

December 3, 1940

Dear Weaver:

Many thanks for your very thoughtful and suggestive letter. I am eager to talk with you, since I have some questions I want to ask you over and above the suggestions you have made. If the busy life you are leading ever gives you a moment free to come down to Princeton or to see me in New York, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
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FA/MCE

*Interview*

## THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

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### THE NATURAL SCIENCES

WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

December 2, 1940.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I was very much interested in the important questions, concerning the further development of the Institute, which you raised when you were in the office on October 28th, and I would not like to have you think that I have forgotten my promise to talk with you again. The fact is, however, that the Defense Research job which I have taken on is now demanding practically all of my time. I am getting rather less than one day a week in which I can attempt to keep in touch with what is going on in the Division of Natural Sciences of The Rockefeller Foundation. And the necessity of being out of town most of the time, and working evenings and Sundays, is such that I have had to cross my family and friends off the list for the time being.

There is no break in this schedule during the next couple of months; but I surely hope that I can talk with you again. Once or twice in odd moments on the train, I have had a chance to think about the possibility that the Institute specifically recognize an interest in the theory of probability. As you doubtless know, there is practically no branch of higher mathematics which does not connect with this subject in an important way; so there would be many tie-ups with your existing strength. The importance of this field for modern theories of physics and chemistry is obvious. I am not one of the great enthusiasts for the attempt, at this stage, to apply much detailed and quantitative mathematical analysis to the social sciences; but it nevertheless seems likely that any such application must necessarily involve probability considerations. My real enthusiasm for the field of probability, however, derives from its deeper and more fundamental significance, -- its application to theories of knowledge, its intimate relationship with the develop-

Dr. Frank Aydelotte

December 2, 1940.

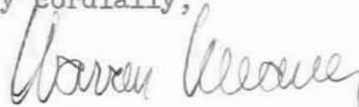
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ment of many valued logics, its connection with the logical foundations of science, etc. Viewed in this way, the subject ramifies widely out into fields which would otherwise be thought of as logic and philosophy.

As a practical point of some interest, there were important developments of this sort going on at various points in Europe, practically all of which have now been disrupted. Therefore I would suspect that it would be relatively easy to get hold of first-rate personnel.

These remarks are necessarily fragmentary and casual, and I hope that we will later have an opportunity to talk them over at proper leisure.

Very cordially,



Warren Weaver.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton  
New Jersey

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October 25, 1940

Dear Weaver:

I am going to be in New York on Monday, the 28th, and want very much to get your advice on a matter which I was discussing with Joe Willits the other day. I have a luncheon meeting with the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars and could come to see you any time that you were free during the afternoon. About three o'clock would suit me best if that were convenient for you.

There will not be time for you to answer this by mail, but I shall telephone you when I get to New York to ask for an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

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Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City

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May 10, 1940

Mr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City

My dear Mr. Weaver:

At Dr. Aydelotte's request, I am  
sending you herewith copy of a letter which he  
has written to Professor Bohr and copy of a  
cablegram sent today to Professor Pauli.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSER

Secretary to Dr. Aydelotte

December 21, 1938

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Weaver:

Your letter of December 19 to Dr. Flexner  
has come during his absence from Princeton. I shall  
bring it to his attention as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Secretary

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December 19, 1938.

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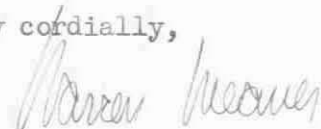
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I suppose that your note of November 22nd has been effectively answered by subsequent conversations with Veblen. It does, however, contain one question on which I have not commented directly to you. I do not think it at all probable that a journal of mathematical abstracts could become self-supporting within a short time. I cannot give any very convincing reply to the observation that Springer would hardly have published it for so many years at a loss; but any calculations which I have so far made or seen indicate a probable gap between subscription income and costs. It seems reasonably clear that this gap would not exceed \$15,000 annually, and it might very easily be reduced to two-thirds of this. I would be greatly surprised if it ever got down as low as one-third of this figure.

Very cordially,



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

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November 22, 1938

Dear Dr. Weaver:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Veblen. I shall not try to comment on it until you have had a chance to talk with Veblen sometime during the week of the twenty-eighth. This much, however, I should like to ask, namely, as to whether a journal of mathematical abstracts could not count upon being self-supporting in a very short time, for there must be an immense demand for it. I hardly believe that Springer would have continued publishing it in Berlin for so many years had the publication been a losing venture.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

November 21, 1938.

THE NATURAL SCIENCES

WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am sorry that I missed you the other day, for it is always a real pleasure to see you.

I have just had a note from Professor Veblen, and perhaps my reply to him, a copy of which I enclose, will serve to indicate to you our probable attitude in this situation.

Very cordially,

*Warren Weaver*

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

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION  
49 WEST 49TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 21, 1938.

Dear Veblen:

Notes from Archibald and from Flexner arrived on the same day with yours. If Neugebauer were to come to this country as a result of the insulting conditions which have been imposed upon him by the German publishers, I feel confident that The Rockefeller Foundation would be prepared to make some contribution toward his salary during the first two or even three years. You probably know that our normal procedure has been to furnish one-half of \$4,000; and, in cases where our aid has extended more than two years, we have usually done this on a tapering basis, starting out with something more than half and ending up with something less than half. At the present time, moreover, we are restricting such aid to cases in which there is satisfactorily clear evidence that the new position of the scholar in question is permanent.

Any question of aid to the Zentralblatt or to a new American mathematical abstracting journal would, I fear, present very much more serious difficulties. Such aid would, in the first place, lie wholly outside of our present special interests. This of itself is not an insurmountable handicap since we do handle a small number of exceptional items. But our experience in the field of scientific publications in general, and in the field of abstracting in particular, has been so disappointing that there is a very special burden of proof against assistance in that category.

In spite of these discouraging remarks, I would be delighted to discuss the situation with you. This week is going to be a very busy one for me, but I am relatively free on the week beginning November 28th, if you would like to suggest a time convenient to yourself.

Very cordially,

Professor Oswald Veblen,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

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WARREN WEAVER



November 17, 1938

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I made inquiry about you yesterday after seeing Fosdick and was told that you had gone to luncheon.

You doubtless know that Levi-Civita and Neugebauer have both withdrawn from the editorial board of Neugebauer's journal. Other resignations will follow and the journal will be destroyed unless it can be brought to America, where I think the future of all these publications lies. I have only this morning been discussing with Professor Meritt the transfer of the publication of Hesperia, published by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, from Vienna to the United States, and I believe that it can be arranged.

Perhaps you could indicate in a note or over the telephone the extent of your interest in Neugebauer personally and in his journal.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
New York City

November 10, 1938

Dear Weaver:

I have been told by one of the mathematicians here that you are interested in Neugebauer. I am going to be at the Foundation on Tuesday next, for I have an appointment with Mr. Fosdick at 12:15. If the information which I have given you above is correct, I will drop in for a moment to see you, but I don't want to consume your time needlessly.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

AF:ESB

July 20, 1938

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Weaver:

Your letter of July 15 has come  
while Dr. Flexner is away on his summer holiday.  
I shall, however, bring it to his attention at  
the first opportunity, and I am sure he will be  
delighted to know that the grant for the  
Institut Henri Poincare has been approved.

Very truly yours,

MARIE C. EICHELSEER

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

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WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

July 15, 1938.

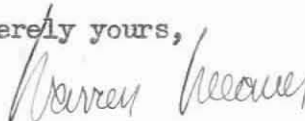
Dear Dr. Flexner:

I know that when you were in Paris Tisdale told you about the proposed recommendation of a grant of \$3,000 over three years for the Institut Henri Poincaré, to enable them to invite distinguished scientists from overseas to appear before their seminars. I believe you will be pleased to hear that this recommendation has recently been approved.

I appreciated your keeping the matter in mind when you were in Europe and was glad to have your letter on the subject.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,



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

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April 22, 1938

Warren Weaver  
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Your information is correct Will meet you Monday morning Princeton Junction  
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Abraham Flexner

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# THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

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April 21, 1938.

THE NATURAL SCIENCES

WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Thank you for your note of the 15th. It is most kind of you to offer to meet me at the Junction and to invite me to luncheon. I am very happy to accept the former offer, but am sorry that I am tied up for luncheon.

There is a mild confusion about the times of trains on Monday morning, on account of the change to daylight saving time in some localities. Unless our researches have been in vain, the train on which I will come arrives at Princeton Junction at 10:34 daylight saving time. The matter that I want to discuss with you will not take more than a few minutes, so that we will have ample time before I need to go to my luncheon engagement.

I am also afraid that it will not be possible to have tea at Fine Hall late in the afternoon, much as I would like to do so.

Very cordially,

Warren Weaver  
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Dr. Abraham Flexner,  
Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

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April 15, 1938

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I have your note of the twelfth, and I shall be delighted to have you visit Princeton on Monday, April 25. The end of the morning will suit me perfectly. I suggest that you come to Princeton on any train that is convenient to you, letting me know in advance so that I can meet you with a motor at Princeton Junction. We will then drive over to the Princeton Inn where we can chat and have lunch together. I wish you could stay in Princeton as late as a quarter to five so that after your appointment with Professor Taylor you might go over to Fine Hall and have tea with the mathematicians and physicists - a function that takes place daily about a quarter past four - and throws a good deal of light on the way the Institute and the University coöperate.

Looking forward with great pleasure to your visit, I am, with best wishes,

Always sincerely,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
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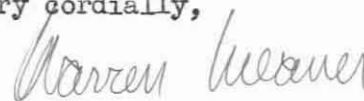
FRANK BLAIR HANSON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I am planning to stop over in Princeton for a few hours on Monday, the 25th of April, on my way to Washington. We have before us a tentative request from Professor Borel of the Poincaré Institut in Paris, and I would greatly appreciate the chance to talk with you and get your advice about this proposal.

If the latter part of the morning would be convenient for you, that would probably work out particularly well for me. I would then spend the afternoon with Professor Taylor and some of his colleagues in chemistry, leaving Princeton about four o'clock. On the other hand, if your morning is full but you could conveniently give me a half hour sometime in the afternoon, I am sure I could arrange that.

Very cordially,



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

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April 21, 1934

Dear Mr. Weaver:

I am sending you enclosed a time table.

If you will let me know when you are expecting to arrive at Princeton on Friday next, I shall be very happy to meet you at the station. Fräulein Noether will be in Princeton on that day and is lunching with us. Perhaps you can come in time to join us.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
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April 6, 1934

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I have your note of the fifth. Friday, April 27, will suit me perfectly, and I hope very much that you can bring Dr. Mason with you. I am enclosing a time-table. If you will let me know when you are arriving, I shall meet you at the station.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
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THE NATURAL SCIENCES  
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

April 5, 1934

Dear Mr. Flexner:

Friday, April 27, now appears to be a good time for my visit to the Institute. I shall tentatively plan on that day, if it meets with your convenience; and shall be very glad to see if Mr. Mason will find it possible to come along.

Very cordially,

*Warren Weaver*

Mr. Abraham Flexner  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, N.J.

WW:PH



April 4, 1934

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I have your kind note of the 3rd. You will find things here in full blast during the week of April 16th or the week of April 23rd, and, of course, the same would be true of Friday of this week. I really think that you would find the visit worth your while. Send me a line or telegram and I shall meet you at Princeton station. I hope Dr. Mason can come along.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City  
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THE NATURAL SCIENCES  
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

April 3, 1934

Dear Mr. Flexner:

It is very kind of you to suggest our coming over to Princeton for lunch and for an opportunity to make contacts with the mathematical group. I shall send your letter along to Mr. Mason.

Our spring meeting of the trustees comes next week, and I am pretty well engaged for the next two and a half weeks. I wonder, however, if sometime late in the week of April 16 or April 23 would suit your convenience? It may be that your group will be disbanded by that time, in which case I would make a strenuous effort to find an earlier date for my visit. There is just a chance that I could come on Friday of this week, if it would be convenient for you.

Very cordially,

*Warren Weaver*

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

WW:PH

November 9, 1933

Miss Paula Hagemeister  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City

My dear Miss Hagemeister:

I desire to thank you for your letter  
of the sixth to Dr. Flexner regarding the Cambridge-  
Courant negotiations. This will receive his at-  
tention upon his return next week.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY  
Assistant Secretary

Warren

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE NATURAL SCIENCES  
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

November 6, 1933

My dear Sir:

Mr. Weaver, who is away from the office at the moment, has asked me to send you the following information concerning the Cambridge-Courant negotiations.

At the time of the appropriation of £400 by the Foundation, the University's share of £350 to £400 was to be drawn from the Jewish Relief Fund (£200 and possibly £50 additional) and from the Faculty Board of Mathematics (£150). Difficulties arose, however, because of a difference of opinion as to the salary offered; the Jewish Relief Fund apparently disapproved of the amount of salary proposed for Courant and decided to grant £100 to Cambridge. The Academic Assistance Council, evidently similarly minded, declined a request for the necessary £100 remaining to be secured. The Cambridge authorities then decided to approach the Faculty Board of Mathematics to increase its contribution by £100. We are now informed by our Paris officer that Cambridge has reported the collection of £350 and that the Foundation's grant of £400 has therefore been released.

Yours truly,

*Paula Hagemester*

Secretary to Mr. Weaver

Mr. Abraham Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N.J.

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October 24, 1933

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Athenaeum  
California Institute of Technology  
Pasadena, California

Please wire me collect whether you received any  
encouragement at Berkeley regarding Courant      Warmest greetings

Abraham Flexner

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# THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE NATURAL SCIENCES  
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

October 5, 1933

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I have your note of October 3. Unfortunately I am leaving New York Sunday, October 8, and will be away for something over a month.

Since I wrote the letter of September 30, I have received from the Paris office a memorandum from Prof. Jones which contains the following statements:

"Action has just been taken concerning the appointment of Prof. R. Courant to Cambridge and notification has been sent to Vice-Chancellor Spens. Copies of the recommendation are being sent to New York with this mail."

"I have received a letter of September 23 from Harald Bohr concerning the case of Prof. Otto Neugebauer. From Bohr's letter of September 11th (copy attached) you will see that he has secured a contribution of 10,800 Kr. from the Rask-Orsted Foundation, which represents the appropriation of this Foundation towards the salary of Prof. Neugebauer for a period of three years. The official sanction of the University of Copenhagen for the invitation of Prof. Neugebauer was taken at the meeting of the Senate of the University on September 20. I shall at once prepare the resolution setting up for a period of three years a sum which will probably be slightly in excess of \$4,000, since at the present rate of exchange a sufficient sum should be set up to provide between 10,000 and 11,000 Kr. for Prof. Neugebauer. This case, therefore, I consider to be definitely settled."

This information seems to indicate that both of these cases are definitely settled, so far as the Foundation is concerned.

Very sincerely,

*Warren Weaver*

Mr. Abraham Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N.J.

WW:PH

October 3, 1933

Dear Dr. Weaver;

Thank you for your kind note of September 30.

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute

on Monday. It will doubtless be over by three o'clock.

If you have no objection, I will come up to see you after-

wards and let you know how the Courant matter stands

at that time. I can appreciate your desire not to

have the sum tied up, and I will do everything in my

power to facilitate action.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
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October 3, 1933

Dear Dr. Weaver:

Thank you for your kind note of September 30.

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the Institute on Monday. It will doubtless be over by three o'clock.

If you have no objection, I will come up to see you afterwards and let you know how the Courant matter stands at that time. I can appreciate your desire not to have the sum tied up, and I will do everything in my power to facilitate action.

Very sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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49 West 49th Street  
New York City

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# THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE NATURAL SCIENCES  
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

September 30, 1933

Dear Mr. Flexner:

In connection with commitments under the special fund set up by the Foundation to aid deposed German scholars, I have been carrying an item of \$3,000 to protect the possibility that Courant would accept the proposal to come to the Institute for Advanced Study. You will understand that this commitment, while it has not gone through the formal process of becoming an appropriation, nevertheless restrains the division from making a commitment, formal or informal, in other possible cases. We now have before us applications for assistance which, in total amount, considerably exceed the available funds. If, therefore, it seems to you reasonably clear that the Institute for Advanced Study is not likely to conclude arrangements, for this year, with either Courant or Neugebauer, it would be a considerable convenience to me if we were to mutually agree that this informal commitment of \$3,000 be released.

As I think I have indicated to you before, a recommendation from the officers to the Executive Committee for a supplementary appropriation is presently to be made, and there is every reason to believe that this will be approved. The release of this commitment, therefore, would not interfere with the possibility of your later making alternative suggestions, if any such prove advisable.

Mr. Abraham Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N.J.

Very cordially,  
*Warren Weaver*

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September 26, 1933

Dear Doctor Weaver:

Thank you very much for your kind note of September 25 containing the information which Professor Jones sent regarding Courant and Neugebauer. The two solutions that seem possible are unquestionably superior to anything we are able to offer either of these men.

Recently I have heard from a German professor who has been pensioned - a Christian whose great-grandfather was a Jew - that pensioned German professors who leave the country to accept posts for a year are in danger of losing their pensions. I do not know whether or not this is true, but if so it makes acceptance of a post for one year a dubious advantage.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

**ABRAHAM FLEXNER**

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City  
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Weaver

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

THE NATURAL SCIENCES  
WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

September 25, 1933

Dear Mr. Flexner:

I have just had a memorandum from Prof. Jones which somewhat expands the information concerning Courant and Neugebauer. In this memorandum, Prof. Jones states:

"You will see from Courant's note of Sept. 5 which I enclosed in my letter No. 26 (Sept. 13) that he has been approached by Cambridge and expects to receive a more definite offer. Furthermore, that he would be glad to go to Cambridge.

"The present uncertainty in the case lies in the fact that the officers in Cambridge, apparently, have not yet secured definite pledges of sums which they think adequate as a contribution from Cambridge towards the salary of Courant. You will see from my letter to the Vice-Chancellor of August 16, 1933, that I suggest a recommendation to the RF of a sum of £400 to meet an equal contribution on the part of Cambridge, since Vice-Chancellor Spens himself has emphasized the fact that the minimum salary for a professor with family in Cambridge is £800 a year."

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"As to Neugebauer, you will see from my letter to Harald Bohr of September 1, 1933, that a very definite request has been made by Harald Bohr. My letter merely inquires concerning the total salary considered as suitable for Neugebauer by the Danish group. I have every reason to believe that in the course of a few days, Harald Bohr will send me a definite request, which I have suggested should be officially sanctioned by the authorities of the University of Copenhagen. My

Mr. A. Flexner

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proposal in the letter to Harald Bohr was to the effect that I stood ready to make a recommendation of \$4,000 towards the salary of Neugebauer for a period of three years. It was my intention to give this sum in three unequal parts, so that our appropriation would taper."

I judge from this that it is reasonably certain that both Courant and Neugebauer will be taken care of in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

*Warren Weaver*

Mr. A. Flexner  
20 Nassau Street  
Princeton, N.J.

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150 East 72nd Street  
New York City

September 15, 1933

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I have your kind favor of the 12th quoting Professor Jones' cablegram. It was delayed in reaching me because it was addressed to 150 East 70th Street instead of 150 East 72nd Street. Please let your secretary make this correction in her mailing list. My permanent address after Wednesday next will be 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J.

I have wired Bohr that we can arrange a one-year appointment for Courant here at \$6,000 salary, half of his time to be spent in Princeton, the other half at some other Eastern university to be selected later. I shall keep you informed of anything I hear from him.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

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WARREN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

September 12, 1933

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Following our conversation yesterday, I cabled to Prof. Jones of the Paris office of the Foundation stating that you were assuming that Courant would probably accept a call to Cambridge and that you might be interested in Neugebauer provided the latter did not accept a temporary post at Copenhagen. I have just received from Professor Jones the following cable:

"Vice Chancellor confirms call Courant one year Cambridge. Believe Neugebauer's appointment three years Copenhagen arranged."

Very cordially,

Warren Weaver

Dr. Abraham Flexner  
150 East 70th St.  
New York City

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150 East 72nd Street  
New York City

September 7, 1933

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I received some time ago from  
enclosed  
Professor Berliner the letter regarding Professor  
Max Bergmann. As I wanted an expert opinion of  
Professor Bergmann's standing, I applied to Dr. Levene  
of the Rockefeller Institute, whose answer I am enclosing.  
I wonder if there is any possibility of opening the  
question up with any of the institutions mentioned.  
I can of course do it at Princeton. I do not know  
about the others. Have you any suggestions?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
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Madison, Wisconsin  
Aug. 25, 1933

Dear Dr. Flexner:

I received your mine promptly, as well as your letter of August 21.

I expect to be in the office the fifth, sixth, and seventh of September, although it is likely that I will be at Woods Hole the eighth, ninth, and tenth. The week of the eleventh I plan, at present, to be in the office. I shall look forward with great pleasure to seeing you.

Cordially

Warren Weaver

17 W. Gilman St.

Dr. Weaver <sup>July</sup> 3 <sup>1933</sup>

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September 26, 1933

Dear Doctor Weaver:

Thank you very much for your kind note of September 25 containing the information which Professor Jones sent regarding Courant and Neugebauer. The two solutions that seem possible are unquestionably superior to anything we are able to offer either of these men.

Recently I have heard from a German professor who has been pensioned - a Christian whose great-grandfather was a Jew - that pensioned German professors who leave the country to accept posts for a year are in danger of losing their pensions. I do not know whether or not this is true, but if so it makes acceptance of a post for one year a dubious advantage.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

**ABRAHAM FLEXNER**

Dr. Warren Weaver  
The Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49th Street  
New York City  
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Magnetawan  
via Burks Falls  
Ontario, Canada  
August 21, 1933

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I am sorry to have been slow in writing you in reference to Courant. My telegram, I hope, reached you promptly and expressed my gratification as to the salary. As I recollect, Mason spoke to me on the telephone and said that the Foundation would coöperate, paying one-half up to a total of \$6,000. On that impression I proceeded, and I did not know of Duggan's scale until your telegram reached me. If Courant comes to the Institute for Advanced Study for a year, he will have to pay income taxes in both Germany and the United States, transportation, and support his family. Even on \$6,000 this will not be easy. He is a really eminent man, largely responsible for the Göttingen end of the great work which the International Education Board did there under Dr. Rose. However, I agree with you that, though this salary be paid him, in other instances we should keep step with the Duggan Committee.

I am coming to New York immediately after Labor Day and shall come to see you.

With all good wishes and high regard,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Dr. Warren Weaver  
17 West Gilmas  
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A. Flexner

Magneto

your recent letter Mason referred to me —  
Will recommend foundation Co-operation for  
one years salary Courant. — Question however  
proposes Salary American Relief Committee uniformly  
offering four thousand — Their list includes  
many eminent scholars. — Are you convinced  
wise to make exception case Courant.

Warren Weaver, Director for  
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Madison Wis.

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Princeton N.J.  
Aug 10 1933