

July 23, 1969

Dr. Michael F. Atiyah
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Headington, Oxford
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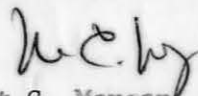
Dear Dr. Atiyah:

With every exchange of letters between us this summer the real estate situation here has changed. I am now happy to report that the Haslet Avenue house came back on the market and the Institute has purchased it. It will be available to you on September first so that you will not have to move twice. We are probably going to be purchasing the house on Newlin Road as well for some future faculty use and, as of this writing, I would think that you might have your choice as to which of the two you wish to purchase a year from this fall.

I note that you will be arriving on the "France" with your two sons on Wednesday, September 3rd. We will be happy to meet you. I note further that your wife may be flying in with your eldest son earlier. We shall be happy to meet her as well.

We are happy that your visa troubles are almost over.

Cordially yours,



Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
General Manager

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cc: Dr. Carl Kaysen ✓
Mrs. R.W. Barnett

Handwritten: JCD

July 3, 1969

Dr. Michael F. Atiyah
Shotover Mount
Headington, Oxford
England

Dear Dr. Atiyah:

This letter is in reply to one I received a few days ago from your wife, your own letter of June 27th, and is a sequel to Mrs. Barnett's cable dated July 1.

As the cable suggests, the property at 5 Newlin Road has come on the market, and we are very interested in it as a replacement for the Haslet Avenue house. You will probably remember that Newlin Road is the first street north of our housing project. This house is exactly in the middle of the block on the north side of the street, and it is probably not more than two hundred and fifty feet from the northern edge of our property. The house was originally a little smaller than the Haslet Avenue house with four corner bedrooms, two of which could be double rooms, and the other two singles. The original house also had on the ground floor a living room, dining room, kitchen, and enclosed porch. Some time in the last five years a wing has been added at the back of the house creating a large second living room on the ground floor, and a lovely master bedroom, bath, and extensive built-in closets on the second floor.

The addition of this wing makes the house several hundred square feet larger than the Haslet Avenue house. The lot is also larger (150 x 200). Like the Haslet Avenue house it is one that the Institute would own whether or not you might be the eventual purchaser.

The negotiations on the Whitney house, and possibly the Rosenbluth house at 284 Mercer Street, are going rather slower for a number of reasons beyond our control. One or both of them may be available in the early fall, and you may certainly have your choice at that time of whatever we have.

My best guess now is that either of two of these three houses (Rosenbluth, Whitney, and Newlin Road) will be available to you furnished, and that you would be under no obligation to purchase the one you chose to live in for the first year on a rental basis.

Dr. M.F. Atiyah (cont'd)

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I have one further fear that I should communicate with you, and that is these various negotiations, plus the length of time it would take to put the houses in shape, will carry into the month of September. We shall, therefore, reserve the Guest House for you as a temporary expedient and hope that you will not be too inconvenienced by a second move.

I am sorry we cannot be more definite at this time, but the Princeton real estate market this summer is right out of Alice in Wonderland.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
General Manager

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cc: Dr. C. Kaysen ✓

June 3, 1969

Dr. Michael F. Atiyah
Mathematical Institute
24-29 St. Giles
Oxford, England

Dear Dr. Atiyah:

I am happy to report that the Institute has entered into negotiations to purchase a house on 24 Haslet Avenue that should fit your family requirements better than anything we had at the time you were last here. Haslet is a street, one block long, running between Springdale Road and Olden Lane. It is perhaps most easily described as the continuation of the Kaysen driveway. This house is situated about the middle of the block on the southerly side of the street, and I would say that as the crow flies, it is several hundred yards nearer the housing project than the guest house.

The house is on a half-acre lot that has been beautifully kept up. I would say it is one of the prettiest back yards I have seen in this neighborhood. The house is constructed of brick and stucco, with a slate roof. The first floor contains a living room, small study, dining room, kitchen and lavatory. The second floor has four bedrooms and two baths. One of the bedrooms is quite small, but the others would take two people. There is a flagstone patio immediately south of the house, and a brick two-car garage with storage space above. There is a full basement with a finished family room, a work shop, and a laundry in addition to the furnace and hot water heater.

The stove and domestic hot water are gas fired. The heat is steam radiators, oil fired. We would furnish the house for you until you acquire your own furniture.

The arrangement would be the same as any other house that you might be in. We would rent it to you for a year while you looked around. If you found this particular house to your liking, we would then sell it to you at two-thirds of the cost with the standard recovery which I described to you when you were last here.

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We have not yet settled on a rental fee, but I think it would be in the \$250.00 to \$300.00 range, perhaps a little higher if we furnished it completely.

We will, of course, continue to hold the guest house for you until you give me some reaction to the house on Haslet Avenue.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
General Manager

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cc: Dr. C. Kaysen ✓
Professor D. Montgomery

May 20, 1969

Professor Michael F. Atiyah
University of Oxford
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Oxford, England

Dear Professor Atiyah:

I have your letter of May 14th, and I shall attempt to address myself to your questions in order:

1. We appreciate the deposit slips and will use them for your salary beginning at the end of July.
2. I have not yet met with the contractor who will be redoing your office, but we will try to arrange to have in the neighborhood of 120 linear feet of shelving. I believe you also wanted some cupboard space instead of the lower shelves (similar to the arrangement in my office and Professor Weill's).
3. With respect to your insurance policy, the combination of our contribution and yours comes to ten percent of your annual salary, or \$3,500.00. If we assume no change in the Institute's contribution, and no salary increase (both of which are unlikely), the conservative approach to the death benefits in your TIAA policy would be the annual contribution compounded at four percent annually. I don't know how far you want to take this, but the figures for the first five years are as follows:
 - a. \$3,500.00
 - b. \$7,140.00
 - c. \$10,925.60
 - d. \$14,862.62
 - e. \$18,957.12
4. There is little change in the housing situation, but we are still looking for a nice four-bedroom house in the vicinity that would be more comfortable for you than the Guest House. I told Deane Montgomery that I would write

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you again regarding 16 Ober Road. It is basically a six-room house with a living room, dining room and kitchen on the first floor, and three bedrooms and bath on the second floor. It, therefore, has one less bedroom and one less bath than the Guest House.

With respect to the latter, Mrs. Kaysen and I went through it to see what additional furniture (particularly rugs) should be added. We will install a washer-dryer combination in the basement.

I believe you also had some question about the difficulty of getting enough heat in the kitchen in the winter time. Is this correct?

When you have definite travel plans, let us know. It is standard practice for us to meet members of the permanent faculty at the pier or airport.

Cordially yours,

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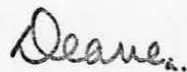
Mr. Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Mike:

About the end of March, you very kindly said you would write to Atiyah to describe the house owned by the Institute on Ober Road. Yesterday he told me he has not yet received your letter. I hope you will write to him very soon, so he can decide whether or not he would be interested in this house for next year. If he should be interested, I believe he clearly has priority over others. Naturally, it is important to meet his housing needs in as favorable a manner as possible. First impressions on these matters linger on.

With thanks in advance,

Sincerely,



Deane Montgomery

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CC: A. Borel
A. Selberg