

Committee for Site. 1931-1937

15 October 1937

Dear Mr. Maass:

In preparation for the meeting next week I venture to say to you that I think Cram and Ferguson might be one of the firms which we employ for preliminary studies. Ralph Adams Cram was, as you know, ~~one~~ of the architects for the Princeton Chapel, and is famous for his work in Gothic. As an example of the versatility of the firm, however, I send you, under separate cover, a photograph of the new laboratory which they designed ^{for us} and sketches for a library and observatory to be built eventually in the same quadrangle. All are distinctly modern in type, and, in our opinion, extremely well adapted to their purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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New York , October 15, 1937.

Re: The Institute for Advanced Study.

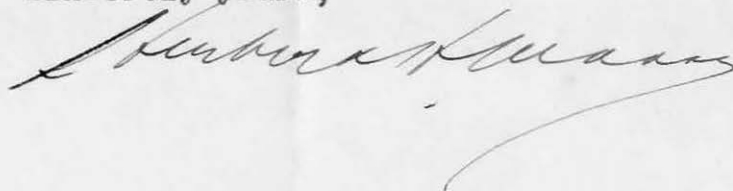
Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
Swarthmore College,
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Will you be good enough to note that I am calling a meeting of the Committee on Site for Friday, October 22nd, at 12:45 at the City Midday Club, which date I hope will be convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

HHM:JR



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March 25, 1936.

Dear Mr. Maass:

Many thanks for your letter. It would be wonderfully convenient for me to have the meeting on April 4th. I shall be staying at the Inn on April 3rd shall be available on the 4th from breakfast time on. It would be very nice indeed if Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld could join us, but I am extremely sorry that Mr. Leidesdorf cannot be present.

I will bring my golf clubs along and shall be at your service any time that we can spare from the committee meeting. I am dining with President Dodds at eight o'clock on Friday evening and should be ready for a game either at three or four on Friday afternoon or at any time on Saturday.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you, I am

Yours sincerely,

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New York, March 24, 1936.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
Swarthmore College,
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Inasmuch as you intend to be at Princeton on Friday, April 3rd, I have arranged to postpone the meeting of the Committee on Site until April 4th. Unhappily, Mr. Leidesdorf will not be available at that time, since he is leaving on a prospective trip on April 3rd. As against this, however, there is the possibility that Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld may have returned from Arizona, in which event they could join us.

I am writing to Dr. Flexner and Professor Veblen accordingly, and shall expect to meet you in Princeton on Friday evening, the 3rd, or Saturday morning, the 4th, and will certainly bring my golf clubs along in an effort to secure revenge.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,



HHM:JR

Institute

March 28, 1936.

My dear Mr. Maass:

In reply to your letter of March 20th President Aydelotte asks me to say that he could attend a meeting of the Committee on Site late in the afternoon of March 28th or sometime in the week following.

Yours sincerely,

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New York , March 20, 1936.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
Swarthmore College,
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

I am writing to inquire whether it will be convenient for you to spend the next week-end at Princeton. I am trying to arrange a meeting of the Committee on Site for the 28th, and if that time is agreeable to you, I will arrange with the others and telegraph you.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HHM:JR

Atlantic City
Herbert H. Maass

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

7 Oct. 1935

Dear Sydelotte:-

Just a line to supplement Elizabeth's letter to Mrs. A. I should like very much to get you to take a walk with me along the canal down below here and talk about the Institute's land question. We often walk there of a Sunday morning and I think you would enjoy it as I am sure I would.

Please come,

Yours sincerely,

Irving Vefler

October 8, 1935.

Dear Veblen:

Many thanks for your note. I should love to walk around Princeton with you and to talk about the land question, and shall come over at the first opportunity. As a matter of fact I am stopping this morning to see Dr. Flexner on my way to New York, but since I have an afternoon appointment in New York, it will not be possible to look you up. Instead I shall try to come over again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Oswald Veblen
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

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September 25, 1935.

Herbert H. Maass
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FRIDAY

FRANK AYDELOTTE



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Copy for President Aydelotte

March 23, 1935

Dear Mr. Maass:

Returning to Princeton, I sought out the tax collectors of the Borough of Princeton and the Township of Princeton, and I am promised the detailed maps of both borough and township by Wednesday next. The appraisal of the various tracts will then have to be obtained from the tax collector or appraiser, Mr. Kelly. This material ought to be in my hands by the end of the week.

I have an appointment to see President Dodds on Monday.

I am enclosing a letter which came this morning. The property, I imagine, is within the township, but the more I reflect upon it, the more I am convinced that, if we build any considerable distance from Princeton University, we shall be faced with the necessity of developing an independent institution with all its appurtenances - general library as well as special libraries, etc. - an undertaking which seems to me out of the question. It will also involve the loss of practically all the educational advantages the two institutions gain by close association. This will apply to the Olden Farm and similar properties, which from this point of view would be, I believe, in the long run, the most expensive investments we could make both educationally and financially. If we cannot obtain a single adequate plot near the University Campus, we can develop, as the foreign universities developed, by building different buildings on different plots not very far from one another and all sufficiently close to the University to enable us to use its priceless facilities.

Always sincerely,

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

(Signed) ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Copy for President Aydelotte

March 25, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Thanks for yours of the 23rd inst. with enclosures. I have written to the correspondents in question, so their letters need give you no further concern.

It is easy for me to realize that locations such as they are are entirely too remote from the Princeton Campus to be feasible for our purpose. I did not, however, feel that this applied to the Olden Farm, because, while somewhat remote, it is on a main highway and present means of transportation are such that it really would not be difficult of access. I am impressed, however, by your suggestion that if we cannot secure an adequate plot close to the University Campus, we can follow the examples set us abroad and build on different sites not necessarily contiguous but in close proximity to each other.

As soon as you have received the material from the Tax Collector and Appraiser, I should be glad to learn what it represents.

In the meanwhile I am looking forward to my visit to Princeton on April 6th.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HHM:JR

(Signed) HERBERT H. MAASS

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 26, 1935

Dear Aydelotte:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. Maass and copy of his reply. I think he is beginning to realize that the Olden Farm, though situated on a main highway three miles off, is far too distant to permit of anything like the interdevelopment with Princeton, which we are carrying on in mathematics and which ought to extend to one subject after another.

Sincerely yours,

A. J.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 18, 1932

To Committee on Site

Dear Aydelotte:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Professor Hans Zinsser of the Harvard Medical School. Professor Zinsser is a distinguished medical scientist, for many years Professor of Bacteriology at Columbia and in recent years Professor of Bacteriology at Harvard. I may add that his academic interests, as you will observe from his letter, are far broader than the specialty which he represents.

Very sincerely yours,

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Abraham Flexner

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December 11, 1931

Dear Aydelotte:

Dr. Vincent, recently President of the Rockefeller Foundation, has written me a long letter about the proposed Institute without any specific questions from me. I enclose what he has to say on the subject of the situation.

Dr. Vincent speaks from long experience, having grown up with the University of Chicago, having been President of the University of Minnesota and for many years President of the Rockefeller Foundation, in which position he was brought in contact with universities in this country and in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

A. J.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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Just Adv Study

December 9, 1931.

Dear Ri:

I enclose my check for \$4.00 and want to thank you again for your kindness in getting together the material about Washington. It was a great pleasure to see you the other day, and I hope you will stop here once in a while on your vibrations between Washington and New York.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. C. R. Mann,
American Council on Education,
744 Jackson Place,
Washington, D. C.

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
744 JACKSON PLACE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 8, 1931.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your note of December 5. We are very glad we could be of service to you. The maps cost \$4.00, \$2.00 apiece. Otherwise there is no charge. Let us know when we can help you.

Yours as ever,

Ri

CRM:LG

December 5, 1931

Dear Ri:

Many thanks for the material on Washington.
It is just the kind of thing I wanted, and if you come
across additional things along that line in the future,
please keep me in mind. The map is wonderful. Please
let me know what any of this costs, and I will send you
a check immediately.

With warm appreciation of your trouble, I am

Yours sincerely,

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December 4, 1931.

President Frank Aydelotte
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Frank:

Herewith the documents bearing on your request
concerning facilities for education in Washington. This is
fairly sketchy, but is the best I can do on so short a notice.

Yours as ever,



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