

July 2, 1945

Miss Else Staudinger, Executive Secretary
American Committee for Refugee Scholars, Writers
and Artists
66 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Staudinger:

I am delighted to have the news about Dr.
Friedlaender and send you my warmest thanks on his
behalf. I am writing to him today.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

P. S. Dr. Friedlaender's address is 1142 Madison
Avenue, New York City

Copy to Professor Panofsky

HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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May 23, 1944

*Prof Pawlitch
for office
could we raise
10,000 for
Friedlander?*

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

Dear Aydelotte:

There is no new development in the organization for refugee scholars who are too old to qualify for any regular appointment. Four or five years ago, with the help of Fred Stein and others on the Emergency Committee, we accumulated in cash and negotiable pledges something more than a hundred thousand dollars, which we have put into a special fund under the name of the National Research Associates Fund of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars. We are spending that Fund -- capital and interest -- in paying small stipends to an original selected list of scholars whose ages exceed 58. With some actuarial help, we decided that the funds we had obtained would maintain this particular group indefinitely -- that is, serve as a stipend while they are active, and as a pension while they live. But, of course, we have not guaranteed anything to any of the scholars. I do not have the list before me, but there are some eight or nine of them. We naturally and cold-bloodedly count on some of them dying off, in the interest of the prolongation of the Fund for the benefit of those who are younger or sturdier.

In the nature of things, therefore, you can see that a death in this group does not provide an opening. Two or three times we have considered this particular problem, when we saw some special need. But the funds were raised from a number of sources on the understanding that they were, in a way, buying annuities (\$1500 to \$2000 a year) for these particular men of distinction.

When the question came as to whether or not we could include Professor Hadamard in the group, the Sub-Committee decided that if the sponsors for Hadamard would contribute \$15,000 to the National Research Associates Fund, we would take him on, on the same basis as the others. Probably the Sub-Committee and the Emergency Committee would agree to the same sort of an arrangement for Dr. Friedlaender. He is a man well known to the Committee, and highly respected. The Committee might do the same for a contribution of \$10,000, provided he can live on a \$1500 stipend.

Dr. Aydelotte

May 23, 1944

The probability of raising ten or fifteen thousand dollars for the National Research Associates Fund at this time is low. One should think of alternatives. Your plan of having the German Government maintain the exiles is excellent. Let's keep it in mind, when in two or three years we begin the repairs.

Mrs. Elsa Staudinger of the New School has been talking with me about setting up a new fund for exiled scholars; the old Emergency Committee is in the process of folding up because of the passing of the original emergency, and because several members believe there are now very few highly-meritorious cases. Perhaps during this summer that new project will take form; or the old committee may yet reorganize on a basis that could help with people like Friedlaender.

Meanwhile, I hope you worry Mr. Stephen Duggan about the Friedlaender case so that he will have in his files an indication of what our responsibilities in the immediate future may be.

For a much younger and active scholar I could get some subsistence funds from a private source; but the pensioning business is a difficult problem.

Sincerely yours,

Harlow Shapley

P.S. Our National Research Associates Fund is not decreasing too rapidly as yet; and I look with some assurance toward the distant future. But these distinguished scholars are not collaborating very well in protecting the Fund; the five of them in the Cambridge community seem to be exuberantly healthy, like the widows of extinct professors who have the calming assurance of a continuing annuity.

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June 5, 1944

Professor Harlow Shapley
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Shapley:

I appreciate warmly your kind letter of May twenty-third which I have talked over with several friends of Friedlaender. ← (Walter)
Whether it would be possible to raise \$10,000 for him, I do not know. There is just a chance, I understand, that Cook may be able to arrange some teaching for him at New York University which will tide him over a year or two. I still think that the final solution for these older refugees will be a reparations fund from defeated Germany.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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June 16, 1945

Memorandum for Miss Miller:

Here is a check which Fritz Saxl of the Warburg Institute in London handed me yesterday for the benefit of a German refugee in whom we are all interested: Dr. Friedlaender.

It is a little awkward to know just how to give this money to Dr. Friedlaender but meanwhile, I wish you would cash the check and hold the fund until Prof. Panofsky and I have a chance to consider just how we shall make use of it.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEE SCHOLARS, WRITERS AND ARTISTS

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June 29, 1945

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
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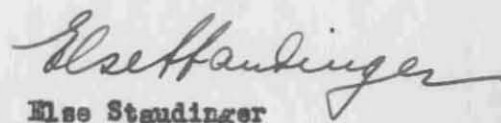
Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I am very happy to tell you that the Committee has voted a grant to Dr. Walter Friedlaender, of \$100 monthly for a period of three months to enable him to continue his book on Caravaggio.

The payment of the grant will start on September 1st. If, after the first three month period new funds are appropriated, his grant will be considered for renewal if necessary.

May I ask you to pass this information on to Dr. Friedlaender as I do not have his address. At the same time I would appreciate it very much if you would send his address to me.

Sincerely yours,


Else Staudinger

copy To Prof. Pawofsky

July 2, 1945

Dr. Walter Friedlaender
1142 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Friedlaender:

I am very happy to inform you that the American Committee for Refugee Scholars, Writers and Artists, 66 Fifth Avenue, New York City, has lately received a fund to be used for the benefit of refugee scholars in this country who need some supplement to their present incomes. The Committee receives their funds only month by month for three months at a time, consequently they cannot make commitments for a longer period. Professor Panofsky and I have recommended very strongly that you be added to the list and I am happy to say that I have this morning a letter from the Committee saying that they would be able to make an appropriation for you for \$100 per month for three months beginning September 1st, 1945. I have sent your address to Miss Else Staudinger, Executive Secretary of the Committee, but if there is any delay in the receipt of these funds, I suggest that you call on her personally. It was a great pleasure to me to recommend your name because I could not imagine any better use they could make of the funds at their disposal.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Professor Panofsky

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR EMIGRÉ SCHOLARS, WRITERS AND ARTISTS, INC.

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October 1, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I should like today to draw your attention to the problem of the further assistance to Dr. Walter Friedlander.

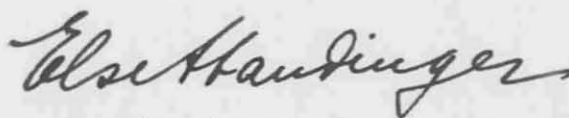
As you remember, our Committee in summer, 1945, had voted upon your suggestion a grant-in-aid to Dr. Friedlander in the amount of \$100 a month for a three-month period, starting September 1, 1945. The grant subsequently was renewed three times.

After twelve months had elapsed -- at the end of August, 1946 -- it was prolonged for a final period of two months, bringing the total running period of the grant to fourteen months. Dr. Friedlander is receiving his last monthly check today.

As I fear that Professor Friedlander cannot continue his work without such additional assistance, I feel obliged to inform you that there is no possibility of any further renewal by this Committee of his grant. I do hope, therefore, that you will be able to find other sources for the support of Dr. Friedlander's very important work.

Identical letters are being sent to Dr. Walter W. Cook and Dr. Erwin Panofsky.

Sincerely yours,



Else Staudinger

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October 3, 1946

Miss Elise Staudinger
American Committee for Emigré Scholars,
Writers and Artists, Inc.
66 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Staudinger:

I appreciate very warmly your notice of October 1st of the end of Dr. Friedlander's support from your Committee. I should like to express on behalf of the many friends of Dr. Friedlander most grateful thanks for this support which has kept a great scholar alive.

I am happy to inform you in confidence that various art historian friends of Professor Friedlander's are trying to make some plan to look after him in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Copy to Professor Panofsky

Panofsky

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INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS
17 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

March 24th 1947

TELEPHONE: BUTTERFIELD 8-2810

Dear Mr. Aydelotte

It was very thoughtful of you to remember me. The \$150 which you sent will be very useful for the continuation of my work.

My book on 'Caravaggio' is finally nearing its completion; there are incidental expenses, so that I am very glad to have this

with many thanks

your very sincerely

Walter Friedlaender

Many thanks for letting me see this!

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