services for pay. This is to certify further that he received a small stipend to make possible his own researches.

Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-seventh day of May, 1941

> Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

April 3, 1941

Dr. Kurt Gödel

Fuld Mall

My dear Dr. Oddel:

I spoke to Dr. Aydelotte about an advance payment on your 1941-1942 stipend. He approves of the stipend being paid in twelve installments, the July payment being made early in the month and the remaining payments at the end of each month. You will therefore receive \$333.33 about July 15, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

Esther S. Bailey

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March 5, 1941

Dear Dr. Goedel:

On the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Mathematics it gives me great pleasure to offer you a renewal of your appointment as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study for the academic year 1941-1942, with a stipend of \$4000.00.

We look forward with the greatest pleasurs to having you at the Institute for another year.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Kurt Goedel 245 Nassau Street Princeton, New Jersey

April 25, 1940

Charge d'Affaires German Embassy Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I wrote you under date of December 1, 1939, concerning Dr. Kurt Gödel of Vienna, requesting that you take such steps as you could to assist Dr. Gödel in obtaining permission from the German educational and military authorities to leave Vienna to come to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. It gives me great pleasure to report that the German authorities gave Dr. Gödel this permission, and I should like to express my gratitude to you for any efforts you may have made in this direction.

The negotiations, however, required so much time and the voyage from Vienna to the United States, which Dr. Gödel was compelled to make via Siberia and the Pacific, was so slow that Dr. Gödel did not reach Princeton until March, so that he has been able to do barely half a year's work. Dr. Gödel is a very eminent mathematician. We value his presence in Princeton very highly, and the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study have accordingly voted to extend his appointment until June 30, 1941.

Dr. Gödel is now applying to the German Consulate in New York for an extension of his leave from Germany to cover this period, and I should be most grateful for any measures which you may be able to take in support of Dr. Gödel's application. I wish to assure you that his presence in this country is very highly appreciated by a large group of mathematical scholars with whom he comes in contact.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

April 25, 1940

The German Consul General New York City

Dear Sir:

I should like to second very warmly the request which Dr. Kurt Gödel will shortly make to you, that his leave of absence from the University of Vienna and from the military authorities be extended for one year.

Dr. Gödel is a very eminent mathematician, who received permission to leave Vienna last year to accept an appointment at the Institute for Advanced Study here. We consider Dr. Gödel's work of the greatest value to mathematicians at the Institute. He was delayed in leaving Vienna last year and was compelled to go by way of Siberia and the Pacific, and consequently did not arrive in Princeton until March, which has curtailed the amount of teaching and research which he has been able to do this year.

Because of the high value which we place on Dr. Gödel's work, the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study have recently voted to extend his appointment until June 30, 1941. I vary much hope that the German educational and military authorities will be willing to extend Dr. Godel's leave, so that he can remain here for this period.

Yours very sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

March 14, 1940

Dear Dr. Gddel:

I am not sure whether or not the terms of your membership in the Institute have been put down on paper. In any case I wish to summarize them even at the risk of repetition in order that you may be quite clear. Your appointment was for the second term of the present scademic year, 1939-1940, and for the academic year, 1940-1941, at the rate of \$4,000.00 per year. These stipends are usually paid in eight equal installments, which would have meant that you would have received four payments of \$500.00 each for the months of January, February, March, and April.

We have advanced you to date \$1,074.44 leaving \$925.56 due you for the stipend for this term. With your approval Mrs. Bailey will make your March check, dus March 31, for \$425.56, and you will then have your regular check of \$500.00 due on April 30.

For the academic year, 1940-1941, you would then have eight payments of \$500.00 each made at the end of the months of September, October, Movember, December, January, February, March, and April. If y u prefer to have the stipend of \$4,000.00 in twelve equal installments beginning July, 1940, and ending in June, 1941, that can easily be arranged. If you should need an immediate sivance before your check is due at the end of this month, please feel free to ask for that also. It is a great satisfaction to have you here, and I shall be glad to make our financial arrangements as convenient as possible for you.

Sincerely yours.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Kurt Gödel The Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey

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17 January 1940

TRAVEL DEPARTMENT

ALLAN W. STEPHENS, MANAGER

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

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 16th enclosing check to our order for \$371. We are today forwarding to the American President Lines our check to cover the booking by cable of Professor and Mrs. Kurt Goedel, tourist class, outside double room, SS PRESIDENT TAFT, February 1st from Yokohama.

The steamship company advises that the cable will be sent from New York Thursday and arrive in Yokohama Friday, January 26th, which is several days before this couple is due there.

Yours very truly, allan W.

ALLAN W. STEPHENS Manager - Travel Department



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Dear D' Aydelotte: I am yreatly obliged to you for the request, which you have addressed on my behalf to The Germain Charge of Affaires in Washington. It is probably on this account, That I was ultimately granted leave by the bermain unthorities. In view of Prof. Veblen's letter of Dec. 1 I am hoping now, That it will make no difficulty to obtain The American visa and That I shall be able to leave Vienna in a few days. So the only complication which remains is, that I shall have To Take The route Through Russin and Japan. The Vermain certificate of leave makes explicitly This requirement and in adolition I am told in all steamship. bureaux, that the danger for Germain citizens to be an ested by the English is very yrent on the Atlantic. I regret very much, that the trip over Jupon

will create further delay and will make it impossible to arrive before The middle of February, but it seems to be the only possibility. Thanking you very much again for the trouble which jon have Taken, to make my coming possible I am faithfully yours NO TIT MUL Kint godel Is altim The American wind That I shall be alle To leave Villima it in particiage for this maly completed read armany a start I had have to Take the work Thereast Rydin and Japane The Obernant eget field of leave makes expirition this requirement and he widde the I am tild in all strangering bar can a fast the sheet of for the many citilities it he loss sated they the Emploid is very great on the Atean The I repused which the the the man prove to the

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January 4, 1940

Dr. Kurt Gödel Hegelgasse 5 Vienna I, Germany

My dear Dr. Gödel:

I have your letter and am sending you herewith the certificate which you requested. I am sending a certificate to you also by the Atlantic Clipper flying on January 7.

I em sorry to state that Dr. Flexner has retired from the directorship of the Institute. I have, however, referred your letter to his successor, Dr. Frank Aydelotte, who has given it his attention.

With all good wishes to you and your wife,

Sincerely yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

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I am

January 4, 1940

TO MEON IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Dr. Kurt Gödel, a citizen of Germany, received from the Institute for Advanced Study, located at Princeton, New Jersey, the sum of \$2,500.00 in 1938. His status was that of a visitor to the Institute for the sole purpose of study and research, of whom no services were required.

Secretary

Subscribed and sorn to before me this fourth day of January, 1940

> Notary Public of the State of New Jersey

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ESTHER & Part

Secretary

Dated at Princeton, New Jersey December 13, 1939

December 1, 1939

Charge d'Affaires German Embassy Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirt

On behalf of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, I venture to request your good offices in securing permission for Dr. Kurt Gödel, Himmelstrasse 43, Vienna, to come to the United States in order to occupy a post in the Institute, to which he was duly elected last year.

Dr. Gödel is an Aryan; he is thirty-three years old and married. He would, I suppose, be liable for military service, but since he is one of the greatest mathematicians in the world, we very much hope that the German government will in this case think it more important for him to continue his scientific work, which would be of great value to the Institute for Advanced Study and to departments of mathematics in many other institutions with which the Institute comperates in research.

Dr. Gödel has already spent three years at the Institute, between 1933 and 1939. There are a great many mathematicians in the United States whose work depends upon his leadership, and there is no question but that his presence here makes a significant addition to the prestige of German science.

His case could hardly create a precedent, because there are so few men in the world of his scientific eminence. It is for this reason that I venture to ask your good offices in securing for Dr. Gödel permission to come to the United States at this time.

Balieve me,

Yours very sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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> ESTHER S. BAILEY Secretary

Dated at Princeton, New Jersey June 5, 1939

Dear D'Flexner:

Prof. Vebler

I thank you very much indeed for you letter of Feb. 23. Complying with your wish I shall make no commitments here before having seen you. May I ask how long you expect to stay in Princeton ? The term here closes at the end of May. If you should not be in Princeton any more in the first days of June, would it Then perhaps be possible to meet you somewhere else? Other vise I might come to the East over a weekend.

With regards to MM Flexmer Faithfully yours Knut goold.

April 27, 1989

Dear Dr. Gödel:

Thank you for your kind note of April 24. I shall be eith r in Frinceton or in Ne: York until early in July, and you can reach me at either place. When it becomes clear to you shen you are coming East, write me to 20 Nassau Street, Printeton, and I will make a definite appointment to meet you either here or in New York.

greetings and all good wishes.

Ever sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Kurt Gödel University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, Indiana

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February 23, 1939

Dear Dr. Gödel:

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I was very happy indeed to have your letter of February 18 and I am delighted that you have accepted the invitation for the year 1939-1940. I hope that you can leave the time arrangement open so that we can discuss the whole situation as regards your future.

Needless to say, I shall be very happy indeed to be of any service to you that is possible in respect to matters regarding which you may wish to consult me.

With all good wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

ARRAHAM FLEXMEN

Dr. Kurt Gödel Department of Mathematics University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, Indiana

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Dear D'Flexner: I Thank you very much for your invitation for 1939/40 which I accept very gladly. Only I am not yet absolutely sure, that I shall be able to stay in Princeton for both terms, and hope that some anangement could be made for this case .

Notre Donne, Feb. 18, 1939.

I was very song that I had no chance to see you before I left Princeton, because I wanted to express my gratitude to the Institute for the friendly reception I was again given. Also, I should have liked very much to ask you an advice in some personal matters. I am hoping that I shall have a chance to do so when I come back to Princeton next spring. Sincerely yours Kint Gook!

J nuary 31, 1959

Dear Dr. Gödel:

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On the recommendation of the professor: of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study I take pleasure in inviting fou to be a member of the Institute in the Academic year, 191-1940, at a stillend of \$4,000.00.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

FINE HALL

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

November 9, 1938

Dear Doctor Flexner:

In our meeting of November 5, 1938, the professors of the School of Mathematics voted to recommend that a stipend of \$4000 be granted to Dr. Gödel for the academic year 1939-40. It seems desirable that the question of Dr. Gödel's stipend be settled as soon as possible in order that he may feel more at ease and more secure in regard to his immediate future. It is the wish of the group that Gödel be subjected to the lightest possible conditions of residence in Princeton, understanding that, as is the case this year, he would be free to go to Notre Dame for a part of a term if suitable arrangements are made by him with Professor Menger. You may wish to refer to my letter to you of October 4, 1937.

Yours sincerely,

Marston More

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Dr. Abraham Flexner P.O. Box 631 Princeton, N.J. MM:GB

(pre-Fac humberships) Födel

November 12, 1938

Dear Professor Morses

Though the Board has not yet acted on the question of stipends for next year, I have no doubt that a sum - I hope the usual sum - will be set aside for the purpose. You are therefore, in my judgment, quite safe in giving Gödel the assurance of the stipend which you and your associates recommend.

As to the conditions of his residence in Princeton, those are in the hands of the mathematical group, the members of which I am sure will not lose sight for a moment of the object for which the Institute was established, namely, the primotion of science and learning on such terms as may be most effective without regard to anything elme.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

P rofessor Marston Morse Fine Hall Princeton, New Jersey

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October 12, 1938

Dr. Kurt Gödel S. S. New York Hamburg-American Line New York City

Dear Dr. Gödel:

Let me, in the first place, congratulate you and your wife on the very pleasant news which reached us a few days ago in the form of a card announcing your marriage. I assume that Mrs. Gödel is coming to America with you, and we all look forward with great pleasure to seeing you both. You have our best wishes for a happy and prosperous life together.

Instead of sending the money to you through the purser, either Dr. Busemann or Dr. Klein will meet you on the dock with \$50.00.

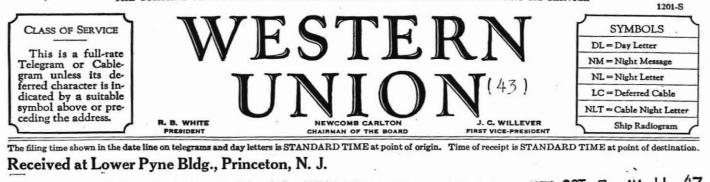
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Sincerely yours,

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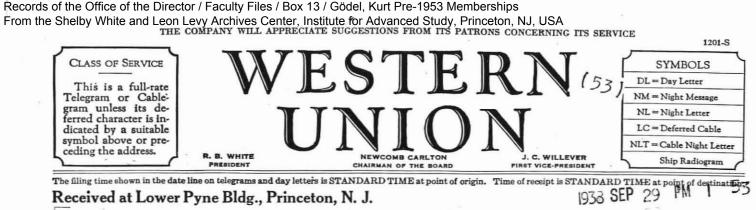
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Dean Mrs Bailey : I thank you very much for your letter of Ang. 8. and you kind offer to buy the ticket for me. Since however it is not absolutely necessary for me to get the traveling expenses in advance, I did not want to trouble you and have provided the money in a different way. I am to arrive on the Hambury" (Cabin chess) on Oct. 7. Since I am not allowed to take any money out of Germany, I would kindly ask you to send 25 \$ to the bureau of the "Hopay" in New York, so That They can pay it to me on my bonding. I am told that this amount is necessary in order to yet permission to go ashore. Sincerely yours D'Kmit Goodd

Dear D'Flexner: As you know from Prof. Veblen, I expect to spend the whole first term of 1938/39 in Princeton. I thank you very much for your offering to have the steam ship ticket paid for me and to send additional funds. Since however it is possible for me to provide the money myself, if necessary, I shall not take advantage of those possibilities, in order to save you trouble. The boats are all so over as voled that it was verz difficult to get a ticket. I am song I cannot come until Oct. 7 on the How bury.

It will be a great pleasure to be in Princiton again.

Please give my regards to Mrs Flexner Faithfully yours Kunt Goold

William and Pine Streets

KUHN. LOEB & CO.

New York , August 9, 1938.

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Dr. Abraham Flexner, Magnetawan, via Burks Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Prof. Vellen han written A. gike

Replying to your inquiry of August 6th, we would suggest that provided Dr. Kurt Gödel will come on a non-German steamer, money could be paid to the purser of that steamer with the instruction to pay it to Dr. Gödel.

Trusting that this will be the information you desire, we are,dear Sir,

> Yours very truly, p.p. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. MySeckhard

HTM.

> Cape Vincent, New York August 8, 1938

Dear Professor Veblen:

Thank you for your letter of the fourth. I have written to Dr. Gëdel the enclosed letter. Perhaps I should have asked him to include his sailing date in the cable, but I thought we could deduce that when we knew the steamship line.

I shall send your expense account to Mr. Leidesdorf for payment when I send the August payroll and, unless you advise me to the contrary, I shalldeposit it with your salary check to your credit in the Princeton Bank and Trust Company.

Yes, the little car has been very useful this summer, as Cape Vincent is not on the railroad. I now plan to start for Canada on Thursday so that my next address will be in care of Dr. Flexner.

With kind regards and all good wishes to you and Mrs. Veblen, I am

Vary sincerely yours, ESTHER S. BALLEY

Professor OswaldVeblen Brocklin HancockCounty Maine

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WIEN, IM SEPTEMBER 1938.

XIX. HIMMELSTRASSE 43.

HANCOCK COUNTY, MAINE 4 Aug. 1938 Dear Mr. Bailey:-I have a letter from Mis Eichelsen asking me to write to you about Dr. Södel and saying that she has transmitted the relevant information to you. I would suggest that you write to him offering to prepay his transfortation from Vienna to New York and, if he wishes, to send him not over \$100 for othe travelling expenses. He could be asked to reply by cablegram. Indeed you could give him a code , as for example ," yes" if he wishes the transportation alone and "yes both" if he wishes the money as

BROOKLIN HANCOCK COUNTY, MAINE well. The telegraphic reply is desirable on account of the time element, as he expects to be in Princeton at the beginning of October. It might be well to state in your letter that what is advanced is definited for stipend. On his first visit he had a travelling allowance added to the stipend . dendose on a separate sheet of paper my own expense account for the two meeting of the building com mittle Beside this there will be

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Nassan Club in Princetor on July 25 & of two days there on the problem of within the allotted sum. I think he found appointion. I hand from Mins Eichelson when I was in Primaton that your moto tip was a billion marces. Congestulations! your sincerely, Omed Veben.

> THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY 20 Nassau Street Princeton, New Jersey

> > August 8, 1988

Dr. Kurt Gödel Himmelgasse 45 Vienna XIX, Germany

My dear Dr. Gödel:

Dr. Flexner and Professor Veblen have asked me to write to you regarding your recent request.

We can prepay, through any steamship company, your steamship and railway transportation, one way or round trip, the ticket being issued as from Vienna. Therefore if you will let us know on what steamship line you propose to travel, we shall be glad to deposit the necessary amount with them, this to be deducted from your stipend. I assume that you would travel tourist class on the steamship. If you wish, we shall endeavor also to arrange to have paid to you inVienna a sum not exceeding \$100,00 for other traveling expenses, this amount likewise to be deducted from your stipend. As there is an element of time involved, perhaps you would be good enough to cable your withes, stating name of steamship line, whether single or round-trip ticket, and whether or not you desire the cash. If you decided to travel on the United States line, procuring a roundtrip ticket, for example, you could achle us:

> Vanstitute Princeton New Jersey

> > United States roundtrip

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If you wish the cash, simply add the word, funcia,

Very truly years, Esther S.Bailey Secretary

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August 1, 1938

Dear Professor Veblens

At Dr. Flexner's request I have taken up with the bank and the steenship company the matter of providing funds and transportation for Dr. Gödel. I have learned that we can prepay, through any steamship company, Dr. Gödel's transportation from Vienna - both steamship and railway. The ticket would be issued as from Vienna.

The Princeton Bank & Trust Company was unable to tell me safely offhand whether we could/send fundsinto Austria, but I learned from the Corn Exchange Bank in New York that they cannot issue foreign drafts on Austria, but they can arrange by mail or cable to have funds paid in Vienna. So far as they know it is a safe procedure.

I wonder if you feel that we should send Dr. Gödel some funds in addition to providing steamship and railway transportation. I have not written to him, but an transmitting this information to Mrs. Bailey, who will handle the matter. Won't you please drop her a note, to Cape Vincent, New York, telling her what you think we should do?

Sincerely yours,

Professor Oswald Veblen Brooklin, Hancook County Maine MARIE C. EICHILGER

* The suggestion of sending a smaller amount for incidental expenses is Professor Veblen's not mine. I am not at all sure about the advisability of sending any money into Austria.

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Dear Dr. Flexner:

At the meeting of the Building Committee in New York yesterday we first heard from Mr. Maass a statement of the amount available for the building, namely, \$300,000, and all agreed that we should rigorously stay within this limitation. After this we looked over a new set of plans which have been submitted by York and Sawyer, which seemed, to me at least, quite unsuitable. It is another corridor-type of building. We then discussed the question of whether Larson would work well under the strict financial conditions. I reported that I had looked at some of his buildings at Hanover, which were built extremely cheaply and seemed to me to be very satisfactory, and I expressed the opinion that he would be enthusiastically interested in the problem of providing the Institute a suitable building within the prescribed limitations. It was decided to invite him to another meeting next Monday and he accepted over the telephone.

It is no surprise to me either that we will have to make a number of reductions in our requirements. I hope, however, that we will not be forced to make any which really affect the character of the Institute. I believe I am inclined to attach more importance to the effect of physical environment than you are, and I really think that in this particular instance there is much to be said for my point of view.

I saw the article in the <u>Manchester Guardian</u>, to which you referred, and I can only say that I think you must have been very much gratified by it.

I took advantage of being in New York to go and see Mr. Galpin of the C.R.B. Educational Foundation and was much pleased to find that they are actively interested in having Professor Rosenfeld come to Princeton along with Professor Bohr. On Mr. Galpin's suggestion I am writing to Bohr to suggest that Rosenfeld should apply for one of their Advanced Fellowships. If this goes through I think it will take care of that problem.

I recently received from Gödel a letter, of which I am asking Miss Eichelser to send you a copy. From the letter you will see that Gödel now proposes to make a considerably longer stay in Princeton than he originally contemplated. You will recall that when I wrote to him I said that we Dr. Flexner

July 22, 1938

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would leave that question entirely up to him. The real problem which is raised by this letter is whether it is advisable to send him the money which he requests. Miss Eichelser suggests that it would perhaps be acceptable to Gödel if we arranged through one of the steamship companies for his passage and perhaps sent him a smaller amount for necessary incidental expenses. I wonder if you would be willing to write to Miss Eichelser and tell her what to do about the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Courant and Ernst have been staying for a week or two at a hotel a couple of miles away from our place in Maine and we have seen a good deal of them. We also had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Schoenberg and Elizabeth. Mrs. Schoenberg has by this time, I understand, sailed for Germany to help her mother with some of her affairs. Dolli didn't look at all well and it seemed rather doubtful policy to undertake so difficult a journey, but her mother was very anxious to have her come, and I suppose that it might have been as bad for her, under these circumstances, not to go as it was to undertake the strain and risk of the journey.

I believe I wrote you that Artin has been appointed to a professorship at the University of Indiana. Another item of news is that Reinhold Baer has been called to an associate professorship at the University of Illinois. I am convinced that our power of assimilation is by no means exhausted, and this power is, I think, an indication that the economic and spiritual health of this country is very much better than many of our friends are willing to admit.

Our summer in Maine has thus far been extremely pleasant. I have had a lot of uninterrupted time for mathematical work, which is not in the least impeded by the fog and rain that other people are complaining about.

I hope that you and Mrs. Flexner will enjoy your holiday to the utmost.

Very sincerely,

Oswald Viblen

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Vienna, June 28, 1938

Dear Prof. Veblen:

Many thanks for your letters. I have decided not to go to Notre Dame before Feb. 1939. So I expect to be in Princeton already at the beginning of October. This will not require any change in my program of lectures, except that I could perhaps start a little earlier (Nov. 1). I would like to lecture twice a week.

Please would it be possible for you to send me a check for \$300 (valid until Oct.) for my travelling expenses in advance? With best regards to Mrs. Veblen,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Kurt Gödel

Dear D'Flexner:

I thank you very much for your invitation of Feb. 21, which I accept gladly. I don't know yet, whether the first or second term will be more convenient for me and how it will be best to combine my visit to Princeton with a visit to Notre Dame. I shall write to Prof. Veblen in order to settle These details.

With my best regards to Mrs. Flexner Faithfully yours Kunt Gödel

Vienna 19. Himmelstrasse 43

February 21, 1958

Dear Dr. Gödel:

At the suggestion of the members of the mathematical group of the Institute for Advanced Study I have the greatest pleasure in inviting you to come to the Institute next year for either the first or the second term, whichever you prefer, at a stipend of \$2500.00. It is understood by us all that during the time you spend in America you would be free to go to Notre Dame as you choose.

I join my mathematical associates in the earnest hope that you may find it possible to accept this invitation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ARPATIAN FIENNER

Dr. Kurt Gödel Josefstädterstrasse 43 Vienna VIII, Austria

AF/MCB

COPY FOR THE INFORMATION OF DR. FLEXNER

April 23, 1938

My dear Gödel:

Your suggestion that your course of lectures here should be on the subject of the axiomatic treatment of set theory and the continuum problem, and should run for the six weeks immediately preceding the Christmas vacation, is entirely satisfactory to us here. This would mean that your lectures would begin on November 7 and end on December 17. If you desire to change this I have no doubt that this can be arranged.

I saw Menger at the meeting of the American Mathematical Society at Charlottesville, Virginia, and found that he was quite agreeable to this arrangement. I think he also will be writing to you. We all look forward with pleasure to your stay in Princeton.

Yours sincerely.

Oswald Veblen

Dr. Kurt Gödel Himmelgasse 45 Vlenna XIX, Austria OV:GB

COPY FOR DR. FLEXNER'S FILE

November 1, 1937

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My dear Gödel:

I spent the summer in the West, and on my way back to Princeton I stopped off at Notre Dame and visited Menger. He told me about the invitation which had been sent to you by the University of Notre Dame. At that time they had not received an answer from you. When I returned to Princeton I met von Heumann, who teld me about his visit to you last He said that you had indicated that you might be pleased to re-SUMMOR'S ceive an invitation from the Institute for Advanced Study. We have talked this matter over with our colleagues and with Dr. Plemer, and find that because one of the man who had received a stipend from the Institute has resigned, it would be possible to invite you for a few lectures during the present year. But unfortunately the total amount of money which we still have available for the academic year 1937-8 is only \$1500. We should 11ke to give the invitation in the form which would be most satisfactory to you in the circumstances. Perhaps the best plan would be this: that we should invite you to give something like five or ten lectures in Frinceton on the Continuum Problem, at any time during our present ecademic year which is convenient for you, Acceptance of this invitation would leave you entirely free to accept one from Notre Dame or any other university. You could, indeed, if you wished, regard the visit to Princeton as insidental to a more extensive stay in Notro Damas. I have talked about Wis matter with Menger, who is visiting Princeton at the present time, and he tells me that they will take the same point of view that we do, " that you chould be entirely free to arrange matters as you wish.

It would be a great pleasure to me personally to see you again and to hear about your latest results. I hope that you will embody them in your lestures here.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Hurt Oddel Josefstädterstrasse 45 Vienna VIII, Austria OV:GB

Oguald Veblen

September 26, 1953

Dear Edgar:

Thank you for your kind note of September 25. I am enclosing a letter to the immigration authorities, which you may use when you meet Professor Gödel. Meanwhile, this morning comes the following cable from Professor Gödel:

"HAD TO POSTPONE DEPARTURE ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS ARRIVING ON AQUITANIA OCTOBER 6",

so that you will not have to meet the Berengaria, but I should be grateful if you will meet the Aquitania when it docks.

Mrs. Bailey has made note of the fact that you will attend the meeting October 9.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

ANRAHAN FLEXNER

Mr. Edgar S. Bamberger 131 Market Street Newark, N.J. AF:GB - E

September 26, 1933

Gentlemen:

This note will be presented by Mr. Edgar S. Bamberger, a trustee of the Institute for Advanced Study, endowed by Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld, and located at Princeton, N.J. Mr. Bamberger is hereby authorized to sign a \$500 bond for Dr. Kurt Gödel who comes to the Institute from Vienna for the purpose of spending a year in advanced work in the subject of mathematics, should such bond be required.

Respectfully,

Director

Immigration Authorities Port of New York AF: GB

> EDGAR S.BAMBERGER 131 MARKET STREET NEWARE, N.J.

> > September 25 1933

Dr. Abraham Flexner 20 Nassau Street Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Doctor:

I have been informed that I will be requested to sign a \$500.00 bond when Kurt Gödel arrives here on Friday next. I assume you wish me to sign that bond in the name of the Institute for Advanced Study, per myself. It is possible that a letter may be needed from you indicating that I have that authority.

May I at the same time acknowledge a call for the meeting Monday, October 9th at the Uptown Club in New York City. I have placed that date on my calendar.

With kindest regards.

Yours most sincere

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September 25, 1933

Dear Edgar:

Many thanks for your very kind note of September 23. I hope that the Berengaria will dock at a reasonable hour. If it should dock too late for you, perhaps you could send someone from your office to lock after Dr. Gödel and his bond if such is required. I was in Washington Saturday and was told by the Immigration Department that a bond is optional with the immigration authorities.

I am very happy to learn that Jane is a joyous Freshman at Wheaton. Best wishes to her, you and your wife. As for the "rain check", it is good any time that you and your wife want to motor down to Princeton, even on a Sunday. Just let me know in advance.

With deep appreciation of your ready and constant co-

Sincerely yours,

AMPAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Edgar S. Bamberger 131 Market Street Newark, N.J. AF:GB



EDGAR S. BAMBERGER 131 MARKET STREET NEWARK.N.J.

> September 23 1933

Dr. Abraham L. Flexner 20 Nassau Street . Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Doctor:

I have your letter regarding Dr. Kurt Godel arriving on the Berengaria on September 29th. I, of course, will comply with your request, with the sincere hope that the Berengaria does not land too late in the afternoon.

I have a meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce, of which I happen to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at 6:30 that evening.

I will arrange all details regarding his bond, etc, and hope to land him safely in Princeton.

I am really delighted that I can be of some assistance to the Institute, no matter how humble.

It may interest you to know that my second daughter, Jane, is now a joyous Freshman at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts. Again, thank you for your good offices in her behalf.

Yours most sincerely M In case I am make to see per vær offices at Princeton on the 29th, I hope you Will give me a"nain Suck"

September 22, 1933

Dear Edgar:

One of our foreign students, Dr. Kurt Gödel of Vienna, is due September 29 on the S.S. Berengaria. I imagine that he will travel second or third class. I am enclosing come correspondence which I had with him in August. I do not know what this security of \$500.00 means, but I wonder if you would be willing to step into the breach, meeting Professor Gödel and being prepared to give such bond for him, if it is necessary. You could then either motor him to Hewark to put him on the train with instructions to change at Princeton Junction or bring him to Princeton, if you would like to see the new offices as well as the Director, who would be very glad to see you and very grateful to you for your help. You can make inquiry as to when the boat will dock.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

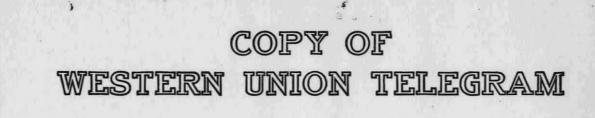
Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. Edgar S. Banberger 131 Market Street Newark, New Jersey

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December 3, 1935

Dr. Rudolf Goedel Josefstaedterstrasse 43 Vienna VIII (Austria)

Returning on account of health your brother arrives Havre December seven

via steamer Champlain

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Charge Institute for Advanced Study

November 27, 1935

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Dr. Kurt <u>Gödel</u> of Vienna, Austria, received a stipend from the Institute for Advanced Study to enable him to study at itsSchool of Mathematics during 1935. During his visit to the United States Dr. Gödel has rendered no services for pay.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY Assistant Secretary

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November 21, 1935

Dear Dr. Gödel:

I have given careful and sympathetic consideration to our conversation of yesterday. The correspondence shows that a grant of \$2,000 was made to you for a half year or more. You were present when the term opened at the beginning of October, and your resignation is dated November 17, 1935. Leaving aside the fact that the second term does not begin until January 14, 1936, it seems to me that I have no authority to authorize payment of more than one-half the stipend above mentioned. Inasmuch as you have already received \$520, Mrs. Bailey will immediately make a requisition for \$480. I assume that you will leave with Miss Blake your forwarding address. The check will be so drawn that it can be used in this country or abroad.

I deeply regret that your health has been unsatisfactory. I hope that you will make a complete and prompt recovery and that you may be able to resume your important scientific activities. In this wish all your friends and colleagues at the Institute will most heartily join.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Kurt Gödel 23 Madison Street Princeton, New Jersey

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF: ESB

March 7, 1934

Dear Dr. Codel:

At the suggestion of the members of the School of Mathematics I have pleasure in informing you that the sum of \$2,000 will be put at your disposal by the Institute for Advanced Study as a grant-inwaid for a helf year or more during the academic year, 1934-1935.

It has been a great pleasure to have

you with us this year, and I hope that you can come again next year.

With all good wishes,

ARBAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Kurt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Avenue Princeton, New Jersey

AF: ESB

See march 7, 1934

May 11, 1934

Dr. Kurt Gödel Fine Hall Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Gedels

I have pleasure in informing you that usen the recommendation of the Faculty of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study a grant-in-aid of a sum not to exceed \$2,000 has been made to you for the academic year, 1934-1935.

Sincerely yours.

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF: ERB

November 23, 1935

Dr. Kurt <u>Gidel</u> 23 Madison Street Princeton, New Jersey

Hy dear Dr. Gödel:

I am sending you herewith Cashier's Check, National Newark & Essex Banking Co., No. 99883, drawn to your order for \$480.00, the balance due you on your grant from the Institute for Advanced Study for 1935-1936.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY Assistant Secretary

November 18, 1935

Dear Dr. Gödel:

I am extremely sorry indeed to receive your note of November 17. I was under the impression that your health had greatly improved, for you certainly looked much better than when you came to Princeton two years ago. I hope very much that you will come to see me tomorrow, if possible, or Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Bailey will make a definite appointment if you will ask Miss Blake to telephone her.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Kurt Gödel 23 Madison Street Princeton, New Jersey

AF: ESB

Dear D'Flexner:

I wish to inform you that on account of my very poor state of health I have to resign my position at the Institute for Advanced Study

Faithfully yours

D' Kmt Goold

> Canada August 22, 1935

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Dear Dr. Gdel:

I have just received your note of /ugust 1, and I am delighted that you have ouite recovered your health. I am asking the Treasurer of the Institute to enclose in this letter a draft for 150.00 for your traveling expenses to imerica to enable you to pursue your mathematical studies at the Institute.

The /merican summer has been a hot one, but with the exception of a few days we have been delightfully confortable here in our summer camp in the Canadian woods.

re. Flexner joins me in warmest gratings and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Furt Gödel Josefet#dterstrasse 43 Tienna VIII, Austria

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

June Barley H Dear D' Flexner:

I have now been in my normal state of health for some months and an looking forward with pleasure to being in Princeton for the next Term. Please, would it be possible to send me \$ 150 for the traveling expenses in advance? I expect to arrive in New York at the end of September on the "Georgic" or on the "President Roosevelt"

I hope, you are enjoying a nice summer and an with kindest regards to you and Mrs Flexner

Faith fully yours Kint Goold

August 12, 1985

Dear Doctor Gödel:

Your letter of August 1 to Dr. Flexner has been received in his absence, and also Mrs. Bailey's, for vacation, and has therefore come to me. I think Mrs. Bailey will return within the next couple weeks, and I hope that will give time enough for her to attend to your request.

Looking forward to seeing you again this fall,

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Sincerely yours,

q:id,

Dr. Kurt Gödel Josefstädterstrasse 43 Vienna VIII, Austria

Dear D^a Flexner:

I am very sorry I cannot come to Princeton for the next term. I have been ill this summer and have not yet completely recovered. I write to Prof. Veblen in more detail and hope, That a postponement until anturn will be possible. Best regards and all good wishes for a happy New year to you and Mrs Flexner Faithfully yours Vint yoold

K. gödel

Jamuary 17, 1935

Dear Professor Gödel:

I am very deeply concerned to learn that you have been ill and have not yet made a complete recovery, and that in consequence your visit to Princeton will have to be postponed. I hope very much that you will take the best possible care of yourself and that you may shortly be able to write me that you have completely recovered.

Mrs. Flexner joins me in warmest greetings and all good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ARRAHAM FLEXNER

Professor Kurt Gödel Josefstädterstrasse 45 Wien VIII, Austria

AF/MCE

Princeton, New Jersey

August 31, 1934

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

Hy dear Dr. Godels

I send you herewith the Institute's check for \$208.33, the final payment on your grant-in-aid for 1933-1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BALEY Assistant Secretary

Princeton, New Jersey

July 31, 1934

Dr. Furt Gödel Fine Hall Princeton, F. J.

My dear Dr. Godel:

I send you herewith the Institute's check for \$208.33, your grant-in-aid for the month of July, 1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BALLEY

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June 30, 1934

Dr. Kurt Gödel Josephstädterstrasse 43 Vienna 8, Austria

My dear Dr. Godel:

I am sending you herewith the Institute's check for \$208.54, your grant-in-aid for the month of June 1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER 8. BALLEY

Princeton, New Jersey

May 25, 1934

Dr. Turt Gödel

Princeton, New Jersey

Hy dear Dr. Godel:

I am sending you herewith the

Institute's check for \$458.33, made up as follows:

Very truly yours,

EOTHER S. BAILEY

April 27, 1934

Dr. Kurt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Street Princeton, New Jersey

Hy dear Dr. Godels

I am sending you herewith the Institute's check for \$208.33, your grantin-aid for the month of April 1934.

Very truly yours,

March 30, 1934

Dr. Kurt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Avenue Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Godels

I am sending you herewith the Institute's check for \$208.34, which represents your grant-in-aid for the month of March, 1934.

Very truly yours.

ESTHER S. BAILEY

February 27, 1934

Dr. Euri Gödel 32 Vandsventer Avenue Princeton, New Jersey

Hy dear Dr. Godels

I send you herewith check of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$208.33, your grant-in-aid for the month of February 1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

January 26, 1934

Dr. Kurt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Avenue Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Gödel:

I am sending you herewith check of The Institute for Advanced Study for \$208.33, which represents grant-in-aid to you for the month of January 1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY Assistant Secretary

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December 23, 1933

Dr. Kurt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Avenue Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Godel:

I am sending you herewith check of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$208.34, your grant-in-aid for the month of December 1933.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. SALET Assistant Secretary

November 27, 1933

Dr. Furt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Avenue Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Godel:

I am sending you herewith check of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$208.33, which represents grant-in-aid to you for the month of November, 1933.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

October 31, 1933

Dr. Kurt Gödel 32 Vandeventer Avenue Princeton, H. J.

My dear Dr. G6del:

I am sending to you herewith check of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$208.33, which represents your grant-in-aid from the Institute for the month of October, 1933.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY Assistant Secretary

October 6, 1933

Dr. Furt Gödel School of Mathematics Fine Hall Princeton, H. J.

My dear Dr. Gödel:

I am sending you herewith the check of the Institute for Advanced Study for \$208.34, which represents the September 1933 payment on account of grant in aid to you for 1933-1934.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILET

April 28, 1934

TO THOM IT MAY CONTRANS

This is to certify that Dr. Kurt Gödel, an Austrian citizen, received a stipend from the Institute for Advanced Study to enable him to study in its School of Mathematics during the academic year 1933-1934. During his visit to the United States Dr. Obdel has rendered no services for pay.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Dear Mrs Bailey,

I received your letter of October 6 with The check for \$ 208.34 and Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours

D' Kunt Göold

Princeton, October 7, 1933.



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PROFESSOR FLEXNER

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=VANSTITUTE PRINCETONNJ=

RECEIVED LETTER WITH DRAFT FOR DOLLAR 150 ARRIVING ON BERENGARIA SEPTEMBER 29 GOEDEL.



Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

August 31, 1933

Dear Dr. Gödel:

Thank you for your letter of the second. If you will let me know on what boat you are sailing on and the date it is due in New York, I shall see to it that you are met and taken care of in connection with the \$500 security that may be demanded.

I send you herewith draft on New York bank for \$150 for your traveling expenses from Vienna to New York.

Kindly address me to 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J., as I have now left Canada.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Kurt Gödel Josephstaetterstrasse 43 Wien 8, Austria

AF: ESB

Josephstädterstrasse 43

Dear Professor Flexner: I thank you very much for your kind letter of July 13. My Travelling expenses from Vienna to New-york will amount to \$ 150. At the American Consulte I have been Told, That the immigration-office might demand of me a security of \$ 500 on my londing and I would by you, to write me, what I should do in This cuse.

Faithfully yours, Kunt goold

July 13, 1933

Dear Professor Gödel:

Won't you write me immediately

to the following address, where I am spending the summer -

Magnetawan via Burks Falls Ontario, Canada

and let me know the cost of your transportation from Vienna to Princeton? I will send you a draft for the requisite amount as promptly as I can after hearing

from you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Herrn Professor Kurt Gödel Josephstaetterstrasse 43 . Wien 8, Austria ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

March 31, 1933 Kurt gjödel

Dear Professor Flexner:

I thank you very much for your kind letter of February 6, offering me a position for the year 1933-1934 I have a great pleasure in accepting it and taking part for a year in the scientific work at the Institute for Advanced Itudy. For further details I have written to Professor Vebler. Looking forward with interest to your further heros I am

hurt Goold

February 6, 1933

Dear Professor Gedel:

At the suggestion of Professor Veblen, the Institute for Advanced Study has made a grant of \$2,500 to you for the year 1933-1934 with an additional sum not to exceed \$500 for your traveling expenses. Nork will begin in Princeton October 1, 1933, and you will receive your remuneration in twelve equal monthly installments beginning at the end of October. It will be a great pleasure to welcome you to the small group who will work in the Schoel of Nathematics.

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Herrn Professor Gödel Josephstaetterstrasse 43 Vien 8. Austria

AF: ESB