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DAVID MITRANY

1952 FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

PROTEST

MAASS, DAVIDSON, LEVY, FRIEDMAN & WESTON
100 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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November 13, 1956

PROTEST

Re: David Mitrany
1952 Income Taxes

Director of International Operations
Internal Revenue Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: IOD:A:O:AR:EDC

Sir:

This protest is respectfully submitted in accordance with your letter dated November 3, 1955 addressed to taxpayer, and your further letter dated October 18, 1956 addressed to David J. Levy, Esq., taxpayer's attorney.

The name of the taxpayer is as above; his address is Kingston Blount, Oxford, England; the designation by date and symbol of the letter advising of the determination with respect to which protest is made are November 3, 1955, 228:A:EDC.

The year involved is 1952. The amount of tax liability which taxpayer disputes is the proposed additional assessment of \$946.48 and the failure to allow claim for refund in the sum of \$775.90, reduced by this protest to \$354.10, making a total of \$1,300.58.

Taxpayer takes exception to the findings (a) that the grant-in-aid of \$4,000 received from the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, constitutes taxable income, and (b) that the compensation of \$1,500 received from

Haverford College and \$1,000 from Swarthmore College are not exempt from taxation under Article XVIII of the Tax Treaty with the United Kingdom (T.D. 5569, 1947 - 2 C.B. 100).

The grounds upon which taxpayer relies are as follows:

With regard to the grant-in-aid from
The Institute for Advanced Study

The taxpayer is an economist and university professor, now retired from active teaching. He was invited by The Institute for Advanced Study, of Princeton, New Jersey, an educational institution, to pursue his work and studies at the Institute, and received a grant-in-aid of \$4,000 to cover his subsistence during his stay. As set forth in the letter from the Institute to the Internal Revenue Service dated June 23, 1955,--

"The grant was intended to cover his subsistence during his study at the Institute. He rendered no services to the Institute and he was the sole beneficiary of the grant."

Originally, the taxpayer was to come to the Institute in 1953, but after arranging to come to the Institute he also accepted the invitations from Haverford College and Swarthmore College, hereafter referred to, and accordingly accelerated the period of his invitation to the Institute to 1952.

The Institute is an educational body and is exempt from income taxes under Section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, and ruling by letter of the Commissioner of

Internal Revenue dated May 25, 1931, confirmed by further ruling dated March 28, 1938.

The sum received by the taxpayer from the Institute is therefore governed by the case of George Winchester Stone, Jr., 23 T.C. 254, dealing with so-called Guggenheim fellowships, and does not constitute taxable income.

In the case of the Institute grants, as in the case of the Guggenheim fellowships, the controlling factor is the intent of the payor.

The Institute was founded in 1930 by the late Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld, and was then liberally endowed by them and thereafter by their estates, and in smaller measure by others. It does not solicit funds or contributions. Its purposes are set out in its certificate of incorporation, section 2, as

"* * * the establishment * * * of an institute for advanced study, and for the promotion of knowledge in all fields, and for the training of advanced students and workers for and beyond the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and other professional degrees of equal standing."

The by-laws refer to the Institute as an "institution for higher learning", and contain provisions regarding the admission of candidates and the conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas, but no degrees or diplomas have ever been awarded or conferred and none are contemplated.

The founders, in their June 6, 1930 invitation letter to the trustees, referred to the need for an institution--

"* * * where scientists and scholars devote themselves-at the same time to serious research and to the training of competent post-graduate students entirely independently * * * from an institution, the major interest of which-is the teaching of undergraduates."

The desire is there stated that there be no undergraduate department and that only the P.H.D. or equal degree be conferred; that quality of work rather than number is to be the ideal in regard to "students"; that the staff of the institution is expected to consist exclusively of men and women of the highest standing in their fields, who will be attracted there "* * *" through its appeal as an opportunity for the serious pursuit of advanced study and because of the detachment it is hoped to secure from outside distractions."

It is further stated that "appointments to the staff and faculty, as well as in the admission of workers and students" is to be without regard to race, religion or sex, and that:

"In endowing this institution we recognize that many worthy and capable persons are unable for financial reasons to pursue study or research to the extent justified by their capacities. It is expected, therefore, that the Institute will supply means whereby through scholarships or fellowships such workers may be supported during the course of their work or research, to the end that the facilities of the institution may be available to any man or woman otherwise acceptable possessing the necessary mental and moral equipment.

"While the institution will devote itself to the teaching of qualified advanced students, it is our desire that those who are assembled in the faculty or staff of the institution may enjoy the most favorable opportunities for continuing research or

investigations in their particular field or specialty, and that the utmost liberty of action shall be afforded the said faculty or staff to that end.***

"The primary purpose is the pursuit of advanced learning and exploration in fields of pure science and high scholarship to the utmost degree that the facilities of the institution and the ability of the faculty and students will permit."

The remarks of Dr. Abraham Flexner, the first Director, at the organization meeting, also contain highly pertinent matter. Said he:

"The Institute is pledged to assemble a group of scientists and scholars who with their pupils and assistants may devote themselves to the task of pushing beyond the present limits of human knowledge and to training those who may 'carry on' in this sense."

He further stated that the Institute was to be a graduate university in the highest sense; that its faculty would be composed of distinguished scholars; that its students would be of an advanced status; and that the first task would be to explore the field in this country and in the cultural countries of Western Europe "in order to discover the talent likely to carry the Institute to success".

It was stated that the sacrifices required of an American professor and his family were "to a high degree deterrent"; that "poor salaries frighten off the abler and more vigorous" and compel the university instructor to seek outside sources of income; and that it was therefore important to set a new standard and to attract a small number of scholars and scientists "who will be free from financial worry and concern, who will live and work amidst conditions favorable to in-

tellectual activity."

It is accordingly clear that the object of the Institute in the instant case, as in others, was to assist the taxpayer to pursue his own work or studies independently of any direction or control from the Institute, without any direct interest by it in any "product" of his work or studies, if there should be any, and both the invitation and the grant were intended merely to afford the taxpayer surroundings and conditions favorable to his studies and without financial worry or concern.

The emphasis is entirely upon the taxpayer, and not any particular project, since he was in no way limited or directed as to what studies he would pursue or the manner thereof.

This case is readily distinguishable from the cases relied upon by the Commissioner in the Stone case and which were not followed there because in all of those cases the scholar was required to engage in particular activities and to do work for the institution involved or to turn over his brain product to the institution which paid him a stipend.

Moreover, there is even greater reason in this instance than in the Stone case for holding that the payment was not compensation or other taxable income, since in that case the scholar making an application for an award was required to submit a specific plan of work, whereas here the

taxpayer was not required to submit any plan of work but was selected by the Institute solely because it believed that he was worthy of receiving such a grant-in-aid to pursue his own studies.

It is therefore error to include such payment of \$4,000 in income.

With regard to salaries paid by
Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges

The taxpayer, a citizen of the United Kingdom and resident there, was invited by Haverford College and Swarthmore College, two American colleges, to teach for one semester (a period of less than two years). Under Article XVIII of the Tax Treaty with the United Kingdom, professors who visit the territory of the other party to teach for not more than two years are exempt from income taxes upon the compensation so received. Nothing in the treaty states that teaching shall be the primary purpose for visiting the United States. However, Revenue Ruling 55-211, 1955-1 C.B. 676, provides that the "primary purpose" of coming to the other nation must be to teach. While taxpayer asserts that that regulation is ineffective to limit the terms of the Treaty and moreover was promulgated subsequent to the tax year involved, in any event it appears that the primary purpose of the taxpayer's visit to the United States in 1952 was to teach at the two colleges and not to engage in study at the Institute. Attached hereto and made a part hereof are photostatic copies of letters dated

April 15, 1952 and April 26, 1952 from the presidents of Haverford College and Swarthmore College, respectively. It will be noted that these letters invited taxpayer to give his courses at the respective colleges in the fall 1952 semester, which in each case began in September, 1952 and ended in January, 1953. It was only after the taxpayer had made arrangements to teach at these two colleges in 1952, and because of that fact, that he arranged to advance the time when he would study at the Institute.

Accordingly, even if we were to assume for the purposes of discussion that Revenue Ruling 55-211 is valid and can be applied to this case, the fact would remain that taxpayer visited the United States in 1952 primarily to teach at the two colleges and not primarily to engage in study. The Internal Revenue Service has evidently assumed that the taxpayer primarily came for study at the Institute because during his stay in the United States he lived in Princeton, New Jersey, where the Institute is located. As taxpayer pointed out in his letter dated 4th August 1955 to C. I. Fox, U. S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, Baltimore 2, Maryland, he resided in Princeton solely as a matter of convenience, and not because his visit to the United States was primarily for study at the Institute. Princeton, Haverford, and Swarthmore, are all close to one another, and it was desirable to reside in one of these three towns for convenient access to the others.

Moreover, as taxpayer's letter referred to points out, the library facilities in Princeton are superior to those of the two small colleges, and it was more desirable to stay there. Since taxpayer could not simultaneously live in three places it became necessary to make a choice, and that choice was dictated not by the primary purpose of his having come to the United States in 1952 but by convenience when he was in the United States. Accordingly, it seems clear that the aggregate compensation of \$2,500 paid by the two colleges is expressly exempt from United States income taxes by treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Computation of Taxes, 1952

Accordingly, the correct computation of tax for the year 1952 of the taxpayer is as follows:

Compensation from Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, for acting as a temporary consultant	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
Total gross income	\$2,500.00
Less exemption	<u>600.00</u>
Balance subject to tax	\$1,900.00
Income taxes at 22.2%	<u>421.80</u>
Tax withheld by employers	\$775.90
Total tax due	<u>421.80</u>
Refund due taxpayer	\$354.10

Deductions

In the event that any part of the grant-in-aid paid by the Institute or the compensation from the two colleges constitute taxable income then the deductions shown on the 1952 return in the amount of \$1,793.00 should be allowed. They are reasonable in amount and while the taxpayer no longer has the details, it is clear that it was necessary to incur expenses in coming to the United States from the United Kingdom, returning there, traveling in the United States, having meals and lodging and other incidental expenses. Commissioner v. Flowers, 326 U.S. 465, 66 S. Ct. 250 G.C.M. 11,654 C.B. XII-1, page 250, and other authorities, establish that these traveling and subsistence expenses, necessarily incurred while away from home in connection with the earning of the compensation, to the extent that it was compensation, are deductible expenses, and they have been unanimously acknowledged and accepted as such by the Internal Revenue Service.

It may also be mentioned in passing, although it is recognized that this has no direct bearing upon the present 1952 tax liability, that the taxpayer--an Englishman unfamiliar with United States tax laws, and apparently not properly advised--paid 1951 federal income taxes of \$698 upon income from Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, at which he taught in that year. This income was not taxable at all

in view of the British Tax Treaty, and in addition would properly have been counterbalanced by deductions for travel expense from England and return, and expenses for meals and lodging, none of which were claimed upon the return. This overpayment the taxpayer now cannot recover because of the statute of limitations. Nevertheless, these facts should properly be considered in resolving any doubts--though none appear to exist--upon the issues involved in the 1952 liability.

Taxpayer earnestly solicits favorable determination of the proposed deficiency and the claim for refund contained in 1952 return and which is reduced to \$354.10 as aforesaid.

If disposition favorable to the taxpayer cannot be made on the basis of this protest, a hearing is requested, and it is respectfully requested that such hearing take place in New York City for the convenience of counsel.

Respectfully

DAVID MITRANY

By /s/ David J. Levy
David J. Levy
Attorney-in-fact

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

DAVID J. LEVY, being duly sworn, says that he is the attorney for the taxpayer, David Mitrany, named in the foregoing protest; that he has read the same and is familiar with the statements therein contained, and that the facts stated are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ David J. Levy
David J. Levy

Sworn to before me this
13th day of November, 1956

/s/ John P. H. Rieper

Notary Public

JOHN P. H. RIEPER
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 41-3282000
Qualified in Queens County
Term Expires March 30, 1957.

The foregoing protest was prepared by the undersigned David J. Levy, attorney and counsel for the taxpayer. The undersigned is informed and believes the facts contained therein are true, but does not know the same of his own knowledge.

Dated, New York, N. Y., November 13, 1956.

/s/David J. Levy

David J. Levy

Counsel for Taxpayer

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TELEPHONE
MURRAY HILL 6-2676

November 13, 1956

Professor David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

*ack. by mail
19/xi/56*

Dear Professor Mitrany:

You will perhaps remember that I last wrote you about your tax matter on June 26, just before I left for Europe, and you replied by your letter of July 2, which arrived after my departure.

In the meantime the revenue authorities have made further inquiry as to whether you would agree to the proposed deficiency assessment of \$946.48. We had held up the filing of a formal protest and supporting statement in the expectation that you would be here and that we would hear from you in the fall. I have now heard from Mr. Morgan that you will not come to America until January and have accordingly completed and filed the Protest under my own signature, pursuant to your power of attorney, and am enclosing a copy for your information and records.

You will see that the position taken has been to dispute the deficiency upon the basis that the Institute grant is not taxable income, and that the Haverford and Swarthmore items were exempt under the tax treaty between our two countries; and the refund claim is pressed to the extent of \$354.10 only, as we cannot insist upon the deduction for the amount of your payment to the University of North Carolina Press.

I shall inform you of any further developments which may occur prior to your arrival, but you must bear in mind that if the case is not disposed of prior to your departure from the United States you will be called upon to secure the payment as a condition of your leaving. I am hopeful that we will be able to settle the matter, I trust favorably, before then.

It is unfortunate that I did not think of it, but it might have been possible to see you briefly at Oxford, for I was there for a day in the middle of August.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

David J. Levy
David J. Levy

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Encl.

Mitrany

Kingston Blount
Oxford

20 Sept. 1956

Dear Director,

Your generous cable was more than welcome. It soothed my own disappointment but also the bad conscience I had for the trouble I was causing the administrative staff. In the meantime with the help of the papers you kindly sent me I got the visa at once; and as political tempers have cooled, with quite a bit of spraying from popular opinion, I hope that nothing will now prevent me to come early in January. I am very grateful for your understanding.

The enclosed letter explains itself. I was asked by the writer to speak to you about his plan but in the circumstances I think it best that you should have his actual letter. I have only two things to say about it. As I am quite unable to judge the value, or originality, of what Dr Bronowski wants to do I feel free to forward his letter without any bias whatever; while you are just the person to estimate what he has to offer as a subject. On the other hand, I have known the writer for quite a number of years and on this can say that he has an exceptionally good and versatile mind, solid judgment and that both he and his wife are very cultured and pleasant people. He tells me that you have already been approached by Julian Huxley (I had the impression that B. had not known that that would happen), whom I also know and like, but Bronowski is rather a different type of man.

Again, my warm thanks for your friendly help, and also my good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

D. Mitrany

Dr Robert Oppenheimer

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David Mitrany

*Kingston Blount
Oxford, England*

Glad to welcome you second semester. Come early and stay late.

Robert Oppenheimer

sent 9/11/56

Perm Mitrany

29 August 1956

Dear Dr. Mitrany:

In accordance with your cable which was received today, I am enclosing a letter that may be presented to the American Consulate for the purpose of obtaining your visa.

Looking forward to your visit to the Institute,

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. David Mitrany
The Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

29 August 1956

To whom it may concern:

Dr. David Mitrany was Professor of the School of Economics and Politics of the Institute for Advanced Study from 1935 to 1949. Since then he has been a Permanent Member of the Institute for Advanced Study and has, on occasion, spent a semester at the Institute. We have made a grant-in-aid of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to defray the expenses of Dr. Mitrany's proposed visit for the autumn semester, 1956-57, 1 October through December. The Institute for Advanced Study has been certified as a participating institution in the Exchange-Visitor Program, assigned serial number P-156.

Robert Oppenheimer
Director

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CABLE (sent 29 August 1956, 3:55 PM)

Dr. David Mitrany
Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Air mailing requested letter today.

Robert Oppenheimer

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London, England (rec'd 29 August 1956, 9:30 AM) (cable)

The Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

American consulate for first time making difficulties about visa on ground that under new classification, must produce letter from you stating, first, that I am visiting exchange professor and, second, what specific course will teach STOP Have vainly explained that neither requirement fits appointment and work at Institute STOP Could you possibly air mail to me letter addressed to U.S. Consulate, London, saying something like above or whatever form you may be using for other visitors in sufficient detail to satisfy them STOP Sorry to trouble you. Many thanks.

David Mitrany

Kingston Blount
Oxford

2nd July 1956

Messrs. Maass, Davidson, Levy &c.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr Levy,

I have your letter of June 26 and I have to thank you again for all the trouble you are taking on my behalf.

In answer to your request I am sending enclosed original letters from the Presidents of Haverford and Swarthmore at the time conveying their invitations that I should come and teach at their Colleges, and also letters from the heads of Department suggesting detailed schedules of teaching. As you will see, the letters were written early in the year and they make clear that the arrangement involved my coming earlier and staying longer than the ordinary semester at the Institute. There was in fact quite an elaborate correspondence with the two institutions before I was able to accept just because it meant re-arranging my whole work in England so as to be able to stay longer in the States.

At the same time, may I beg you again to consider the points I put to you in my letter of Jan. 18 concerning the possible disadvantages to me in pressing for other issues beyond the claim for tax on the Institute stipend. You will not have overlooked that, I am sure, but I am a little anxious that these points should be kept in mind also during your absence.

As at present arranged, I am supposed to spend the fall term at the Institute, arriving early in September, so that the question of the stipend will arise once more. If I may, I will get in touch with you when I arrive in Princeton.

Believe me, with many thanks,

Sincerely yours

David Mitrany

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June 26, 1956

Dr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

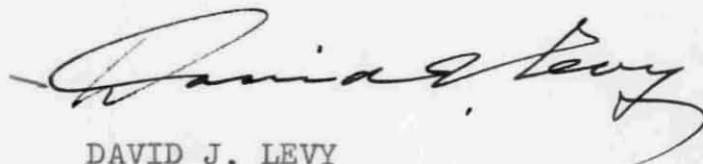
Dear Dr. Mitrany:

I am writing you shortly before I myself will leave for Europe. However, your matter will be attended to in my absence by others in my office.

While we do not agree with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that, in order to obtain the benefit of the treaty between the United Kingdom and the United States it must be shown that you came to the United States primarily to teach, nonetheless, if that is a fact our task will be so much easier. To that end, would you be good enough to forward any correspondence that you have showing the sequence in which you made arrangements with the Institute and Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges. From prior correspondence I understand that, if not for the two teaching assignments, you would have come here later and that should establish that you came here in 1952 primarily to teach.

Please therefore be good enough to search your files and forward any letters of engagement, correspondence, or any other data that will help to establish the facts.

Yours sincerely,



DAVID J. LEVY

DJL:LC

Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.
22 May 1956

Dear Mitrany:

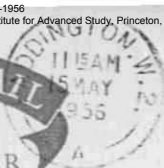
I am delighted to hear that you are coming over to the Institute this fall and hope to see you as soon as possible after you arrive. My plans are as usual to go to Waterford, Connecticut, for the summer and return here for the fall. I don't know as yet what my exact dates will be but a letter sent to me at the Institute will always be forwarded if I am not here, and I assume I can get hold of you in the same way.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
nr. Oxford, England



Dr. Frank Aydelotte
90 Battle Rd.
Princeton

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Sender's name and address:

D. Mitrany

Kingston Blount

Oxford, England.

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Dear, Agdalte, I wanted to
let you know that I have just
arranged with the Institute to
let me come over for the fall
term. Every body has been kind
helpful and I am looking
forward greatly to being there
again.

I am also looking much
forward to seeing you - that is
why I am writing this line

is the hope that I may hear
what your plans are for this autumn.

I hope that all is well with
you. With kindest wishes, always

Yours
J. Mitrany

THE LOWER FARM,
KINGSTON BLOUNT,
OXFORD.

5.7.56

Pls. circulate: Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Barnett
✓ Miss Horton
& return to D.O.

Dear Director,

Your kind letter of April 30 arrived today and I am grateful to you for making it possible for me to spend the full term at the Institute. What you suggest is most helpful and I appreciate your willingness to carry me on your budget. I need hardly tell you how much I am looking forward to being with you again - in fact, I very much hope I can arrange to come already early in September, so as to make the most of my stay.

Again, my warm thanks to you, and very
best wishes for you all.

Sincerely yours
David Mitrany

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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Dear Director,

I am much distressed at
missing a chance to have a word
with you before leaving. My time
here has been useful and also
pleasant, and I wanted to thank
you, and through you our colleagues and
the staff, for their great kindness
and help. It gives me a chance
to find out about after the rather

unsubscribed life overseas.

My congratulations are being
extended to give the Reith lectures - a
splendid piece of imagination on the
part of the BBC. I shall look
forward to hearing you, and perhaps
there may be a chance to meet.

Again my sincere thanks for
your help, and my good wishes,

As always yours, David Mitrany

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

cc. Mr. Morgan
Mrs. Barnett
✓ Miss Horton
Prof. Panofsky

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

30 April 1956

Dear Dr. Mitrany:

It is with pleasure that I write to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the Institute, at their meeting on April 25th, approved our budget for the academic year 1956-1957. We can now make available to you a grant of \$4,000 to defray the expenses of your sojourn in Princeton for the first term of the year.

We are all looking forward with pleasure to having you with us for another visit.

Very sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

NOTE TO MR. MORGAN: Special Appropriation.

February 20, 1956

Mr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Dear David:

Many thanks for your letter and the confidence you place in my administrative and diplomatic ability. I am glad to report that the outcome of my inquiries is as favorable as can be expected at the present moment. It was clear to me from the outset that a "stipend"--to be more precise, a "temporary membership with stipend"--in the School of Historical Studies was out of the question, first, because our stipend fund is depleted; and, second, because you are still a Permanent Member of the Institute, in which capacity you cannot at the same time become a Temporary Member of one of the Institute's schools (if so, you would constitute a living example of what is known as the paradoxes of the theory of sets or aggregates).

What you should have, and what I and the present executive officer (Harold Cherniss) have suggested to the Director is, therefore, not a stipend in the School of Historical Studies but a special appropriation to be put on the general budget of the Institute. The Director has very kindly consented to act on this suggestion: he will put into the budget for next year an appropriate sum (amount unknown to me) that will enable you to stay with the Institute for one term during the academic year 1956-57, and he hopes, as I do, that the budget, including the above-mentioned item, will be approved by the trustees at their next meeting, which will take place in April. After this meeting the Director will write you directly, giving all the necessary details, and in the meantime you do not have to do anything at all; so that, even in the unlikely case that the trustees withhold approval, no embarrassment would be caused to either yourself or your colleagues.

I am sorry that a definite answer cannot reach you until after the April meeting; but otherwise, I hope, you will approve of my efforts as your unofficial chargé d'affaires. So let us say, antistitibus volentibus: "Auf Wiedersehen in the autumn."

As far as Dora and I are concerned, we are not getting any younger, but are, for the time being, still above ground and look forward very much to seeing you again if all goes well.

In the meantime, with all good wishes from both of us,

Yours as ever, sincerely,

Erwin Panofsky

EP:wfk

Mitrany

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 17, 1956

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

Dear Robert:

I received a letter from Mitrany dated February 12, 1956, in which he informs me of his wish to spend the next term at the Institute in order to write and, rather decently, asks me to make preliminary inquiries about this possibility. I am quoting the relevant passages verbatim:

"I badly need a little time of quiet to get on with it. Do you think there is any chance of my getting a stipend at the Institute for the fall term? I hope you don't mind my making this inquiry through you. I do so, first, because I don't know who is the present executive officer of the History School and, second, because I should like, if possible, to spare them and myself the embarrassment of a refusal."

I discussed the situation with Harold, and we both came to the conclusion that Mitrany's request--even if our stipend fund were to be increased as we all hope it will--would not be a School matter. Since Mitrany is still listed as a permanent member of the Institute, he could not possibly apply for a temporary membership with stipend in the School of Historical Studies. He would just have to ask for an extra appropriation in the same way as, for example, Mr. Weitzmann occasionally does when he wants to go abroad (the only difference being that Mitrany wants to come rather than to go and that his normal salary is zero).

As a result, I am afraid I have to leave the baby at your doorstep and should be very grateful to you for informing me of your decision. If the answer is in the negative, I shall, of course, take it upon myself to explain the situation to Mitrany in a personal letter.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever, sincerely,

Pan.

Erwin Panofsky

EP:wfk

cc: Professor Harold Cherniss

*notified Me. M.
4000 special approp in budget
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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

February 8, 1951

W.F.
Mitrany

Not coming 1951-52

Dear Robert:

In the first item of the attached Minutes of the School meeting held on Tuesday, you will observe that the source of the stipend to be paid Dr. Mitrany in the event of his visit next year is indefinite. The wording of this sentence in the Minutes is the wording that was actually used in the meeting.

I am sorry that I failed to call attention to the lack of definiteness and to point out that the \$2,000 paid to Dr. Mitrany for his visit last term was charged against the School stipend fund because no other provision had been made in the budget. The action taken this year was, I think, a matter of convenience and ought not to be regarded as a precedent. The attached abstracts of earlier action with regard to Dr. Mitrany's stipend indicate, I believe, that any stipend paid him for a possible visit during the coming year should not be charged against the regular stipend fund of the School.

Yours,

Harold

Harold Cherniss

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer,
Director

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100 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

TELEPHONE
MURRAY HILL 6-2676

February 8, 1956

*Signed Jones
returned
14/11/56*

Professor David Mitrany,
Kingston Blount,
Oxford, England

Dear Professor Mitrany:

For the present I would like merely to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 18th, as well as one from the University of North Carolina Press on the same date, setting forth a schedule of the payments which were made to you, and upon these I shall communicate further with you at a later date.

More important, however, I am enclosing a form of consent to be executed by you in triplicate and returned here. This has been submitted by the revenue authorities at my request and constitutes an extension of the statute of limitations until June 30, 1957, in order to afford an opportunity for further consideration of the case prior to the assessment of a deficiency, which would require us to go into court. I would ask you to deal with these and return all copies promptly.

Yours sincerely,

David J. Levy

David J. Levy

DJL:JW

Encls.

U. N. C. PRESS

January 18, 1956

Mr. David J. Levy
Maass, Davidson, Levy,
Friedman & Weston
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Levy:

I have listed below the amounts which have been paid in royalties to Dr. David Mitrany on our edition of MARX AGAINST THE PEASANT. The dates given are the actual dates of payment, and they cover royalties earned during the six months preceding June 30 or December 31 respectively.

I trust this is the information you need.

Sincerely yours,

Lambert Davis
Director

ld/ac

cc: David Mitrany

July 16, 1953	\$ 22.95
January 18, 1954	25.65
July 26, 1954	117.88
January 19, 1955	155.25
July 18, 1955	76.28
January 16, 1956	<u>4.05</u>
	\$402.06

Kingston Blount, Oxford.

18 Jan. 1956.

Dear Mr Levy,

I am not surprized that you think my affairs to be complicated, they probably are more so evn than you think. Every part of my formal standing or of any particular point seems to be a hybrid of some kind or another. I will try to deal briefly with the points on which you ask more information.

2. First hybrid. I was one of the original professorial appointments to the Institute but in 1939 was asked by the Government here to stay and do war-work. By 1945 things had got so complicated that I thought it only fair to offer my resignation, without any conditions whatsoever. The Director, Dr Aydelotte, of his own initiative then got the Trustees to make me a 'permanent member' (the term was invented for the purpose), with a standing invitation that I might come every year for a short period, and that if I did come the Institute would pay me a stipend. I was no longer on the faculty and the Institute claimed no services from me, so that my stipends were like all the others gifts to further my own work. There were no formal contractual letters. In 1952/3 I was embarking ~~with~~ on elaborate study in political theory (still in the works), and it was with preliminary material from this that I could offer the seminars at Haverford and Swarthmore.

5. No, the N.C.Press payment was agreed and made long before I received the payment from Liptons (a generous and, I fear, one-time offering in return ~~for~~ some help on their international interests). Having always published with University Presses I had not specified details of production and in the spring of 1951 I was horrified to discover that they were about to publish a cheaply and badly printed edition. Through a legal acquaintance in N.Y. I had the opinion of the legal firm who represent the Oxford Un. Press that I had a clear case for legal action, but I hate litigation, I was within ten days of sailing, and at best the book would have been delayed for a year or more. So I offered to make a contribution towards a completely new edition and with the help of my N.Y. friend we got the Presses to accept the compromise (an expensive one for them too), and the cost came very much out my own pocket.

Now for the other hybrids - my academic status has been mixed, so has my residential status, and my taxation status would have been frantic but for the help of some able and kindly people in London. This brings me to the point of your last par. but one. It is only within the past month that my London people after two years of arguing have got our tax authorities to agree that on those American incomes I should be taxed only on actual remittances (some interpretation of the tax convention); if you should successfully re-open this point on your side it would have to be re-opened on this side also, and in the end the cost may turn out to be greater than the gain. Secondly, and more awkward still, the very helpful Treasurer of Smith College had made me aware that because of my mixed circumstances partly I qualified for security benefits newly allowed to teachers, and while it doesn't amount to

much it does help me to get books and research material from the States which otherwise would be beyond my means. As you see, my hybridity is endless, and as always with hybrids its better to take them as they are - trying to uncover the pure origins may kill the thing altogether.

Your letter is so kindly that I much enjoyed having it and I am touched that you should be willing to take so much trouble on what is after all a very small affair. And of course I shall be glad if you can help me - as long as you don't raise any Constitutional issues !

Sincerely yours

David Mitrany

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TELEPHONE
MURRAY HILL 6-2676

January 12, 1956.

Dr. David Mitrany,
Kingston Blount,
Oxford,
England.

Dear Dr. Mitrany:-

I would like to set your mind at rest at least to the extent of acknowledging that your letter of January 4th and the attached correspondence have all arrived and are receiving the necessary study.

The power of attorney has been forwarded to the authorities together with word that I am studying the proposals in their letter of November 3, 1955, and will inform them further.

I am of course thoroughly familiar with the tax problems involved, yours however being a particularly well-stocked Pandora's box. I cannot give you categorical conclusions, but will set out at this point a few observations:

1. It is unfortunately too true that you should have paid no income tax for 1951 (being entitled to the benefits of the Tax Convention between our countries), but claim for refund is barred by the three-year statute of limitations.

2. The taxability of your Institute stipend and that of similar grants has been a subject of much disagreement, litigation and new legislation (which however is not applicable to past years). It is my intention to insist in your behalf that it is not taxable here either because it was a grant equivalent to a gift rather than income or because if it was income it is entitled to exemption under the Tax Convention. In this connection I would like to have the facts as to the period of your membership at the Institute, copies (if you have them) of the appointment letter and any renewals, and a general statement of the work which you did during your visit.

3. The taxability of your Swarthmore and Haverford income is again a doubtful matter depending upon the correctness of the revenue authorities' interpretation of the Tax Convention as requiring that your visit here shall have been for the "primary" purpose of teaching and the subsidiary question of whether even so your work at the Institute

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Dr. David Mitrany

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January 12, 1956.

did not involve teaching as well as learning.

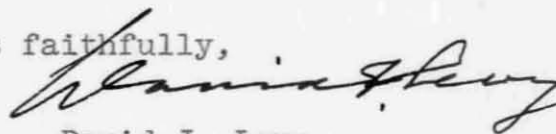
4. The status of the travel and subsistence and similar expenses which you deducted will in turn largely depend upon the taxability of the Institute-Swarthmore-Haverford income, but it not properly disallowable simply because you cannot produce detailed vouchers, reasonable estimates being perfectly proper. Of course I note that the revenue people have indicated willingness to allow these deductions if you accept decision as to taxability of the other items.

5. The University of North Carolina Press item raises some further questions in my mind as I read the October 8, 1951 letter contract. I have the impression from this that you were required in some way to make these publishing arrangements in connection with your other arrangements with Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., which I know to be a subsidiary of Lever Brothers Co. referred to in this agreement. Can it be that your outlay to subsidize the publication had a direct connection with the \$2,500 or other income paid to you by the Lipton Company in 1952?

Finally, I must ask you to release me from the injunction in your January 4th letter that the only issue which you would like me to take up is that of the Institute stipend and perhaps the item to the University of North Carolina Press. I suggest that you should leave me free to deal with all of these matters as I may find best, as there seems no good reason to do otherwise, and I would be hampered if I could not also press the other matters.

As the remaining time for the authorities to assess additional tax is now short, I am suggesting a consent to defer the period of limitations, in order that we may exhaust administrative opportunity for disposition. Nevertheless I must add here and now that the nature of the issues in controversy as well as the status which you have already reached will probably forbid disposition at the administrative level, making it necessary to file petition for review in the Tax Court.

Yours faithfully,



David J. Levy

Air Mail
DJL:JR

Kingston Blount,
Oxford.

4th January, 1956.

Mr. David J. Levy,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Levy,

Mr. Minot Morgan has kindly sent me copy of your letter to him of December 20 last concerning the additional tax claim being pressed upon me by the Baltimore Tax Office with reference to income received during 1952. I am very grateful for your willingness to help me with this matter as I am at a loss to know what the true position is.

I am sending you copies of the correspondence with the Baltimore Tax Office and also copy of my original letter to Mr. Morgan. Perhaps I should have written him from the first but I was most anxious not to involve the Institute in it as I know they have been a little nervous about the privilege of tax-free stipends. So I tried to deal with it myself, but as you will see the Baltimore people have never said clearly whether they have claimed tax also from other recipients of Institute stipends, and Mr. Morgan's advice to resist payment makes me think that they have not. If Mr. Morgan had said "Pay and have done with it", I would have done so at once, mainly because, as I said, I do not want to embarrass the Institute, and that remains a main consideration with me.

As a matter of fact, the only issue I should like you to take up is that of the Institute stipend; unless you think that the payment of \$1,000 to the University of North Carolina Press presents a straightforward claim too. The other claim, for repayment of tax already paid, was put in by the kindly officer at Trenton, but I never thought it a good claim and I should prefer to drop this altogether. The Institute stipend is a straightforward issue, and a general one, as far as I can see - either the stipends are exempted or they are not.

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- iii. I am certain to come again to the U.S., perhaps already this spring, and both for my work and for personal relations I want to continue my visits. But as far as I know I will be coming as a private visitor and so far have no prospect of any income, though I have offers of hospitality.

Thanking you again for your willingness to help me,

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

David Mitrany

Kingston Blount
Oxford.

3 Januray 1956.

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Thanking you again for your willingness to help me,

Sincerely yours

Mr David J. Levy.
New York 17.

David Mitrany

Kingston Blount
Oxford.

3 January 1956

Dear Mr Davis,

If it is not causing you too much trouble could you kindly ask your office to send to the address below a statement of the amounts paid me at various dates during the past three years as royalties on 'Marx against the Peasant'. I am having a little trouble with the U.S. income tax people and as I do not keep proper records I should like my friends in N.Y., who are acting for me, to have the exact figures and dates.

With my thanks for your courtesy and my good wishes for the New Year, for yourself and for the Press,

Sincerely yours

David Mitrany

Mr Lambert Davis
Univ. of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Please send statement to

Mr. David J. Levy,
at Maass, Davidson, Levy, Friedman & Weston,
100 Park Avenue
NEW York 17, N.Y.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

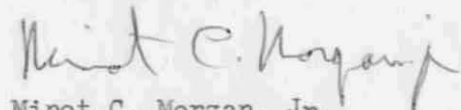
December 22, 1955

Dr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Dear Dr. Mitrany:

Thanks for your most recent letter. I received in the same mail, a letter from our attorney, a copy of which is enclosed and which speaks for itself. I think the sooner we can get things completely in his hands, the better. I am sending him your last letter.

Cordially yours,



Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
General Manager

MCM:jp
Enclosures

COPY

MAASS, DAVIDSON, LEVY, FRIEDMAN & WESTON
100 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 20, 1955.

Re: David Mitrany tax matters

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

Dear Mr. Morgan:-

I received in the mails from you on Friday morning, December 9th, a letter with which you forwarded the file of Dr. Mitrany, and requested that I take up his pending tax matters and controversy with the Internal Revenue Service.

I regret to say that while I have the file and have reviewed it, your forwarding letter as well as that of Dr. Mitrany to you has somehow been mislaid, and of course I am both embarrassed and hampered by this loss, which I deeply regret.

There are apparently involved a 1951 refund claim of \$698.00; a 1952 claim of overpayment of \$775.90; and on the part of the Internal Revenue Service rejection of these plus claims for additional, deficiency taxes assessed or threatened, I cannot tell which.

I will be glad to take these matters up for Dr. Mitrany, and to this end I am enclosing a form of power of attorney to be executed by him in duplicate and returned here; and at the same time will ask you to obtain and send me copies of his transmittal letter to you and your own to me, the latter undoubtedly dated a day or so before December 9th.

X I would also like to have from Dr. Mitrany a copy of any
p publication or royalty agreement with the University of North Carolina Press and a statement of the royalties if any which he may have
p received upon this to date; also did he file any United States income tax returns subsequent to that for the year 1952 and does he
p have any present intention of coming again to the United States at
p any time or for any purpose.

Again, I am deeply apologetic for the mischance of the missing transmittal letters; and for your convenience am enclosing a copy of this letter which it will be convenient for you to send to Dr. Mitrany in explaining matters.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.
DJL:JR

(SIGNED) DAVID J. LEVY
David J. Levy

Kingston Blount
Oxford

18 Dec. 1955

Dear Mr Morgan,

Please forgive me for troubling you with this miserly correspondence at holiday time, but I have just received from Baltimore another letter (dated Dec. 9, Ref. 228:A:EDC), in reply to my protest sent just before I wrote to you for advice. Such remarkable promptitude on the part of a tax authority, and for the first time the use of air mail, almost makes one feel that they think my money essential to the balancing of the U.S. budget.

The letter is firm and uncompromising on the two points on which I objected. The \$1000 paid to the Carolina Press they say is not a loss but a 'personal expense' and as such not deductible for income tax purposes.

As to the Institute stipend, in reply to my point that the Trenton office deals with many returns from Institute members and so are aware of the situation, the letter says:

'Returns filled by or on behalf of nonresident alien persons are subject to review in this office and in many cases it is found that income is taxable which may have been accepted as nontaxable under a previous determination or an erroneous interpretation of a ruling. You are advised that stipends paid by the Institute to other persons engaged in the same sort of reserach are considered taxable income to the recepients reviewed by this office.'

'If you agree to the deficiency set forth in our letter of Nov. 3, 1955 and sign the form 870 enclosed in that letter, you may communicate with the Delinquent Accounts and Returns Branch, Office of District Director of Internal Revenue, Ba. Md., after you have received a notice of the tax and interest due to make arrangements relative to the payment of the assessment, since the Audit Division does not assume jurisdiction in the matter of collections. However, the signed form 870 should be promptly forwarded to this office.'

Pretty formidable style and manner! However, I will try to bear it till I hear from you, I have merely sent a brief acknowledgement and said that I have to look into the matter and will write again soon. Again my apologies to you, and also my warm thanks for your kindness - and as many wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Very sincerely yours



U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND
103 South Gay Street

IN REPLYING REFER TO:

228:A:EDC

DEC 9 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. David C. Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Dear Mr. Mitrany:

We have received your letter of November 20, 1955 with respect to the deduction of \$1,000.00 paid to the University of North Carolina Press for publication of your book from which you received no income and to the inclusion of the stipend received from the Institute for Advanced Study in your taxable income.

We appreciate your problem but there is no provision in the Internal Revenue Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder whereby money spent for publishing a book is deductible for income tax purposes. Such expenditure is considered a personal expense. However, it is called to your attention that any future royalties which may be received by you from U. S. sources are exempt from United States tax under the United States-United Kingdom income tax convention provided you are a resident of the United Kingdom; at no time during the taxable year in which such royalties are derived, have a permanent establishment in the United States and are subject to United Kingdom tax on such royalties.

You state that at the time your return was prepared in the Trenton, New Jersey office, many other returns were prepared for colleagues from foreign countries, some of whom were working at the Institute and that none of these colleagues were called upon to pay tax on their stipends.

Returns filed by or on behalf of nonresident alien persons are subject to review in this office and in many cases it is found that income is taxable which may have been accepted as nontaxable under a previous determination or an erroneous interpretation of a ruling. You are advised that stipends paid by the Institute to other persons engaged in the same sort of research are considered taxable income to the recipients when reviewed by this office.

*advised 17/XII/55 -
will consider matter -
write again soon -
- written with Mitrany
to kind Mitrany
at Institute*

2- Mr. David C. Mitrany

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In your reply, please refer to Code 228:A:EDC.

Very truly yours,

C. I. Fox

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Acting District Director

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 7, 1955

Dr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

ackd. 12/12/55

Dear Dr. Mitrany:

Thank you for your good letter of December 3. My best advice in this matter is that you should resist the payment of your tax. I have taken the liberty of sending your letter and your entire back file to our tax counsel in New York. I suggest that you delay any further communication with Baltimore until such time as you hear from me or him again.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

Cordially yours,

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.

Minot C. Morgan, Jr.
Comptroller

MCM:jp

Kingston Blount
Oxford

Nov. 20 1955.

Ref. 228:A:EDC

Dear Mr. Fox.

Your letter of Nov. 3, with enclosures, came two days ago and I am much distressed that in all major issues your decision goes against me. I assure you that I am most anxious to settle anything that may be due from me. But as I am now retired from teaching your claim is a rather serious matter. May I therefore beg you to reconsider only two of the points involved.

1. The payment of \$1000 to the University of North Carolina Press. I can see how under the general rule a loss must be related to a particular transaction but surely that is in no way practicable in the case of an author, let alone an academic author. A literary writer may spend one or two years on a novel or play which may turn out a flop, and he could say that his expenses during that period are therefore a loss. But the book of a scholar is usually in the making over a number of years and he could not possibly list the precise labour or expense that went into the making of it - in my case the well-known American reviewer in The Saturday Review of Literature said just that, That I must have taken years to get my material together? Is an author to be penalized because he has put more effort and expense in a piece of work than a Broadway playwright?

2. Stipend from the Institute for Advanced Study. As I mentioned in my previous letter, at the time when I filed my tax return in February, 1953, on the eve of my departure, I was rather incapacitated from an accident and I was taken to Trenton by the then administrative officer of the Institute, Mr Fleming Trenton being the office where most of the visitors to the Institute filed their returns. There never was any question in the minds of these gentlemen that the stipend was formally recognized as non-taxable; there were at the same time as myself four or five other visitors from England, none of whom were called upon to pay tax, apart from fifty or more from other countries. Whatever else may be your decision on the other points, I really cannot see why from the hundreds who in the passed years have been working at the Institute under similar arrangements my case should be singled out in this way. This cannot be your intention, I am sure, and I trust therefore that this point especially will be reconsidered in my favour.

Yours very truly



U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND
103 South Gay Street

IN REPLYING REFER TO:

228:A:EDC

NOV 3 1955

Mr. David C. Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Dear Mr. Mitrany:

This refers further to your letter of August 4, 1955 in reply to our communication of July 15, 1955, copy enclosed, in regard to your United States income tax liability for the year 1952.

Your statements have been carefully noted and considered in connection with information previously received and it is the opinion of this office that the income totaling \$9,000.00 shown in paragraph two of our letter of July 15, 1955 represents taxable income for the year 1952 for the reasons given in the letter.

Deductions from gross income are allowable to a nonresident alien individual only to the extent they are directly connected with the production of taxable income from sources within the United States.

Commuting expenses, such as were incurred by you in traveling from your place of residence in Princeton to Haverford and Swarthmore, are personal expenses and are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes by anyone.

As you were previously advised the cost of "publishing your book" is a personal expense which would not be deductible for Federal income tax purposes by anyone.

Deductions for certain subsistence and traveling expenses incurred in connection with your researches, and depreciation on books purchased in connection with your work would be allowable if properly substantiated.

In view of your statement that you no longer have material references in your possession to reproduce an itemized list thereof, an exception will be made in this particular case and the expenditures totaling \$1,793.00 listed on page 4 of your income tax return will be allowed as claimed provided you agree to the adjustment of your income tax liability as shown in the following recomputation.

2- Mr. David C. Mitrany

COMPUTATION OF TAX - 1952

Gross income	\$9,000.00
Less: Deductions	<u>1,793.00</u>
Net income	7,207.00
Less: Exemption	<u>600.00</u>
Balance subject to tax	\$6,607.00
Income tax liability	
(\$1,516.00 plus 34% of \$607.00)	\$1,722.38
Less: Tax withheld by employers	<u>775.90</u>
Balance of tax due	\$ 946.48

If you agree to the proposed deficiency of \$946.48, you are requested to sign the enclosed Form 870 and return it to this office. If desired, payment of the deficiency may be made without awaiting assessment by making remittance therefor payable to the District Director of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, enclosing this letter or a copy thereof. The remittance should include interest on the additional tax computed at 6% per annum from June 15, 1953, the due date of the return, to the date of payment.

With respect to your request as to whether a claim for refund for 1951 tax would now be in order, you are advised that since a claim was not filed within 3 years from the date the return was filed or within 2 years from the date the tax was paid, further consideration of your 1951 return is now barred by the Statute of Limitations.

In your reply, please refer to Code 228:A:EDC.

Very truly yours,

C. S. Fox
C. I. Fox
Acting District Director

Enclosures:

Form 870
Copy of letter dated July 15, 1955
Copy of this letter



U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
BALTIMORE 2, MARYLAND
103 South Gay Street

JUL 15 1955

IN REPLYING REFER TO:
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Dr. David C. Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Dear Dr. Mitrany:

An examination of your income tax return, Form 1040B, for the year 1952 in connection with available information discloses the following in connection with your income tax liability.

During the taxable year you received:

	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Tax withheld</u>
Haverford College Haverford, Pennsylvania	\$1,500.00	\$268.30
Swarthmore College Swarthmore, Pennsylvania	1,000.00	132.60
Thomas J. Lipton, Inc. Hoboken, New Jersey	2,500.00	375.00
Institute of Advanced Study Princeton, New Jersey	grant-in-aid 4,000.00	None

Only the amount of \$2,500.00 received from Thomas J. Lipton, Inc. was reported as income in the return, but credit was claimed for the total amount of tax withheld from the wages received. A net loss in the amount of \$1,000.00 paid to the University of North Carolina Press on January 25, 1952 for publishing a book on which no royalties had, at that time, been received, was claimed.

With respect to the wages received from Swarthmore College and Haverford College which you claim to be exempt under Article XVIII of the United States-United Kingdom income tax convention, you are advised that Article XVIII of the convention provides:

Dr. David C. Mitrany

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"A professor or teacher from the territory of one of the contracting parties who visits the territory of the other contracting party for the purpose of teaching, for a period not exceeding two years, at a university, college, school, or other educational institution in the territory of such other contracting party shall be exempted by such other contracting party from tax on his remuneration for such teaching for such period."

If the primary purpose of a professor or teacher from the United Kingdom in visiting the United States is to teach, lecture or instruct at a university for a period of not more than two years from the date of arrival and a substantial portion of his time is devoted to such duties, his entire remuneration from such university would be exempt from Federal income tax under Article XVIII of the convention even though a portion of his time is devoted to research or other functions. However, where the primary purpose of his presence in the United States is the pursuit of research and like duties and any teaching is incidental to such research, it cannot be considered he is in the United States "for the purpose of teaching" within the meaning of the exemption provided in Article XVIII.

Information on file discloses that you came to the United States on September 29, 1952 and were resident at the Institute for Advanced Study from September 1952 to February 1953. It, therefore, appears that your primary object was the pursuit of research made possible by the grant of \$4,000.00 rather than for the purpose of teaching and it is the opinion of this office that the \$2,500.00 received from the above-mentioned colleges represents taxable income to you.

The entire amount of the grant-in-aid from the Institute of Advanced Study was paid to you during the calendar year 1952 in four installments from February to December and it is indicated that such grant was intended to cover your subsistence during your stay at the Institute. It is the position of the Internal Revenue Service that if a grant or fellowship is made for the training and education of an individual either as a part of his program in acquiring a degree or in otherwise furthering his educational development, no services being rendered as consideration therefor, the amount of the grant is a gift which is excludable from gross income. However, when the recipient of the grant applies his skill and training to advance research, creative work, or some other project or activity, the essential elements of a

Dr. David C. Mitrany

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gift as contemplated by section 22(b)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 are not present and the amount of the grant is includible in the recipient's gross income.

It has been observed that the Institute for Advanced Study is engaged primarily in research to extend the existing limits of knowledge, although the training of individuals to carry on research is a secondary purpose. Generally, where a grantor is an organization which is primarily concerned with furthering research, a substantial purpose of the award-or-grant-in-aid is to obtain the results of the recipient's research. It is not believed that it was the intent of Congress that amounts received by an individual who is pursuing a career as a scientist or scholar should be excluded from the category of taxable income even though funds are supplied by a Foundation which requires no specific services in return.

Section 39.213 of Regulations 118, relating to the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, applicable to the calendar years 1952 and 1953, states in effect that deductions are allowable to a nonresident alien individual only to the extent they are directly connected with taxable income from sources within the United States with the exception of contributions which are deductible if made to domestic organizations, or to community chests, funds or foundations created in the United States and certain types of losses.

You are requested to submit an itemized statement of the deductions of \$658.00 for meals and lodging and \$995.00 for travel to and from the United States and "other travel in U. S." The dates and necessity for such travel should be furnished, together with the reason you are of the opinion that they are attributable to the production of your income within the United States. The deductions should also be substantiated by receipted bills, cancelled checks or such other data as you may have.

Since the \$1,000.00 paid for publishing your book is not connected with the taxable income of \$2,500.00 reported on your return or any other income received from sources within the United States during the taxable year, it is not an allowable deduction.

Upon receipt of the information requested you will be further advised in regard to your United States income tax liability. In your reply please refer to Code 228:A:EDC.

Very truly yours,

C. I. Fox

C. I. Fox

Acting District Director

Telegram sent 31 July, 1953:

PROFESSOR DAVID MITRANY, P.E.P., 16 QUEEN ANNE'S GATE,
S.W.1.

DELIGHTED TO EXPECT YOU FOR DINNER

ATHENAEUM WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5 AT 7.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

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27th July, 1953

Dear Mitrany,

Your letter of the 15th journeyed out to Princeton and back to me here, arriving Saturday. We have had a wonderful time in Oxford. The Reunion was a great success and miraculously the weather was fine all day every day.

I stayed here at Rhodes House during the Reunion, along with my secretary, Elsa Jenkins (whom I brought with me). My son Bill is staying in London and he came out for several of the functions.

After the Reunion was over I went to London to have my portrait painted for Rhodes House by invitation of the Rhodes Trustees. It was done by a man named Halliday, whose name you may know. No man is a judge of his own portrait, but Bill thinks this is fine. I shall be interested to know what you think of it. I believe Halliday intends to bring it to Oxford some day this week.

When am I going to see you, and where? I am staying in Brasenose this week and going up to London on Saturday to stay at the Athenaeum until I sail on Thursday, August 6th. Could you come in to Brasenose for lunch or dinner one day (I would suggest Thursday), or would it suit you better to have a meal with me at the Athenaeum if you are going to be in London?

I don't suppose you attended the Anglo-American Historical Conference in London July 10th and 11th? Bill read a paper on the English Parliament of the 1840's which all his scholarly friends thought brilliant, as of course did his fond father.

When are you coming to the U.S.A.? That is one of the questions I want to ask you when we meet.

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If Thursday the 30th would suit you to come for a meal with me at Brasenose, you had better send me a telegram since time is short. If you would prefer that we meet some time in the week following at the Athenaeum, I would suggest Wednesday, August 5th. Let me know what will suit you best. I would suggest telephoning except that I fly around so much I am afraid you would find it hard to get me.

Yours sincerely

Professor David Mitrany,
Kingston Blount,
NR. OXFORD.



Dr. Frank Aydelotte

88 Battle Rd.

Princeton

N. J.

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Sender's name and address:

D. Mitrany

Kingston Blount

Oxford, England.

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Kingston 18 June
Oxford

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My dear Mr Delatte,

I have seen various references to the gathering of Rhodes people at Oxford elsewhere and it seems strange that anything like that should be deprived of your friendly presence. Even to me, a mere outsider, 'Rhodes Trust' is personified by you - to the many men who were the actual beneficiaries, I should think that you are the most concrete part of their grateful memory. Anyway, I wanted to send you a line that you may know how, with the others no doubt, I have been thinking of you. I hope you are keeping well and enjoying yourself - with plenty of golf.

We have had a great summer here -

most un-Englishly emotional. The young Queen is of course a most attractive genuine person, but something has happened to the whole position of the monarchy. I give credit for it mainly to the Queen-Mother; with great intelligence, discretion & charm she has brought the royal family into contact with the people - after the somewhat aloof reign of George V. - and she has made any contact a matter of friendly dignity (where Edward VIII tended to make it friendly promiscuity), and quite obviously has made the Court also a place of simple human life. That is most evident in the way the children were brought up, in a happy family life, compared with the typically stern and distant upbringing described by Edmund VII in his book. For the time being, as a result, the rise of a mass assertiveness has found expression therefore only in social claims, but if anything is

a real conservative reaction to the traditional political systems. People like Baran, others of course resent this - to some a change is not satisfying unless a few heads, at least political heads, have fallen. There is nothing new in trying to see how many intellectuals, including his Oxford ones like Crossman etc, are really ruled by their restless questions.

We are keeping fair. I am trying to work as hard as I can on a book on international government - a rather ambitious attempt at theory - but not as well as I could wish, as I haven't got adequate help, and the material to be looked at is vast in many languages. Otherwise I have no immediate plans.

Again my very best wishes to you, also for my wife, in the hope that I may see you in the near future.

Always yours
David Mitrany

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June 12, 1953

To: Director's Office

From: Ruth W. Barnett

Dr. David Mitrany left The Institute
for Advanced Study on February 27, 1953
and sailed from New York to England on
the "Queen Elizabeth" on March 6, 1953.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 9, 1953

To: Director's Office

From: R. Barnett

Professor David Mitrany left the Institute on
February 25. He will sail from New York to England
on March 6th.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 17, 1953

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To Dr. Oppenheimer

From LT

Check for \$1,500 has been received for Dr. Mitrany from the Lipton Foundation. I have acknowledged receipt of same, also notifying Dr. Mitrany.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 9 1953

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Memo to Dr. Oppenheimer

Re: D. Mitrany

From L. Trinterud

Just before he left the U.S. Dr. Mitrany got promise of \$1,500 support from the Lipton Tea Company for the book he is writing. Today I had a telephone call from an official of this firm asking me to write a brief letter to the T. J. Lipton Foundation, Inc. at Hoboken soliciting their contribution of \$1,500 for this purpose. He said this formality was their usual practice before making payments.

Dr. Mitrany wants to use this money to help pay research and other miscellaneous expenses in connection with his book. I know that he feels that whereas he is not now a member, he is still doing the work he had planned to do fall term and was prevented from doing because of his accident and also the fact that Miss Farr was only able to give his work half-time because of the illness of her father. He was promised a full-time asst. for all of fall term and we have not paid her for quite half time. She is going to continue for some weeks to do research for him here and send him the results.

I have a reserve on the books for him of his personal funds and he intended me to add this check to that and pay it out at his request. I am also keeping his hospitalization and doctor's plan coverage in effect with the Institute group, and charging his reserve. If I should not continue with this, kindly advise.

phoned OK

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

February 26, 1953

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Highland Park Club
Lake Wales, Florida

Dear Aydelotte:

I am having a pleasant time enjoying the comforts of your house and the great kindness of Mrs. Perkins and of Margaret. Even Judy gave me a cautious welcome. I was all set for going to the Tavern but I began to worry about sleeping; I never sleep too well but since my accidnet it has been somewhat worse because of the somewhat uncomfortable positions in which I have to lie, and that is what made me bold enough to get in touch with you. I need hardly tell you how grateful I am for your hospitality.

At the same time I am deeply sorry that I shall miss seeing you. I had understood at first that you would be back by the end of the month, but for your sake I was glad to hear that you were extending your holiday. And of course I was impressed, but not surprised, to hear of your prowess at golf. Another thing which I have missed was a private visit to Swarthmore. The perfectly charming group of students who made up my seminar had invited me to have dinner and an evening of pleasant companionship with them and I fully intended to make use of their invitation. When I had to write last week that I was still on crutches and saw no chance of joining them, apart from several of them writing me, they sent me jointly the following telegram: "Best wishes on your book. Humble Hicksites feel England's gain is our loss. Bon Voyage. Swarthmore Seminar". In quality they were not more than average students, but they are keen and quickly began a pleasantly united little group. As you know I was somewhat reluctant to take on the Swarthmore Seminar on top of that at Haverford, but I enjoyed it immensely and I am grateful now that you persuaded me to go there.

When I left the hospital and went to the Institute apartment, and you kindly paid me a visit, you brought along The American Historical Review (which I have returned to your office) with the review of my book by Mr. Robert Lee Wolff. I am afraid I do not know the gentleman or anything about him, but I was much annoyed by the review for two reasons. First, because he misinterprets the

Dr. Frank Aydelotte

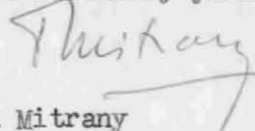
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February 26, 1953

nature of the book and that I regard as unpardonable in an academic reviewer. I am sending you a copy of a letter I have written to the editor of the American Historical Review in the hope that he will publish it. But apart from that he makes all sorts of statements about political and social trends in Eastern Europe questioning some of my arguments, which proves him to be as ignorant as he is superficial. After all, whatever else I may not know, I do know my Eastern Europe; not in the inevitably superficial way in which the writer of the book on Rumania (reviewed at the same time) who spent about a year or so there, but from the inside, and it is a pretty poor show if a Harvard professor does not know his limitations and sets himself forward as an expert with obviously inadequate qualifications. As I do not know the man I am not able to explain his attitude; it may be a purely personal sense of superiority, but unfortunately I have had the experience of three or four reviewers here and in England who obviously resented my attack on Marxism without being able to refute it, and so found it simpler to try to discredit the book by misrepresenting it. All of this small group did precisely the same thing -- they pointed out that I had failed to supply an answer to the problems of undeveloped Agrarian countries. It was an easy form of attack as I had not even raised the problem, let alone tried to solve it. It makes one pretty sick to see academic reviewers indulging in such twists of judgment.

I shall be sailing on the Queen Elizabeth on March 6 and I hope that you will keep in touch with me. Meanwhile I must thank you again for your endless friendliness and help and send you my very good wishes for yourself and for your work.

Always sincerely yours,



David Mitrany

The Managing Editor
The American Historical Review

Dear Sir:

Reviewers must have their own views as to the quality of a book, but not as to its actual subject. On that they must take the word of the author and the evidence of the book. An academic reviewer especially, writing for a learned journal, should not misinterpret a book to the point of finding fault with it for not being what it was never meant to be. In reviewing "Marx Against the Peasant," in your issue for January, Mr. Robert Lee Wolff says that some of my economic "chief theses" are "shaken" by the evidence and argument of another book which he reviewed at the same time. They might have been, if there had been any such "theses" in the book, but there are none. A book which describes the friction of two social ideas, the Marxian-Socialist and the Populist-Peasantist, over a century or more was hardly meant to provide "theses" for the solution of practical present-day issues; there is in the whole book not a single statistical table or straight economic argument; and the Foreword actually says in so many words that "this essay is not meant in any way to be a technical study, let alone to offer conclusions on technical matters. Economic and other practical aspects are simply mentioned for whatever part they played in the political antagonism between workers and peasants" The agrarian experts, several of whom have reviewed the book, have apparently had no difficulty in seeing and accepting this; as for instance the latest reviewer in the current issue of Land Economics who in his very first sentence states plainly, "this is an important book in the history of ideas." That is all the book claimed to be -- the history of a conflict between two socio-political currents over the past hundred years. It puts forward only one chief "thesis" -- that the rise of the dogmatic Marxian Socialism was responsible for the disastrous

The Managing Editor
The Amer. Hist. Review

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breach between the urban and rural sections of the working masses during the vital period of democratic advance; with the subsidiary "thesis" that the great Socialist movement itself was split and hamstrung by that dogmatism. Neither of these "theses" is considered or disputed by the other book, which deals with the recent social history of only one country, Rumania.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
Lafayette Building
5th & Chestnut Sts.
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

January 19, 1953

File No. ED NB

Mr. David Mitrany
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Mitrany:

Reference is made to your application for extension of temporary stay in the United States. It is noted from the documents furnished by you that you were admitted to the United States under the provisions of Section 3(2) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as a temporary visitor. It appears that you are pursuing a full course of study at an approved school.

Under the new Immigration and Nationality Laws which became effective on December 24, 1952, it will be necessary for you to make application for change of status from that of a visitor to that of a student, and we enclose a form for that purpose. Printed instructions are attached to the form. You will note therefrom that in addition to the fee of \$25.00, it will be necessary for you to submit documentary evidence of the fact that you have been maintaining your nonimmigrant status in the United States and are eligible for the change of classification requested. The evidence may be a written statement from a responsible official of the school you are attending describing the course of study, the length of time necessary to complete the course, whether you are maintaining a satisfactory scholastic standing, and whether or not you are employed.

Your passport which must be valid for at least six months beyond the date of the requested extension of stay, and your visitor's permit (Form I-257a or I-94C) is to accompany your application.

It is suggested that you complete the enclosed application without delay and forward same to this office, together with a postal money order in the sum of \$25.00 payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very truly yours,

Karl I. Zimmerman
Karl I. Zimmerman
District Director

→ CC: Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett, Assistant to the General Manager, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

29 October 1952

Dear Mitrany:

Your call gives me a twinge of conscience. I had hoped to get you for a meal long before this, but I have been simply overwhelmed with duties connected with the competition for the Rhodes Scholarships this year plus matters connected with settling Marie's estate.

Could you come in and have lunch with me on Sunday, November 2, at twelve-thirty? I very much hope so. I shall be alone and it may give us a better chance to talk if I do not invite anybody else.

You will be sorry to learn that I have just received a cablegram announcing that Wylie died this morning. He had just passed his 87th birthday.

Yours sincerely,

Professor David Mitrany
Institute for Advanced Study

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
Princeton, New Jersey

School of Historical Studies

Arrival date: 9/29/52

Full name: MITRANY, DAVID

Departure date
(if known)

Princeton address:

Telephone

Permanent address: Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Date and place of birth: *Bucarest, 1 Jan. 1888.*

Citizenship: *British*

Visa information:

Type of visa: *Sect. 3(2) Temporary Visitor*

Visa number *3301*

Place and date of issue: *London, 22 Aug. 1952*

Expiration date: *22 Sept. 1954*

Date and port of entry to United States: *29 Sept. 1952, New York*

Name of ship: *'Queen Elizabeth'*
airline:

Expiration date of entry permit: *27 Jan. 1953*

Name and address of person, outside of Princeton, to be notified in case of emergency:

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

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Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton N. J.
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BY AIR MAIL
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My dear Agathe, Thank
you for your kindly thought
in sending me news that I shall
have a room of my own
when I get to Princeton - I
was a little anxious about
that. You overwhelm me with
your kindness and help.

I am going to the Queen
Elizabeth's, Me in N. 7.

Sept. 29, will come straight

to Princeton - with calling
to see whether I might
have an early glimpse of
you. I hope that by the
winter we can have many
a talk together. Thank
you again a thousand times
all my good wishes - till
we meet.

Yours
David Mitrany

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

5th September, 1952.

Dear Betty,

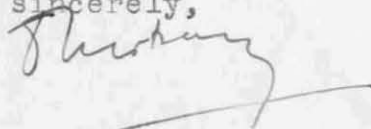
I hope that you have had a really pleasant holiday and that all is well with you. I am writing a line to say that I am booked to sail on September 23rd on the 'Liberte' (though I am trying to transfer to the Queen Elizabeth, sailing on the 24th), which is due in New York late on the 29th, and I propose to come straight to Princeton. I shall be in something of a rush as I have to start my seminars at Haverford on Wednesday, 1st October and at Swarthmore on Thursday the 2nd. I gather that Miss Farr will be back a few days before me and I may write her in advance about work.

Last week I had a letter from Mrs. Barnett saying that she has found a room for me in Mercer Street, but another letter received yesterday explains that the room is in Mrs. Mulford's house where I have stayed before and which I found rather noisy, as Mrs. Mulford herself told Mrs. Barnett. I wrote to Mrs. Barnett yesterday that if there is nothing else I must take it and hope for the best, as it is rather late and also, as you see, I shall not have time to look around when I arrive. The only thing I suggested to her was that she might try the house which you mentioned to me as having proved so agreeable when Mr. Stewart stayed there, but you will no doubt hear from Mrs. Barnett what she has arranged. If she has something definite, perhaps you would kindly send me a line with the address; I shall have quite a bit of baggage and would like to take it straight to wherever I am to live when I arrive.

It will be good to see you again and to have a chance to thank you personally for all your friendly help.

All my good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



David Mitrany.

Miss Elizabeth Horton,
Institute for Advanced Study,
PRINCETON,
New Jersey.

Wines 2915

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

4th September, 1952.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
RFD 1,
Waterford,
Conn., U.S.A.

Dear Aydelotte,

You really are the most thoughtful of friends. Knowing how much you have on your hands I was very touched that you should find time to think of my needs and offer me hospitality in your pleasant house when I arrive.

As it happens, the question of some lodgings for myself seems to be in a bit of a muddle. I wrote already at the beginning of May to Mrs. Barnett at the Institute begging for one of the apartments on the Maxwell Estate, where I stayed on my last two or three visits, but apparently they are full up. Nor have they been able to find a little apartment for me, which I suggested as an alternative, and it was only some ten days ago that I heard from Mrs. Barnett that she has found a nice room and bath for me in Mercer Street; I was not too happy about this as Mercer Street can be noisy and noise is my one bugbear as I am apt to go without any sleep, but of course I accepted it as it is getting rather late. As it happens, at the same time as your friendly letter I had another message from Mrs. Barnett to tell me that the landlady herself, who happens to know me, thinks that I might find the location too noisy, so that I am not sure now whether I shall have the room there or not. I am a little distressed about this as I wanted to settle down as soon as I got to Princeton and be free for my work at Swarthmore and Haverford, and my writing, and of course the later one leaves it the more difficult it is to find something suitable; I do not mind how simple it is as long as it is quiet and with a reasonable degree of privacy.

I am writing Mrs. Barnett by the same mail to say that if there is nothing better I must try to put up with the one room she has found, if it is still available. Very grateful as I am, and much as I should like to rest my head in your hospitable house, I do not want to cause you any inconvenience, and yet I do not know for the moment what Mrs. Barnett will do. Could you kindly when you write to Princeton ask your nice

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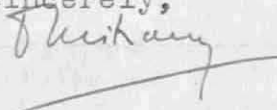
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secretary to find out from Mrs. Barnett whether she will have a room ready for me or not when I arrive, and then she could tell you whether I need^{to} come to you or not.

In the meantime I have seen the Christian Science Monitor articles, to which you kindly drew my attention, and I was glad to course to see that they made a friendly reference to the book. At least one of the articles, I think it is the eighth, mentions the book in the text and so presumably it will do so also when the articles are gathered together for publication.

I very much hope that you have had some rest and peace of mind in the country. Many, many thanks again for your great kindness, and my very good wishes till we meet.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Mitrany', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Mitrany.

RFD 1, Waterford, Conn.
20 August 1952

Dear Mitrany:

I am very glad to have your letter of August 9 and to know that you have made a definite arrangement with Swarthmore. I hope the financial terms are satisfactory. I note that you are sailing on September 23 and am glad you are coming directly to Princeton. I look forward with great pleasure to seeing you there.

I have not got any connected account of the Quaker Conference in Oxford. It will, of course, be printed in our Quaker papers over here, but the account has not yet appeared, or at least I have not seen it.

Incidentally, the Christian Science Monitor is running a series of articles on Russia which I assume will later appear as a book. You may be interested to know that either the author of the articles or the Monitor itself prints frequent extracts from your book on COMMUNISM AND THE PEASANTS to illustrate what the articles say. I hope these quotations will go into the book itself.

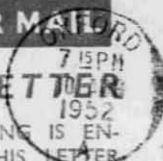
Yours sincerely,

Dr. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

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Dr. Frank Cyril del Olte

Institute for Advanced Study

Princeton

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Kindly forward.

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Sender's name and address :-

David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford - England.

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Kingston Blount

Oxford.

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Dear Aydelotte,

I thought you would like to know that after much correspondence etc. Mason has written this week to ask definitely for a visit from me, and that I have agreed to go to Swarthmore one day a week to give a course of lectures. It is not exactly what he or I wanted, but the whole thing has hung fire for so long that even that much was for me difficult to arrange now - however, it is done, and I am sure I shall enjoy my work there, and I hope the students will find me of some use to them.

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How are you? We hope that you are finding some rest and peace & interest in the country and our wishes are with you. I had a good talk with Bill over luncheon one day and I hope to see him again before he leaves. I also went into Oxford to meet a few of the people attending the conference - I've seen Gilbert White several times and liked him greatly. Quite frankly, your wisdom and experience was needed there as they ran into more cross-currents than they expected or could manage in such a short time and with such a crowd.

I am sailing Sept. 23 and will come straight to Princeton, and will look forward to seeing you and having some talk with you about my work at Swarthmore. Meanwhile, our very devoted best wishes to you. David Mitrany

AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

Mrs. Montgomery,
114, Mercer Street,
Princeton,
New Jersey, U.S.A.

15th July, 1952.

Dear Mrs. Montgomery,

You will be surprised to have a letter from me and I fear that you will be even more surprised about its purpose, though I hope you will not mind it.

I am due to come over to the Institute this fall and expect to arrive on the 22nd or 23rd September, and would like to stay until sometime in the spring. I am especially anxious to settle down quickly and adequately as I am working on a book which I find very difficult, and therefore I am much distressed to find that the Institute cannot give me one of their quiet apartments which I have used before. Not unreasonably they try to keep those apartments for people with families, while I am coming alone, and I can hardly undertake at this time to adopt one or more babies so as to qualify for an Institute apartment. I am really worried about this as by the time I come naturally most places will have been booked up, and I need a quiet little place of my own if I am to do all the work I hope to do in Princeton. I remembered that you had at the back of your house a little place and in the middle of the night it came to me to ask whether you might be willing to rent it for three or six months. It would be a tremendous boon to me apart from the fact that I should be near to my friends and your neighbours, and I think I can assure you that I make quite a good orderly and quiet tenant. At the same time I hope that I am not being too forward in making this enquiry and that you and Mr. Montgomery will not mind my having done so.

If the suggestion is at all possible, Miss Elizabeth Horton at the Institute, who looks after my affairs, can deal with any arrangements straight away. I, myself, will be at this address all the summer until I sail on September 16th.

With my thanks and kind remembrances,

Yours sincerely,

(David Mitrany).

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Kingston Blount
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Dear Betty Horton,

I have at last had a letter from Mrs. Barnett, in which she simply ignores the matter of our Institute apartment, and only mentions two possible rooms - one on Bayard Lane and one on Edgell St, with bath. I have said that Bayard Lane is too noisy, that I would accept Edgell St, which is convenient, if I should be allowed to use a bath plate in my room. She gives no details of any kind, about rent or anything else.

She also mentions Miss Farris' problem, but again without giving any facts or figures, and what she might expect from

re. I have said that I would try to pay the difference between Miss Fair's present salary and what she is asking, during the period she works for me, but that I would want to know first what is involved. This is just to keep you informed.

About now, I have begged her again urgently to give us some help as it's really necessary for me to have some possible place to live if I am to get on with my book, but I thought it better to do also Miss Fair

suggested and wrote to Miss Norris (copy enclosed) - I'm afraid I did not tell this to Mrs. B. so that she should not give up all effort herself. Is there any thing else I

could I do?
I think I should think
over this.
D.M.

AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

Miss Lawrence Norris,
32, Chamber Street,
Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.

10th July, 1952.

Dear Miss Norris,

I shall be coming to Princeton, arriving on the 22nd September for work at the Institute for Advanced Study, and I wonder whether you know of a small furnished apartment which I could rent for three or for six months. Usually I stay in one of the Institute apartments but I should like something, if possible, in the region between Springfield Road and Olden Lane, or in the neighbourhood. I shall be alone so I do not need more than two rooms, with bathroom, though eventually I would be satisfied with a comfortable room with bathroom. I have only two *essential* ~~actual~~ requirements - that it should be quiet both as regards position and the household itself, and that I should be able to use a hot-plate in the room for making coffee, or such small things, as I am apt to work early in the morning and late at night.

If you could help me with this I should be much obliged, and Miss Elizabeth Horton at the Institute will be glad, I am sure, to look at anything you may have and settle details with you. I, myself, will be at this address until I sail on September 16th.

Sincerely yours,

(David Mitrany).

THE LOWER FARM,
KINGSTON BLOUNT,
OXFORD.

5. VII. 57

My dear Mr. Delton,

This is just a word of good wishes,
in which my wife joins me, for the
new year and especially for the summer.
It will be a heavy one for you, and
I can only hope that not only your
own well-tested courage, but the knowledge
that so many rely on your help and
guidance, will sustain you in the coming
months. For myself, I shall hope
to see you as soon as I get over, towards
the end of September and have some
of your company during the fall. Truly

these things, before I begin my visit to
Haverford, and I still hope, to Swarthmore.
I should much like to hear from you something
about the present position between Berkeley
and the others - I know it is a problem
you have much at heart, and I want
to be not too ignorant about its implications
before I go to Philadelphia.

But all this apart, please be
sure that you are much in our minds,
and we wish you comfort and peace
I unit in deepest friendship.

Always truly yours

Shirley

PER AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

Miss E.Horton,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, NEW JERSEY.

19th June, 1952.

Dear Betty,

Good girl, I knew you would stand up for principle. From an international point of view naturally I should like to see Eisenhower elected, but quite apart from that we are all rather shocked by the way the Taft forces are going about the business of securing his nomination. I have never had much sympathy with the kind of mentality which in general Taft presents, but I always understood that he was an honest man and politician, and respected him for it, but all this vanished when he started playing with McCarthy. McCarthy and his ways have done more harm to American reputation abroad from a political point of view than almost any other thing in recent years, and I am still baffled that a man like Taft who had such a high standing in his own right should have allowed himself to be pulled down into that mess.

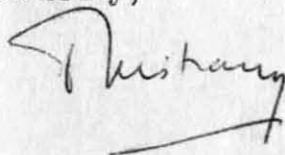
I am ever so grateful to you for explaining to Mrs.Barnett about the misunderstanding concerning Miss Farr. If there is some problem about her salary, I am sure I can come to some arrangement with Mrs.Barnett when I come over. As regards the apartment, naturally I am still keeping up my claim to one, though I should have liked to have arranged something in good time. Has Mr.Gottman his family with him? If not, I think an old timer like myself has an equal claim. Thank you for the suggestion about Mrs.Farlee's rooms; it sounds a possibility, always with my fear that noise from traffic will not give me much rest at night. I feel quite ridiculous about my being so susceptible to it but I cannot help it. In the meantime, I had a letter from Miss Farr about work and she mentions the Real Estate ^{firm} of Miss Norris at 32 Chambers Street as being helpful and reliable. I think I know Miss Norris and if it is not inconvenient perhaps you might call her up and find out whether she has anything to suggest - preferably in some of the streets between Olden Lane and Springfield Road, but of course do not let Mrs.Barnett know about this till she makes up her own mind.

I suppose you will be going on your holiday soon -

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my good wishes for a pleasant time and a thousand thanks for
all your kind help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mitrany', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the bottom of the name.

(David Mitrany).

P.S.

Did you see the review of my book in "The Saturday Review of Literature" for June 14th ? It certainly was very flattering, especially from such a high authority. I received at the same time a long review which appeared in the leading Indian paper, "The Times of India", which began with this statement :-

"This is a challenging book. Amid the welter of anti-Marxist vituperation it stands out as a monument to intellectual honesty, painstaking research, and fine scholarship."

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Dear Betty Horton,

Your letter of the 22nd was very welcome, not only as a sign of your friendly interest, but also because it tells me something I did not know and which I am anxious to put straight.

I had no idea that Miss Farr was paid heavily by Mr. K. himself - I took it for granted that she was on the Institute staff, otherwise I would never have ventured to request that she may be allowed to work for me without finding out first what the conditions would be. I feel now greatly embarrassed - what do you think I should do? I should have liked to write to Mrs. Barnett myself & explain all this but as you give me the information confidentially,

I cannot well do so, and yet I am most anxious that she should be aware of the circumstances in which I made my request. In the meanwhile Miss Farr herself has written to say that she has been put at my disposal, and a few days ago I wrote to the Director to thank him, and the administrative officers concerned, to thank him for his kindness. Could you, equally confidentially, give Mrs. Barnett a hint that the circumstances were unknown to me, and that I am now much distressed at having just put my request so baldly, without any further inquiry as to conditions? If you do not mind doing this, and I should be much obliged, especially as Mrs. Barnett does not know me, please say that while I cannot contribute so much as Mr. K., as I get no help from any source for my book, I could if I liked give up some part of my stipend towards Miss Farr's salary. They have all been very nice

about it. I have also had a few lines from Prof.
Cand. H. - and I should be sorry to have
caused their embarrassment with my request.
You know that I think highly of Mrs. Bar and
I am ever so glad to have her help.

I hope to sail on Sept 16 on the
'Mauretania', arriving the 22nd or 23. The
rest depends on the chance of getting an
apartment. If you have occasion to write
again, could you kindly look up and for me
the address of a Mrs. Eisner - she lives I
believe somewhere along the canal, by the
bottom of Alexander St. When I had a
cottage on Quaker St. she used to look
after me and she was splendid, but then
she married out; last year I ran into her
in the street, when she told me that she
was back and would willingly help me,
which would be a boon - she was so clean
and reliable. But of course, it is not
much use unless I have a place of
my own, but I should like to get in touch
with her as soon as I have Mrs. B.'s
decision. I am so very anxious to
plunge straight into writing that I am

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The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

AIR MAIL

7th May, 1952.

Miss Elizabeth Horton,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, NEW JERSEY.

Dear ~~Miss~~ Betty Horton,

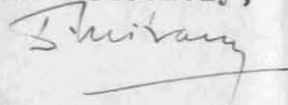
You are indeed a kind friend. I am very grateful to you for having spoken so promptly to Mrs. Barnett and to her for taking kindly to my request. I can understand about the apartment in the Stone House and while I still hope for a miracle, I do not want to cause her any inconvenience, but I take it that there is a prospect of getting one of the other Maxwell apartments. I do not think I could face the Village, and I need to work hard this winter.

About Miss Farr. I had a note from her saying that she has been instructed to help me from the middle of May, when she finishes her work for Mr. Kennan, until she goes on holiday in the middle of June (she kindly offered to do what she could even during her holiday, but of course I could not do that to her). I very badly need her help during the fall and winter and as I do not know who is the present executive officer of our group, I put in my request for Miss Farr's help when I wrote to the Director to say that I was hoping to come over at the end of September. Yesterday I had a very friendly note from him acknowledging my letter and saying that I could stay as long as I wanted, but he does not mention anything about Miss Farr. Could you kindly find out from Mrs. Russell whether he has, as is likely, passed on my request to the executive officer, and if not, could you do this for me in a preliminary way? I will of course write to him or her myself as soon as I know who it is, but I am very anxious to put this straight as I like working with Miss Farr.

Thank you again many times for your help, and I look forward to seeing you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(David Mitrany).

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The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

24th April, 1952.

Dear Betty,

I have just written to the Director to say that, as arranged with him in a preliminary way before I left last summer, I hope to come over this fall arriving before the end of September. As I do not know who is the executive officer of our group for the coming year I also asked the Director whether it would be possible to allow me the help of Miss Farr during the period of my stay. Would you kindly check this up with Mrs. Russell?

There is one other thing however for which I would be very grateful and on which I rely greatly on your help. Again I do not know who is now in charge of Institute Housing, but I wonder whether you could have a word with them right away and find out whether there is a prospect of my getting one of the apartments on the Maxwell Estate? If by any chance the smaller apartment in the stone building were to be available it would be simply wonderful, but any apartment on the Maxwell Estate would be gratefully accepted. You know my trouble with noise and therefore you will sympathise and do your best for me, I am sure. You can use any argument you like - say that the gentleman is rather "queer" and that a little isolation is better for all concerned. As far as I know I shall be arriving a week or so before the end of September and I want to stay over till possibly February to get on with a book I have in hand.

Please be so kind to send me a line soon to tell me what the prospects are. I am very anxious to settle down to work as soon as I get there and therefore as far as possible to have my arrangements settled in advance, and I shall be ever so grateful for anything you can do for me.

I very much hope that Mr. Earle is really better and making good progress - please give him my good wishes.

With all kind things to you.

Sincerely yours,

Shelby White

Miss Elizabeth Horton,
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

THE LOWER FARM,
KINGSTON BLOUNT,
OXFORD.

10th Oct., 1951.

Dear Betty,

My quarrel with the North Carolina press is still unsettled. For reasons which I cannot understand, as they were so excited about the book, they have singled it out for a disgracefully poor production. I have asked them to re-print it and the argument still goes on. In the meanwhile the English edition has come out and in spite of our poverty, is a very much better production than the North Carolina one. I am sending you a copy which I beg you kindly to pass on to the library.

Please also give my kind regards to Miss Farr and explain to her that I have not written before, as I intended, because I had been waiting all along to be able to tell her the decision about the American edition. I hope you are all keeping well.

I have already started work on my International book, but life is very unsettled.

With kind regards to you all,

John Maybury

Miss E. Horton,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

THE LAWN CLUB
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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Dear Mrs. Barnett,

My friends were grateful
for the use of the pleasant Institute
apartment & wanted me to thank you.
They have left \$2 for the cleaner,
and the keys have been given to
Freddie.

Until I saw one of them off
at noon today they had not told me
of their one misadventure - apparently
there is no gas at the apartment. If

that had happened to me I should have
thought that I have just missed using the
proper switch, but it sounds as if the gas was
cut off like the telephone. They made
great fun out of it & assured me if was no
serious inconvenience, and they did not tell
me of this on Sunday as they feared I should
feel it my duty to fuss about it. I am
only telling it you in case you are putting
anyone else in in the meantime - my
guests both have apartments of their own
so I presume they know all about gas
cookers; but if the gas is cut off, how
did your little lady-tenant live? How
messy they! In any case, thank you
very much indeed for all your kind help.

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Sincerely
your
Secretary

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Mitrany

October 3, 1952

The Nassau Club
6 Mercer St.
Princeton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Professor David Mitrany, who is a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study during the first term of this academic year, and who is now in residence in Princeton, would be pleased to be extended the privilege of a membership in the Nassau Club during his stay in Princeton. Would you be kind enough to consider giving Professor Mitrany a courtesy membership for the months of October, November, December and January?

Sincerely yours,

Robert Oppenheimer

Prout's Luck
September 17, 1952

Dear Mrs. Barnett -

A very brief note to say that my father has been very ill for the last two weeks. We plan to fly him down from here on Saturday, the 20th, + I hope by the 22d to have the situation under control one way or another so that I can come to the Institute Monday morning. But I'm afraid there is little hope that I can hold down a full-time job at present, + so I am writing to let you know what the situation is in case you want to line someone else up for Dr. Mitrany.

I am sorry not to have written

you sooner, but with the fluctuations
in Father's recovery it's hard to make
any plans.

Sincerely yours,

Faulyn Larr

Mrs. Mulford
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The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
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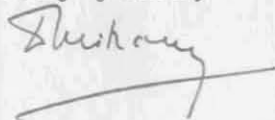
4th September, 1952.

Dear Mrs. Barnett,

I have just received your kind letter of August 29th. Of course the house and Mrs. Mulford are very well known to me and it is true that I was not too happy there; apart from the street traffic, there are a number of garages at the back of the house which are let out and that did not help matters. But Mrs. Mulford is a kindly person and I must have a place to live when I come. All I can suggest, not wishing to cause you too much trouble, is that perhaps you might make one more enquiry at the house at which Mr. Stewart used to live and which Betty Horton told me was quite pleasant. If there is nothing there I had better go to Mrs. Mulford and try the room she kindly suggests, though I would not like to commit myself with her for more than one month till I see how it works out. Mrs. Mulford knows that I am a retiring tenant, only wishing to be quiet and be left alone, and that I would be more than glad not to have to change if the arrangement is at all possible.

Please give her my kind regards and very many thanks to you for your help.

Sincerely yours,



David Mitrany.

Mrs. R. Barnett,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton,
New Jersey.

August 29, 1952

Dear Professor Mitrany:

Thank you for your letter of August 21. There is one new development which came to light due to my lack of background here and proving that I should have been more specific in my last letter. The room with private bath and light cooking which I told you about is in the home of Mrs. Mulford on Mercer Street. Mrs. Mulford now tells me that you have stayed there before and that you found the location noisy. The room she is offering now is the room with private bath which Dr. Mulford used as a study when you lived there before. Had I been more specific in my previous letter you would have known this point and made your decision accordingly. I will hold this room for you until I hear from you again. However, I am terribly sorry but if you prefer not to live at Mrs. Mulford's I had best reserve a room in the Inn or Tavern for your arrival date and then keep hunting for something more suitable.

Jacelyn Farr has written to say that she will be back and ready for work on September 22.

I am sorry to trouble you with this volume of correspondence but, again, I will much appreciate hearing from you in regard to the room at Mrs. Mulford's at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett)

Professor David Mitrany
The Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

Prout's Neck, Maine
August 26, 1952

Dear Mrs. Barnett:

Thank you for your letter which I found here on my return from a visit in Connecticut. It's a help to have definite information.

Do you know when Dr. Mitrany is due? I haven't heard from him recently, but he said in June that he planned to sail on the Mauretania September 16 which should get him to Princeton about the twenty-first I should think. It seems, therefore, that I might plan to get there (to the Institute) by Monday, the twenty-second, and unless I hear from you to the contrary that is what I shall do.

The bursitis, I am glad to say, is practically forgotten, but I certainly have developed a healthy respect for it as a complaint. I hope you're all well and not too swamped with arrangements for the new winter's crop of scholars.

Sincerely,

Julia Farr

Mrs. Ruth Barnett
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.

21st August, 1952.

Dear Mrs. Barnett,

Your letter of August 15th came yesterday and I am much obliged to you for your efforts on my behalf. I will plump for the room in Mercer Street (I take it that the bath is a private one for my own use) and I am sure that if you recommend it it will be satisfactory. (Is it by any chance at 14 Mercer Street - a friend of mine, Miss Marquand, mentioned to me this week that Mrs. Harper at that address, a very old and charming lady, had rooms to let.) Can we take it by the month for the time being? I do not like changing and unless the noise proves awkward I will certainly keep the room throughout my stay but I am suggesting the monthly arrangement merely as a precaution. However, I realise what a headache this matter of the rooms is to you and I will accept whatever arrangement you may find necessary to make.

Thank you also for having dealt with Miss Farr's problem. I hope she will be agreeable, and in this matter too I will try to fit in with your arrangements.

I am told that my ship, which will be either the "Liberté" sailing September 23rd, or the "Elizabeth" sailing September 24th (ships seem more full this year than ever) is likely to arrive in New York on the evening of the 29th and I hope it will be convenient for the owner of the room if I come straight to Princeton as I usually have a good bit of baggage with me in the form of books and papers. If I should get any more definite information on this I will write you at once.

Again with many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

David Mitrany

(David Mitrany).

*Dr. Marquand's
study*

August 15, 1952

Dear Professor Mitrany:

Thank you for your letter of July 10. I am sorry that I have been so long answering you. But, as before, the housing question is the biggest issue. I can offer you the room and bath on Edgehill Street, with no hot plate or cooking at all, and now one on Mercer Street, private room and bath, and where the landlady will allow you to have a hot-plate for light cooking. This is a nice room, quite large and well furnished. I realize that street noise is a prime consideration and that Mercer Street is a busy street; however, it is a no-truck street and a 25 mile speed limit, so the noise is a minimum. I'm really afraid that, except for a room at the Inn or Tavern, that is about all that I can suggest. If the Mercer Street room is of interest to you, I should appreciate an immediate reply since such places are at a premium, and cannot be held long.

I have written Miss. Farr making her a salary offer which I hope will be of interest to her. In this arrangement we can offer you Miss Farr's services, not as a private secretary, but on the basis of allowing as much of her time as she can to your work.

I shall appreciate hearing from you in regard to the rooms on Mercer street as early as you can conveniently let me know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett)

Professor David Mitrany
The Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

August 15, 1952

Dear Miss Farr:

I'm sorry that I've been so long writing you about your salary set-up for the work Professor Mitrany has asked you to do. It is my understanding that he will be here for a period of approximately six months. We find that, in view of the funds available for your salary, we can offer you \$238.00 a month for the six months he will be here. However, I think I should let you know that so far as I can see now, there will be nothing available here at the Institute after the five or six months of Professor Mitrany's visit.

Hope things are going well for you and that your bursitis is well.

Sincerely,

Ruth Barnett

Miss Jocelyn Farr
Back o' Beyond
Prouts Neck, Maine

AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.

10th July, 1952.

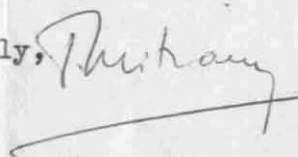
Dear Mrs. Barnett,

Many thanks for your letter of 3rd July. I am sorry to gather from what you say that there is little prospect of your giving me one of the Maxwell apartments, and I do not quite know what to do. I would still need some small apartment but eventually the room at Edgehill St. will do (I am not attracted to Bayard Lane where the traffic is apt to be heavy at times), if the landlady would allow me to use a hot-plate in my room. I do not need to cook any elaborate meals but I am inclined to start work sometimes very early in the morning and at other times to work rather late at night, and I cannot do this unless I can make myself some coffee and such things. I have had some rooms before in Mercer St. where the landlady allowed me to make such an arrangement, but even Mercer St. was too lively for me, and I am really getting worried about this problem as I am so desperately anxious to get on with my book.

As regards Miss Farr, I am afraid I had no idea of the situation when I wrote to the Director with the request that I may have her help. I had assumed that she was on the Institute staff and it was merely on that assumption that I ventured to claim her help. Betty Horton had mentioned that Miss Farr was asking for a higher salary and your letter now confirms that, and while I need her help and think highly of her, I cannot say anything very definite until I know something about facts and figures. I know that I could not possibly pay her salary, unless I got help from one of the Foundations for this purpose, but if it were a matter of making up the difference between what she gets now and the additional increase she is asking, I would try to contribute that difference during the period when she would be working for me. I am much embarrassed by the whole thing, not only for having been unaware of the true position as regards the Institute when I first wrote, but also for having asked Miss Farr to work for me when I understood that you had agreed to this - all this while being completely unaware of the financial position as Miss Farr, too, never mentioned that side to me. With your help I am sure that we can straighten this out in some suitable way, and we can either leave it until I come or you may prefer to give me some more definite information as to the financial points involved, and I will give you my answer at once.

Please be so kind and help me with the apartment as it means a very great deal to me for my work, and believe me that I am grateful to you for your help.

Yours sincerely,



(David Mitrany).

with difficulty. Mr. Farr certainly
had a fortunate break in not
having to depend on my typing
service this summer!

I hope you're all surviving the
heat. It's been warm but lovely
here, & I'm now beginning to
feel signs of recovery & something
like a vacation.

Sincerely

Faulye Farr

July 6, 1952

BACK O' BEYOND • PROUTS NECK • MAINE

Dear Mrs. Barnett-

My salary check in payment up
to July 15 arrived a day or so ago
and I find that there is no
advance in rate, although I believe
it comes out of the new fiscal
year. Will you please let us
know about this?

I am being brief and to the
point as I have been afflicted
with laryngitis (a hoarse complaint)
for the last two weeks and write

July 3, 1952

Dear Professor Mitrany:

Thank you for your letter of May 15. I'm sorry that I've been so long answering it but I'm still hoping to find you a room in a home where you can use the kitchen, as you would like. I do know of one on Bayard Lane where the landlady allowed one of our Members last year to use the kitchen. I'm wondering if you feel that Bayard Lane is too far from the Institute? I have found a very pleasant room and private bath on Edgehill St., but not with cooking privileges. If either of these sound satisfactory to you, let me know and I will reserve one of them for you. In the meantime, I'll keep trying.

Betty Horton tells me that she has been in correspondence with you regarding secretarial assistance from Jocelyn Farr. Miss Horton tells me that you could find some available funds towards Miss Farr's salary. Unfortunately, the Institute Secretarial budget has definite limitations and I would appreciate hearing from you what plan you have in mind for this. Miss Farr told me, before she left for her vacation, that she would like to hear from me in reference to her salary expectations before she returns in the Fall.

Please let me know of anything I can do to help with your plans.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett)

Professor David Mitrany
The Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

PER AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

28th May, 1952.

M. F.
Mitrany

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

Dear Director,

Your friendly note was very welcome and I have now heard that those responsible for administrative arrangements will allow Miss Farr to help me during my stay at the Institute. I am much obliged to you for initiating this and to them for arranging it.

I also heard from Dr. Aydelotte that he has had some talk with you about my coming and my work. I am afraid I do not know exactly what ~~was~~^{he} said; he has taken a friendly interest in the idea of my visiting Swarthmore and Haverford during my stay at Princeton and as I mentioned in my first letter to you, I have agreed to take an advanced seminar one day a week at Haverford. From past experience I know how useful it is to have a group of keen students testing by their questionings ideas which one is about to put into a book and I have therefore welcomed the invitation largely as a benefit to the work on which I am now engaged. The suggestion about doing something similar at Swarthmore has not got very far and I have just written to Dr. Aydelotte to say that it might be better to leave this for some future date. I hope to work at the Institute through the winter until sometime in the spring, as you have kindly agreed, but I do not want at present to undertake outside commitments beyond this and which may in some measure take me away from my writing.

Again with many thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Mitrany

(David Mitrany).

*20 Whitehead - Edgemoor St.
Edgemoor - Battle Rd.*

AIR MAIL

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, NEW JERSEY.

15th May, 1952.

Dear Mrs. Barnett,

I am much obliged for your kind letter of the 8th May and for your willingness to help me during my stay. If it were possible to let me have one of the Maxwell apartments I should be very happy, but of course I understand very well your problem and I willingly put myself in your hands. I am a bit of a stay-at-home and need therefore either a little apartment of my own or a room with a private bath and some simple kitchen arrangements; and my main problem is, as Betty Horton knows, that I am very susceptible to noise and can neither sleep nor work unless I am in a quiet place. You must forgive me for troubling you with these personal details, I assure you they are more of a nuisance to me than to anyone else, but there they are.

If you cannot give me an Institute apartment, I wonder whether there might be something in the streets between Olden Lane and Springfield Road (but not on Mercer Street). When some three years ago the Maxwell apartment earmarked for me blew up before my arrival, Mrs. Leary found an apartment above a garage at 104, Library Place, but that is now let on a long lease; anything in that district would be equally acceptable, provided that the house itself is a fairly quiet one.

Presumably Betty Horton has mentioned that I expect to arrive at the end of September and that I hope to stay through the winter until sometime in the spring, so that I should want the apartment or rooms also during our vacation.

Miss Farr has written me that you have kindly arranged for her to help me between now and her holiday time and I have already sent her some instructions. She has also, with her usual kindness, offered to do what she can for me during her own summer holidays; but I would not think of interfering with them. She did not say anything about the fall and I hope therefore that what you say yourself means that you can allow her to work for me while I am at the Institute. I am trying to push ahead with a book of a rather theoretical kind but which involves a great deal of research and I know that I could find her help of great value.

My thanks again for your friendly help. I am looking forward to the opportunity of thanking you in person.

Sincerely yours, *David Mitrany* (David Mitrany).

May 8, 1952

Dear Professor Mitrany:

Miss Horton has told me of your visit to Princeton and the Institute in the coming Fall, and your hope to have an apartment on Maxwell Lane. I wanted to let you know that I will certainly do the best I can to arrange this for you but, unfortunately, it is still too early for me to make very positive housing commitments. There are so many Members coming with families for the Fall term that it will undoubtedly be necessary to make housing arrangements in the town of Princeton for Members coming alone. If you would let me know at your earliest convenience about your preference in living accommodations in town, I will surely be able to reserve a quiet room for you if the Maxwell Lane apartments are not available.

I also want to let you know that we will be certain to have secretarial help available for your work. Miss Farr tells me that she has written you in regard to your work.

Please do not hesitate to let me know of anything I can do to be of help in your plans to come to Princeton next Fall.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Barnett)

Professor David Mitrany
The Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

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*Mr. Fleming
H. Mitrany & KR*

May 3, 1952

Dear Professor Mitrany:

Thank you for your good letter of April 24th. We are all very much delighted that you are coming next autumn, and hope that you will stay with us as much as you can. Your coming will be a source of pleasure to your many friends.

With every good wish,


Robert Oppenheimer

Professor David Mitrany
The Lower Farm
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 28, 1952

To: Professor Earle 
Professor Cherniss *L.C.*
Professor Kantorowicz *E.K.*
Professor Meritt *B.M.*
Dr. Oppenheimer

Please circulate and return to the Director's
Office.

Erwin Panofsky

A i r m a i l

Prof. Parosky

The Lower Farm,
Kingston Blount,
OXFORD.

24th April, 1952.

Dear Director,

When I saw you before leaving last summer you asked me when I thought I would come over again and I said that it would probably be this fall. If agreeable to you and to the members of the School of History, I should like to keep to this arrangement and come to the Institute for the fall term.

I am working on a book which will attempt something like a general theory of the idea of international government, and it so happens that the Quaker colleges in and around Philadelphia have asked me to give one seminar to a group of their advanced students working in this field. This suits me admirably as I have always found that the questionings of irreverent students are the best dissolvent for any fuzziness in one's own ideas. I hope to arrive sometime before the end of September and I should like to stay on till possibly February so as to get on with this work. In connection with it I should be grateful if the Institute could allow me the assistance of Miss Farr, who has helped me before and whom I have found very reliable. I am sorry to write you about these details, but I do not know who is the executive officer of the School for the coming year.

With my thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

David Mitrany

(David Mitrany).

Dr. Robt. Oppenheimer,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton,
New Jersey.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

March 15, 51

Memo to Dr. Oppenheimer

From LT

M 7 Mitrany
LT Canceled on heart Dr. Mitrany

Dr. Mitrany has written me about some matters such as hospitalization, etc. and also inquired if he would be covered for Social Security benefits when he is on the Institute payroll. He plans to be briefly in Princeton the first week in April and will be in to see me about his personal account at that time. Do you wish to say what would be done about this, or should I refer him to you on Social Security?

I think he thinks he quite normally would come in under the benefits in view of being a permanent member. Smith is contributing for him while he is there.

For him to get any pension, of course, my payments to him would have to be spread through two quarters of each year.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

M. J. Mitrany

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Dear Director,

You and the faculty of the School of Historical Studies have dealt very gently with me. I assure you that I had not intended or expected to curtail my stay, and only the defaulcator state in which one finds oneself against a 1 a.m. call from America, at the very eve of departure, brought me to the point of having to beg for such indulgence. But this has also given me an opportunity to find with how much

understanding we can meet here, and I shall look
forward with real pleasure to coming back sometime
in the following academic year.

May I thank you for the personal part you
have played in the School's decision.

Sincerely yours

D. Mitrany

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer.

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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October 13, 1950

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Mitrany

Memorandum to Miss Trinterud:

The \$2,000 grant to be made available to Professor Mitrany for the half term of this academic year he will spend here will either be charged to the stipend budget of the School of Historical Studies, or drawn from the contingent fund. The charges should be held in obeyance until the next meeting of the School of Historical Studies, at which time the matter will be discussed.

K. Russell

Memorandum

To Business Office Date October 9, 1950

From Mrs. Leary Re Dr. Mitrany - rental

Dr. Mitrany should be charged rental beginning October 6th at 4-B Maxwell Lane. The rent is \$62.50 a month plus utilities, which will be prorated. When arrangements have been made with Dr. Mitrany about his grant, please check to see if he wants this rent deducted.

KINGSTON BLOUNT
OXFORD
3.vii.50

4B Maxwell Lane -
10/3 Message sent via -
American Express -
Temporary room Throok Lane

Dear Mrs. Leary,

I have just written the Director to tell him that I am due to sail on Sept. 29 on the Queen Elizabeth. I had in mind a leisurely trip, early in September on a very slow boat, with time for a little holiday. But short of becoming a pilgrim, under your friendly patronage, I found myself completely shut out from any reasonable boat or date, and ultimately was granted the 'great favor' of the passage mentioned above.

In the circumstances I shall be coming straight to Princeton, and shall look forward to seeing you again. I hope the sentiment is reciprocated--professionally speaking--and that it will not produce merely a sigh at having one more stray to lodge. Presumably there is no prospect of anything on your estate, which you must need for members with families; and I suppose it would not be feasible to convince the mother of Mrs. Skinner (104 Library Place), that a fall holiday would be much better for her health than a spring trip? I was happy in that apartment. Otherwise, anything you could give me within the Institute 'regions'--I should prefer a private bath, and at least an electric ring on which I might get my own breakfast. (I did not like the place in Battle Rd. where Dr. Low had been staying--not even a table to write). I am 'conditioning' myself to be as little trouble to you as possible and taking a special course in the bland and blank English way of saying 'awfully nice' to everything with a face reflecting the decline of the British Empire.

How are you? I do hope that you yourself are now happily installed in the nicest apartment in Princeton, and enjoying life in general. Why aren't you a pilgrim? You could have taken in England on your way back, and given me a chance to try to say 'thank you' for your many kindness in a tangible way. Please remember me to Mrs. Russell and to Miss Trinterud--and other friends, and again my thanks--

Kind wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) D. Mitrany

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS EN-
CLOSED THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY
ORDINARY MAIL.



Mrs. John D. Leary

Post Office for Advanced Study

Princeton, N.J.

U.S.A.

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Sender's name and address :-

D. Mitrany

King's College, London

W. 14, Bedford Square

To open cut here

Kingston Blount
Oxford.
3. VII. 53.

Dear Mrs. Levy,

I have just written the Director to tell him that I am due to sail on Sept. 29 on the Queen Elizabeth. I had in mind a business trip, early in September on a very short boat, with time for a little holiday. But about becoming a pilgrim, under your friendly patronage, I found myself completely shut out from any reasonable boat or date, and ultimately was granted the 'great favor' of the

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Sincerely yours David Mitrany

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August 18, 1950

Dr. D. Mitrany,
Kingston Blount,
Oxford, England

My dear Dr. Mitrany,

I have received your letter of the 13th, and I want to thank you for it and to assure you that you need not apologize for the fact that your letter to Professor Warren was not passed on to me. It did in fact go to the Director's office, which was more to the point; and, if there was faulty liaison here, that is our fault and not yours. In any case, the Director was informed of your intention to spend the autumn term with us and the Director's secretary did inform me of this fact, so that I should perhaps have written to you; but I assumed that the correspondence was being carried on by the Director's office and that there was consequently no need for me to bother you with tautological letters. I do want to assure you, however, that I shall be glad to see you this autumn and I feel certain that all the other members of the faculty will welcome you too.

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With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Harold Cherniss

THE LOWER FARM,
KINGSTON BLOUNT,
OXFORD.
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Dear Director,

I should have written before now about arrangements for the fall, but I had some difficulty in securing passage and fixing a date. My idea was to come early on a slow boat, but all I could get was a berth on the 'Queen Elizabeth' on Sept. 29. I am sorry for this delay in writing.

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As you may imagine, we are in a state of mild trepidation here--partly because no one knows what cracks may appear in public opinion and conduct if it should come to a crisis.

My good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) D. Mitrany

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Sincerely yours

S. Mitrany

M F
Mitrany

January 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Mitrany:

A few days before our Christmas holiday Professor Warren sent in to the office your letter to him of December ninth, asking that we acknowledge and take care of it.

I must apologize for not letting you know sooner about Mr. Warren's illness. It was one of the things I meant to do but kept putting off "until tomorrow". Last June Mr. Warren became very ill as a result of high blood pressure. Since then he has been in and out of the hospital, has suffered other complications, and is still in a rather critical condition. We do not expect that he will be back in the office for some time and he is not handling any Institute matters at all. Thus it happens that I am, in Mr. Stewart's absence for a month, acknowledging your letter and making what I hope is proper disposition of it.

I think you know of the merger of the School of Economics and Politics and the School of Humanistic Studies. We are now the School of Historical Studies. Professor Earle is Executive Office of the new School and so I have sent him a copy of your letter to Mr. Warren. I have also sent a copy to the Director's Office that they may know of your decision.

I hope this meets with your approval.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Horton
Secretary

Professor David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

School Mitr

No arrangement has been made as to where Mitrany charge should be made. Formerly the \$1200. grant for each visit was a special item in the budget. Last visit the extra \$2800. came from contingency.

Will it now be in School?

EWL

Mitrany has had \$500. advance.

10/10/50

Dr. Oppenheimer:

Dr. Mitrany has been invited to Smith College on William Allen Nielsen research professorship for second term - beginning in mid-February, 1951.

I believe he wants to discuss with you his return to England in mid-November, and the possibility of change in terms of his invitation.

EWL

To be taken up with School of Hist. Studies, P.O.

February 16, 1950

Dear Mitrany:

Your letter to Warren was passed on to me after my return from a holiday in Texas. Miss Horton had already acknowledged it and also told you of Warren's illness.

There is little I can add except to say that I read the relevant portions of your letter at a meeting of the School of Historical Studies held a few days ago. As you know the situation in the School so far as direction of growth is concerned is rather obscure and I cannot see that it becomes clearer with the passage of time. It happens that at the moment the number of active professors in the School just equals the number in the School of Mathematics. I have not yet discovered, however, a center of common interest which might provide some unity of purpose, nor can I see that the work of one professor lends much mutual support to the work of others. I speak frankly, if not critically of this, because I know of your deep and long-time interest in the Institute and the School. I do not always share these doubts with my colleagues here on the ground but when you are at such a distance I feel I should let you know my own state of mind.

Personally I hope that you will return next autumn. By that time I will have retired from the faculty and may possibly take a brief holiday. But I plan to reside in Princeton and will be here for some part of your stay. I would like very much to get your report on developments in England and on the Continent.

I am delighted that you are completing your book on the Communist-Peasant ideological conflict. Occasionally I see your book reviews in English periodicals and read them with interest.

I did not realize that your difficulties of last Spring had pursued you into the present. It seems to me small comfort to be told by the doctor that it is "merely a 'functional' disturbance." I trust you will soon be completely recovered. Warren has had his ups and downs and at the moment shows real improvement. How real this is and how far it will go the doctors do not know. I have told him that I was writing to you and he asks to join me in sending our warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. David Mitrany
Kingston Blount
Oxford, England

P.S. For whatever illumination it may bring you, I am sending under separate cover the latest edition of our roster of members.

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