

January 22, 1973

Professor Armand Borel
Department of Mathematics
Building C 204

Dear Professor Borel:

I would be grateful if you would send me, at your early convenience, a transcript or summary of your remarks at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees , held in Princeton on January 20, 1973, as you would wish them to appear in the Minutes. I am afraid that my notes are insufficient for an accurate reproduction of your presentation.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Secretary

MCM/op

January 22, 1973

Professor Harold F. Cherniss
Department of Historical Studies
Building D 107

Dear Professor Cherniss:

I would be grateful if you would send me, at your early convenience, a transcript or summary of your remarks at the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in Princeton on January 20, 1973, as you would wish them to appear in the Minutes. I am afraid that my notes are insufficient for an accurate reproduction of your presentation.

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Professor Atle Selberg
Department of Mathematics
Fuld 112

Dear Professor Selberg:

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Professor Kenneth M. Setton
Department of Historical Studies
Building B 202

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Professor Morton White
Department of Historical Studies
Building A 202

Dear Professor White:

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

January 24, 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Mr. Morgan:

In reference to your note concerning the minutes of last Saturday, I am sorry to say that in spite of diligent efforts to recall my remarks, I have been unable to do so. Evidently I, like others in the room, was simply not listening.

Since I can appreciate the concern for keeping at least the records straight and proper (by the way, a point much insisted on also by the gentlemen who, during the years 1941-43, introduced procedures in my old university somewhat similar to those now adopted here), I can only regret that I am unable to be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely,


Atle Selberg

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

January 23, 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Fuld Hall

Dear Mike:

The resolutions passed by the Trustees on
20 January make it superfluous to rehearse what I
stated in their presence.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth M. Setton
Kenneth M. Setton

cc: A. Borel
H. Cherniss
A. Selberg
M. White

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

22 January 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Secretary
The Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I have just received your note of January 22nd in which you say that you would be grateful if I would send to you at my earliest convenience a transcript or summary of my remarks at the meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was held in Princeton on January 20, 1973. I spoke extemporaneously at the meeting to which you refer and obviously have no transcript of my remarks.

In view of the communication which I received this morning from Mr. Linder, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, informing the Faculty of the action taken by the Board at the conclusion of its meeting on January 20th, I can see no purpose that would be served by my taking the time and trouble to try to reconstruct what I said to the Board before its resolution was taken.

Sincerely yours,



Harold Cherniss

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

January 22, 1973

Dear Mike:

I regret to say that as I spoke before the Board Meeting extemporaneously I cannot easily comply with your request of January 22. Furthermore, in the light of the Board's action I do not see anything that would be accomplished by my trying to reconstruct what I said.

If the Board wishes to incorporate some of my views on the matter in their Minutes, I suggest that they attach to their Minutes my two memoranda, one of them entitled Remarks on the Nomination of Robert Bellah and the other entitled A Reply to the Director and Professor Geertz. If you have no copies of these, I shall be glad to make copies available to you.

Sincerely yours,



Morton White

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Institute for Advanced Study

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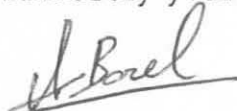
January 23, 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Fuld Hall

Dear Mr. Morgan:

In view of the action taken by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on January twentieth, I feel it would be a total waste of time for me to try to reconstruct or even just summarize the statement I made there, from very sketchy notes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Borel', with a horizontal line underneath.

A. Borel

AB:MMM

cc: H. Cherniss
A. Selberg
K. Setton
M. White

RESPONSES RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIAL MEETING OF BD. OF TRUSTEES - Sat. Jan. 20

DILWORTH - I am glad to waive notice of meeting in accordance with By-Law. Will attend meeting Saturday morning. - J.R. Dilworth

FORRESTAL - Regarding call for a special Bd. meeting I hereby waive notice of time, place, and purpose of meeting set for Jan. 20. I expect to attend. M. Forrestal

GRAY - Will attend special Board Meeting Saturday, Jan. 20. - Hanna H. Gray *Waiver recd.*

HANSMANN - Letter: Unable to attend: Waive notice of meeting.

HOUGHTON, James - I agree to waive notice of meeting of Bd. of Trustees, Sat. Jan. 20. Unsure at this point if I can attend, but will make every effort and let IAS know by Thurs. Regards, James R. Houghton

LINDER I hereby waive notice for special mtg. Bd. of Trustees to be held Inst. Sat. morning, Jan. 20. I expect to be present.

PETERSEN - Agree to waive the By-Laws for notice of special meeting called for Sat., Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at IAS, Princeton. Will attend meeting.

ROTH I hereby submit my waiver of notice for Bd. Mtg. Sat., Jan. 20, 1973, and regret I will be unable to attend.

SEGAL - I hereby waive notice of meeting in accordance with By-Law Article 3, Section 9.

SIMON - Regret unable attend meeting Jan. 20. Hereby waive required necessary notice.
Regards, Norton Simon

SOLOW - Meeting notice waiver accepted. Solow

STRAUS - I will attend meeting at 10:30 a.m., Sat. , Jan. 20 at the Inst. *Waiver recd.*

TAPLIN - in London until June

WATSON - This is to notify you that I hereby waive notice of special meeting, Bd. of Trustees, called for 10:30 a.m. Sat., Jan. 20. Will be unable to attend this meeting.

WHITEHEAD - I vote to waive 2 weeks notice as provided in By-Laws Article 3 Sec. 9 and shall attend meeting on Sat., Sept. 20. Elizabeth A. Whitehead

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

January 19, 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr., Secretary
Board of Trustees
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey - 08540

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I hereby waive notice for
the special meeting of the Board of
Trustees to be held at the Institute
Saturday morning, January 20th.

Frank C. Japhin

1/23/73

Dear Mike: Thank you for your note. We are
having a great time out here and it is
speeding by too quickly. We leave about July
1, & will be seeing you soon after. All best,
Frank.

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Dear Mr. Morgan:

I hereby waive notice for
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MICHAEL V. FORRESTAL
53 WALL STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005

January 16, 1973

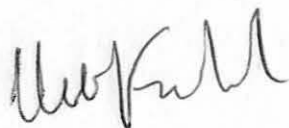
Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr., Secretary
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mike:

I have today sent to you the following
telegram:

"Regarding call for special Board
meeting, I hereby waive notice of time,
place and purpose of meeting set for
January 20, 1973. I expect to attend."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Forrestal", written in a cursive style.

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January 19, 1973

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Board of Trustees
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey - 08540

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Hanna H. Gray

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January 19, 1973

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Board of Trustees
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey - 08540

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the special meeting of the Board of
Trustees to be held at the Institute
Saturday morning, January 20th.

Donald B. Stur



Telegram

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MINOT C MORGAN JR, SECRETARY

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY *Alden Ln*

PRINCETON NJ

I HEREBY SUBMIT MY WAIVER OF NOTICE FOR BOARD MEETING SATURDAY
JANUARY 20TH 1973 AND REGRET I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND

WILLIAM M ROTH

CB
2P

TO <i>OP</i>	TIME <i>210P</i>
BY <i>103</i>	DISPOSITION <i>MAIL</i>

I hereby submit my waiver of notice for
Board meeting Saturday, January 20, 1973,
and regret I will be unable to attend.

Wm. M. Roth
San Francisco
January 19, 1973



Telegram

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

Jan. 16, 1973

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TO See below

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CALLING SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
AT REQUEST OF DIRECTOR TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED FACULTY APPOINTMENT FOR
10:30 A.M. Saturday, JAN. 20 AT I.A.S. IN PRINCETON. REQUEST YOU
WAIVE NOTICE ACCORDING TO BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 9, BY REPLY
TELEGRAM WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ABLE TO COME.

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.

Secretary

To: Dilworth, Forrestal, Gray, Hansmann, Jas. Houghton, Linder, Petersen,
Roth, Segal, Simon, Solow, Straus, Taplin, Watson, Whitehead

SENDER'S TEL. NO.

NAME & ADDRESS

I hereby waive notice for the special meeting
of the Board of Trustees to be held at the
Institute Saturday morning, January 20th.
I expect to be present.

Harold Linder
January 19, 1973

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MINOT C MORGAN JR SECRETARY
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

AGREE TO WAIVE THE BY-LAWS FOR NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
CALLED FOR SATURDAY , JANUARY 20 AT 10:30 A.M. AT
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY,PRINCETON. I WILL ATTEND
THE MEETING
HOWARD C. PETERSON
FIDELITY BANK
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January 16, 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Secretary
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

I hereby waive notice of meeting in accordance with by-law
Article III Section 9.

Martin E. Segal

MARTIN E. SEGAL
1 CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10005

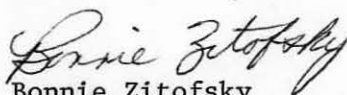
January 17, 1973

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Secretary
The Institute for Advanced Study
South Olden Lane
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Mr. Morgan:

In Mr. Segal's absence from the office I am enclosing here a copy of a telegram which he dictated yesterday following receipt of your telegram. Mr. Segal asked me to take this precaution - in view of uncertainties with respect to both telegram and mail deliveries.

Sincerely yours,


Bonnie Zitofsky
Secretary to
Martin E. Segal

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Enclosure

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

RALPH E. HANSMANN
TREASURER

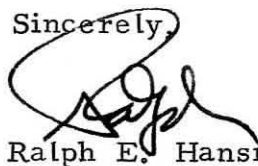
January 16, 1973

TREASURER'S OFFICE
40 WALL STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005
WHITEHALL 4-6127

Dear Mike,

I received the notice of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study to be held on Saturday, January 20, 1973. Unfortunately, I shall be unable to attend but I hereby waive the normal two-week notice of meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. Hansmann', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ralph E. Hansmann

Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Secretary
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

REH:BG

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MINOT C MORGAN

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCE STUDY PRINCETON NJ

**I VOTE TO WAIVE TWO WEEKS NOTICE AS PROVIDED IN BY LAWS
ARTICLE 3 SECTION 9 AND SHALL ATTEND MEETING ON SATURDAY
SEPT 20**

ELIZABETH A WHITEHED

Calling special meeting Board of Trustees Institute
for Advanced Study at request of Director to
consider a proposed faculty appointment for 10³⁰ A.M.
Saturday, January 20 at I.A.S. in Princeton.

Request you waive notice according to By-laws,
Article III, Section 9, by reply telegram whether
or not you are able to come.

Wm. C. Morgan Jr.
Secretary.

Sent to .

Dilworth
Forestal

Gray

Hausman

Houghton, James.

Linder

Petersen

Roth

Segal

Simon

Solow

Straus

Taplin

Watson

Whitehead

Jan 16, 1973

10:30 A.M.

W.C.M.

Ext 335

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY 08540

Telephone-609-924-4400

THE DIRECTOR

January 16, 1973

Memorandum to the Board of Trustees

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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- (1) a curriculum vitae and bibliography of Robert Bellah together with a statement on his work by Professor Geertz;
- (2) the minutes of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee convened to advise the Faculty on Bellah's qualifications;
- (3) letters from the five members of the Ad Hoc Committee written after the meeting plus a letter from John Hall of Yale University, written at my invitation;
- (4) a memorandum by Professor White together with some letters solicited by him;
- (5) some letters solicited by Professor Montgomery;
- (6) the draft minutes of the meeting of the Faculty at which all of the material above was before the Faculty and discussed;
- (7) a letter from Professor Dyson.

There may be additional materials in the way of letters, etc. from the members of the Faculty which will be before you on Saturday.

Cordially,


Carl Kaysen

Mesdames Gray, Whitehead; Messrs. Dilworth, Forrestal, Hansmann, J. Houghton, Linder, Petersen, Roth, Segal, Simon, Solow, Straus, Taplin, Watson
cc: Mr. Hochschild

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cc: Mr. Hochschild

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VITA

Robert N. Bellah

Ford Professor of Sociology and Comparative Studies, University of California,
Berkeley.

Born, February 23, 1927; married, four children.

Degrees: B.A., summa cum laude, Harvard, 1950; Ph.D., Sociology and Far
Eastern Languages, Harvard, 1955.

Research and teaching experience:

Research Associate	Institute for Islamic Studies, McGill University, 1955-57.
Research Associate	Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 1957-58.
Lecturer	Department of Social Relations, Harvard University, 1958-61.
Fulbright Research Grantee	Tokyo, Japan, 1960-61.
Associate Professor of Sociology & Regional Studies	Harvard University, 1961-66.
Fellow	Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, 1964-65.
Professor of Sociology	Harvard University, 1966-67.
Present position	1967-
Chairman	Center for Japanese and Korean Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1968-

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THE WORK OF ROBERT N. BELLAH

Bellah's work has been mainly in the sociology of religion as a theoretical field, the comparative study of religion and ideology in modernizing societies, and the social and cultural history of Japan. He continues to be active in all of these fields with current emphases that will be mentioned below.

Starting from Talcott Parsons' interpretation of European tradition of the sociology of religion represented in France by Emile Durkheim, in Germany by Max Weber, Bellah has viewed religion as a system of symbols by means of which individual personalities are organized and social life sustained. His earlier work on religious evolution (Beyond Belief, Chapter 2), which has stimulated scholarly study in a number of fields, dealt with the changing structure of religion in societies at different levels of social complexity. More recently he has become concerned with the nature of religious symbol systems and the ways in which they differ from other kinds of symbol systems (Beyond Belief, Part III) and is planning a general book on the place of religion in human action focussing on the unique features of religious symbols.

As part of his comparative study of religion and ideology in modernizing societies he has contributed studies dealing with Japan, China and the Islamic world (Beyond Belief, Part II) as well as a general typology (Epilogue to Religion and Progress in Modern Asia). In these studies together with his book on early modern Japan (Tokugawa Religion) he was interested in the contribution of religion and ideology to the process of modernization. More recently he has become interested in what pre-modern religions, by providing images of man and the world different from those dominant in the contemporary West, may have to offer to the attempt of modern societies to solve their problems.

In 1967 Bellah published an essay, "Civil Religion in America" (Beyond Belief, Chapter 9), that applied some of his general thinking about the role of religion in developing countries to the American case. This essay has been widely reprinted and has stimulated considerable scholarly discussion and research. As a result of this interest Bellah was asked to expand the earlier essay in giving the Weil Lectures at Hebrew Union College in the fall of 1971. That manuscript is now in the

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process of revision and expansion and will be published as The Deepest Day: Studies in the Mythic Dimension of American Culture. It will emphasize the many forms in which the eschatological note has been sounded in America and the variety of ways in which American history has been interpreted as salvation history.

In an effort to understand better the phenomenon known as the counter-culture in America, Bellah is working with Charles Y. Glock of the University of California at Berkeley in a study of youth and student religious consciousness in the San Francisco Bay Area. The research staff consists of six or seven graduate students who are conducting participant observation studies of various religious groups and are collaborating to prepare a questionnaire survey to be administered by the Survey Research Center of the University of California to a sample of persons between the ages of 18 and 30 in the Bay Area. The collaboration of Bellah and Glock and their students is intended to produce a more sensitive survey instrument than those usually employed in this field. The entire study is designed to provide a better empirical base to generalizations about youth culture in America today.

Bellah has long been interested in the history of sociology and of modern European social thought both for their own sake and as examples of cultural innovation in modernizing societies. He has been particularly interested in Emile Durkheim, publishing an essay on "Durkheim and History" in 1959. He has recently completed a critical reading of all the writings of Durkheim as the basis for a volume of selections to be published in the Heritage of Sociology Series of the University of Chicago Press. Five of the selections are translated for the first time and Bellah has provided the book with a substantial introduction which is a short intellectual biography of Durkheim.

Recently Bellah has become interested in modern Italy; and he has joined a number of American and Western European historians and social scientists, who are not specialists on Italy, in taking a look at modern Italian society. Bellah's assignment is in the area of religion and ideology. Among other things he is interested in exploring some of the parallels between modern Italian and modern Japanese thought--the influence of German idealism, the influence of Marxism--especially as they relate to the ethos of fascism in the two countries.

The area of Bellah's primary specialization is Japan, and Japanese is the only oriental language that he uses regularly, although he has also studied Chinese and Arabic. His first major research in the Japan field

dealt with the Tokugawa Period (1600-1868) and applied an analogy to Max Weber's thesis about the role of Protestantism in Europe to early modern Japan. The book Tokugawa Religion which resulted from this study describes the place of religion and values in traditional Japanese society and their implications for the economy and the polity. The book also contains a detailed study based on primary materials of a merchant class religious and ethical movement, Shingaku.

Subsequently Bellah has become interested in the fate of traditional Japanese values, ethics and worldview in the modern century. As a way in to this study he has been interested in a series of leading Japanese interpreters of Japanese culture and history, men who have influenced the modern Japanese sense of Japan. In 1965 he published two studies of such men, one of Watsuji Tetsuro and one on Ienaga Suburō. He is presently at work on a more substantial study of one of the most influential of modern Japanese intellectuals, Miki Kiyoshi. Miki began his scholarly life as a disciple of Japan's leading modern philosopher, Nishida Kitarō, in the ambience of German idealism and existentialism, as well as Japanese Buddhist philosophy. Miki's first book was on Pascal, to whom he turned in Paris after spending a year in Germany where Heidegger was his private tutor. Returning to Japan in the middle 20's Miki soon became one of the leading interpreters of Marxism. His humanistic and sophisticated Marxism is easily the most creative Japanese work done in that tradition even up to the present time. In the late 30's Miki and other former leftists became part of the brain trust of Prince Konoe, the last prime minister before Tojo, and drew up some documents that became the key ideological statements of Japan's wartime ideology. Late in the war Miki was arrested for hiding a Communist in his house and died in prison. Miki's last unfinished work, written in prison, was concerned with Shinran, the greatest Japanese figure in the Pure Land Buddhist tradition. Miki's life and work was a microcosm of the chief trends in Japanese thought and culture between 1920 and 1945 and provides an excellent point of entry into the study of modern Japanese culture.

Bellah's interests still span the traditional and modern phases of Japanese development as two recent essays, "Continuity and Change in Japanese Society" and "Intellectual and Society in Japan" show. He has just begun a collaboration with three historians of Japan, Najita, Harootunian and Scheiner, to develop an interpretive understanding of the underlying structure of Japanese culture. The group plans an analysis of key texts in Japanese social and political thought from the 18th to the early 20th centuries, as well as the analysis of patterns of religious and social ritual and other stylized

interactions from the same period. All four have worked on both Tokugawa and modern Japan but from differing angles. Najita has worked on Neo-Confucian thinkers and Harootunian on Shinto thinkers both mainly of samurai and wealthy peasant background; Bellah has worked on middle level merchants and Scheiner on the ethos and social movements of peasants. It is hoped that the group will begin to discern not only what is distinctly Japanese but some of the main axes of variation within the traditional culture and eventually the fate of these variations in the last one hundred years.

RELATION OF BELLAH'S WORK TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The importance of Robert Bellah's work, taken as a whole, lies in its contribution to what has been one of the major concerns of sociology since its inception: the effects of ideas on social behavior. He has sought to avoid both the materialist reductionism of the Marxist tradition, in which systems of thought tend to dissolve into mere epiphenomena of supposedly harder realities, and the idealist reductionism of the Hegelian tradition, which they tend to turn into autonomous objects floating free of historical contexts and social roots.

As in traditional societies--and notably in the pre- and early-modern Japan that has been Bellah's main scholarly focus--religion tends to be the major locus of systematic thought, his work in that field needs to be seen in the context of his broader concern: how comes it that mere ideas have so powerful an effect on the course of social evolution. His more recent interest in American religious ideas is but an extension of this central interest, and promises to change radically our conceptions both of what Americans believe and what difference it makes.

For a program dedicated to clarifying the processes of social change, now and in the past, and all too likely, given the general character of social science research in the United States, to fall into a mechanistic view of things, Bellah is an invaluable addition.

I have known and worked with Robert Bellah for 20 years. Though his work has been more on the level of the structure and development of idea systems as such and mine on the way in which ideas are embodied in concrete sociological, political and economic processes, our interests are fully complementary. There is no social scientists in the country for whom I have more respect and no one whom I should more wish to have associated with me in developing our program in the determining years immediately ahead.

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December 13, 1972

Dear Dr. Kaysen:

I am writing to you about Professor Robert Bellah: Professor Bellah is without any doubt one of the foremost sociologists of the United States, and for that matter, of the entire international profession of sociologists. In his own generation, with the exception of Professor Clifford Geertz and Professor S.N. Eisenstadt, there is no one who is his equal in the very important fields of comparative macrosociology and the sociology of religion. He is very exceptional among sociologists in his knowledge of Japanese and his scholarly knowledge of the literature on the culture and society of Japan. If to this one adds a scholarly knowledge of Islam, one readily sees what an exceptional figure he is in sociology.

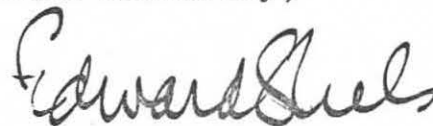
He has very considerable imaginative powers as well as a meticulousness of scholarship, two qualities which do not often go together. He has, furthermore, an excellent mastery of sociological theory. He has always had a very strong theoretical concern running concurrently with and in active interaction with his more specialized interests in religion and in the Far East.

I must confess that Professor Bellah's popular religious writings do not please me, not only because I disagree with them, but also because their permeation with an attitude of distrust toward institutions which is often associated with ambivalence about the traditional forms of scholarly activity in our civilization. In fairness to Professor Bellah, however, I must also point out that his most recent work on Durkheim is a model of scholarship. It manifests the scholarly good taste which one feels entitled to expect from a person at the highest level of intellectual accomplishment.

I would like to take the opportunity at this time to reply to a question which was asked during the meeting of 3 December, but which was passed over. The question bore on relative merits of Professor James Coleman and Professor Bellah. Professor Coleman is of course a very outstanding person. His merits however are very different from Professor Bellah's. Professor Bellah is a scholar, a man of great erudition. Professor Coleman is a very outstanding sociological technician. As a quantitative research worker, he has of course a great lead over Professor Bellah, who has not up until recently done that kind of work. Professor Bellah, on the other hand, is a man of ideas, rich in content and broad in scope. Professor Coleman is far behind Professor Bellah in this respect. For the kind of program in the study of social change which has been drawn up for the Institute, there is simply no comparison between the fittingness of Professor Bellah and that of Professor Coleman. That kind of program requires deep learning about the great civilizations of the world as well as a differentiated and large-scale sociological imagination. Professor Bellah is especially well-equipped in these

respects and Professor Coleman, with all due respect, would be a
tyro in such work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward Shils". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Edward" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Shils".

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