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MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY

March 23, 1943

President F. Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear President Aydelotte,

The letter to Professor Einstein and the one from
Rabbi Wise will explain themselves.

During the past week I have seen Mr. Billikopf. He
is interceding on behalf of Professor Hadamard with the
Rosenwald Family Foundation, the Ittleson Foundation, and
the Paley Foundation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jacques Hadamard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

AD:mjw

March 23, 1943

Professor A. Einstein
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Professor Einstein,

The inquiries which I have been making since I wrote you on February 22 have finally brought a letter from Rabbi Wise, of which I am enclosing a copy. This indicates definitely that the matter of making some provision for Professor Hadamard is by no means settled.

Since the period covered by present arrangements ends on July 1, I should like to speed up the efforts to plan for the future. Probably something could be gained if President Aydelotte, you and I could talk this matter over soon. I shall be glad to come to Princeton for this purpose during the latter part of the afternoon, on any day that is convenient for President Aydelotte and to you. I am sending him a copy of this letter and shall await the decision you and he will make.

Yours sincerely,

AD:mjw

Letter from Rabbi Wise

Office of Dr. Wise
40 West 68 Street,
March 22, 1943.

Professor Arnold Dresden
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa

My dear Professor Dresden:

During my absence in the South, your letter came to my office concerning Professor Hadamard. I shall take up the matter again and do what I can on his behalf. Up to this time I have not done so, because I never had any work as to what his economic status was. But your letter gives me the information that I required.

Faithfully yours,

March 11, 1943

Dear Dr. Dresden:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of February 22. I think Jacob Billikopf would be the ideal person to approach the Rosenwald Family Fund. He will doubtless know all about it and I should imagine that William Rosenwald, who seems to be in active charge, would certainly be interested. You may have met William Rosenwald yourself when he made one of his visits to Swarthmore.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Arnold Dresden
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

FA/MCE

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February 22, 1943

President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear President Aydelotte,

I am sorry that a rather severe attack of laryngitis prevented me from coming to the meetings of the Contemporary Club and of the Philosophical Society, thus missing two opportunities to see you during the past week.

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 15th. I have heard from Professor Einstein, who also referred to the activity of Stephen Wise on behalf of Hadamard. I believe I said to you at an earlier time that my information was to the effect that such help as was secured through Rabbi Wise applied to the expense involved in bringing the Hadamards to this country. I shall assure myself once more of the actual state of affairs by communicating with Dr. Rapkine and also with Professor Chinard. I am very much cheered by Professor Einstein's interest and by his offer to cooperate. I shall of course be very glad to form a committee such as you suggest.

You mentioned the Rosenwald Family Fund as a possible source. Unfortunately I have no entree to the directors of this fund. Could you suggest an effective approach? Would Jacob Billikopf be able to help there?

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Amos Dooden

February 15, 1943

Dear Professor Dresden:

I had a chance to talk over with the entire mathematics faculty today your concern about a pension for Hadamard. The question came up as to whether you knew what had been done by other people to this end. It seems that Einstein and Rabbi Wise have been active in the matter and Einstein thought that \$2400 had been raised. Perhaps that is being spent this year.

Members of our mathematics group feel very strongly that this is a matter for private philanthropy and suggest three groups that might be canvassed: mathematicians; individuals interested in the Free French organization; individuals interested in Jewish relief. It was the thought of our men that if a committee were formed and a canvass made of individuals in these three groups who might be interested it should be possible to raise a fund which would at least support Professor Hadamard for another year, and that perhaps the problem could best be solved on a year to year basis.

It occurs to me that the Rosenwald Family Fund might conceivably be interested. I am afraid it would not be possible to get anything from the Rockefeller Foundation.

I shall continue to talk the matter over with anyone whom I think may be helpful and shall not fail to report to you any ideas that are suggested. Meanwhile, I think if you form a small informal committee with two or three people besides yourself and begin to canvass, that would be the way to make progress most rapidly.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Arnold Dresden
606 Elm Avenue
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
FA/MCE

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February 12, 1943

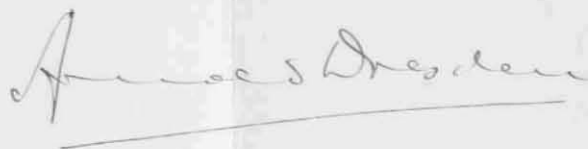
President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

Dear President Aydelotte,

Your letter of the 2nd, as well as the lack of success I have had in other quarters, makes it pretty clear to me that funds for Professor Hadamard will have to be obtained through private contributions. The note added to your letter is very encouraging, since it contained an offer of help in the collecting of funds. I shall be very much obliged to you for your suggestions. I am having in mind sending a letter to about two hundred members of the American Mathematical Society, asking for contributions. I am not very sanguine as to the success of such an undertaking. Besides I fear that rumors would come to Professor Hadamard; this would be very regrettable. I am therefore hoping that you may be able to suggest a better way to accomplish the aim I have in mind.

I expect to be able to come to the meeting of the Contemporary Club to which you have invited me. Please accept my thanks for this invitation as well as for your expression of interest in Hadamard's situation.

Yours sincerely,


A horizontal line is drawn below the signature.

AD:kld

February 2, 1943

Dear Dr. Dresden:

I have discussed the question of a stipend for Hadamard from the Institute with the members of the faculty of mathematics and find they take exactly the line which I was sure they would, namely, that our stipend funds are intended for the support of men who are still active in research and that it would not be proper to use them for a pension for Hadamard. We all feel that the trustees would hesitate to approve such a grant, deeply as we feel the urgency of Hadamard's case.

I think the solution is to collect pledges from a number of individuals and foundations to make up the amount needed. Gifts of this kind have the great advantage that anyone making them would realize that they are only temporary. On the other hand, a foundation or educational institution which voted a stipend for Hadamard would find it, practically speaking, impossible to terminate this stipend so long as Hadamard remained in this country.

This case is an extremely appealing one and there are of course a number of scholars in other fields of comparable eminence who are similarly placed. I am thinking of Friedlander, the art historian, for whom Panofsky and Mosey are desperately trying to do something. There are four or five more such men who are applying to the Guggenheim Foundation this year, and for some of them a better case can be made than could be made for Hadamard, since, while past seventy, they are nevertheless still active in research.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Arnold Dresden
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

FA/MCE

November 19, 1942

Dear Professor Dresden:

Dr. Aydelotte asked me to write you that he is very sorry he will not be able to confer with you on Saturday morning, for he has had to go to New Haven, where his son is to undergo a rather serious operation tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary to Dr. Aydelotte

Professor Arnold Dresden
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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November 17, 1942

President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

Dear President Aydelotte,

Professor Shapley expressed a good deal of interest in the plan concerning Professor Hadamard, about which I wrote you recently. He is coming down for the APS meetings at the end of this week and proposed that we get together then. Could you confer with us on Saturday morning? I should like very much to formulate a plan of action. To do this, your advice and that of Shapley are necessary. Do not trouble to write if you expect to be there on Saturday.

Yours sincerely,

Amal D. Datta

AD:kld

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November 6, 1942

President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear President Aydelotte,

In accordance with your suggestion, I am writing Professor Shapley with reference to Professor Hadamard; I am much obliged to you for your interest and for your willingness to help.

Under separate cover I am sending you three copies of my report on the Migration of Mathematicians.

Yours sincerely,

Arnold Dresden

AD:mjw

November 3, 1942

Dear Dr. Dresden:

The situation of Professor Hadamard is one which has troubled us here. My suggestion would be that you ask the advice of Professor Shapley of Harvard. Shapley has organized a pension scheme for a few refugee scholars in a similar situation. I don't know whether it would be possible to get him to include Professor Hadamard in his list or not, but in any case he could tell you how he went about it to get the pensions which he has secured. Perhaps when you get started in the scheme I could help you in some way and I should certainly be glad to do so if I can.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Arnold Dresden
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

PA:mr

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October 30, 1942

President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Dear President Aydelotte,

Some of the mathematicians in this vicinity have been thinking a good deal about the unhappy situation of Professor Hadamard. You doubtless know that he, generally recognized as one of the two or three leading mathematicians of his generation, now about 75 years old, has not been provided for, except on a year-to-year basis. Provision has been made for him for the current year; I hope it will be possible to arrange some lectures for him, possibly one or two here or at Bryn Mawr.

We have been wondering whether it would be possible to secure a pension for him, which would assure him of at least a minimum livelihood during the remaining years of his life. I am writing to ask what you think of such a plan. Would it be possible to get contributions from the Foundations (Carnegie, Rockefeller, Carl Schurz and perhaps others) towards such a pension? What procedure would you advise to initiate such an undertaking? I have not yet talked with the mathematicians at the Institute about this proposal. I feel certain that they would agree as to the desirability of such an arrangement, but they may have doubts concerning the possibility of realizing the plan I have in mind. I shall be very much obliged to you for your opinion and your advice. With friendly greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

Arnold Dresden

AD:jw

June 27, 1942

Dear Dr. Rapkine:

I returned from Washington last evening and called a meeting this morning of the faculty of our School of Mathematics to consider the question of inviting Professor Hadamard. I regret to say that it was the unanimous opinion of the members of our Mathematics faculty that we could offer Professor Hadamard very little opportunity here next year. The members of our faculty are largely engaged in war work, the number of members of the Institute has decreased on account of the war, and there would be comparatively few people to work with him.

It seems to us that he would be much happier and more useful in a larger institution, where there are undergraduate and graduate students. In view of the shortage of mathematicians, it seems also very much in the public interest to arrange for him to go to such an institution. I believe you have Columbia in mind. We thought also of the newly formed French university in New York City, and it was our understanding that Professor Hadamard had partially completed arrangements to spend some time at the University of Kentucky.

Whatever solution you find for Professor Hadamard's problem, we hope again to be able to invite him to the Institute for some lectures on a plan similar to the one on which he came last year, and in such a case we should also be able to pay him a fee. Such a contact at the Institute is beneficial to us and we hope interesting to Professor Hadamard, but the truth is that we have no regular full-time place for him.

I very much hope that you will be able to make arrangements in one of the institutions indicated or some one of similar standing. It is a great satisfaction to me to know that you have been able to gather together this stipend for him.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Louis Rapkine
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

October 13, 1941

Dear Professor Rapkine:

I have your letter concerning Professor Hadamard and have discussed it with the members of our School of Mathematics. The difficulty with the arrangement which you propose, so far as we are concerned, is that we are already responsible for the future of several refugees: Gödel, Siegel, Pauli, and others. Since we brought these men over here we must consider provision for them as our first duty.

It seems to us that, on account of Professor Hadamard's age, no single institution should take the responsibility for him, unless it should be one of the foundations. I had hoped that a number of universities would ask him to lecture, and we have tried to set the example by inviting him to give three lectures at the Institute this year, for which we have promised him a stipend of \$300.00. I saw an announcement in the newspaper that he had been appointed visiting professor at Columbia and have assumed that he would have some stipend from that appointment. I should think that almost every university where there is a good department of mathematics would be glad to invite Professor Hadamard for a short period and I should hope that the stipends thus accumulated would provide for him, especially if one of the foundations would be willing to assist.

I hope very much that you will consider whether a could not be worked out along these lines.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Professor Louis Rapkine
c/o The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FA/MCE

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49 West 49th Street
New York City

October 9, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

May I, once more, address myself to you. -- This time, it is in behalf of a great French scientist whom I have already brought over to this country: It is Professor Jacques Hadamard, one of the most celebrated French mathematicians.

It is true that Professor Hadamard is 75 years old. He is, however, very agile and very much alive and most active. Even though his creative period may be over, he is still the great teacher of superior mathematics that he always was. Many a place of learning in the United States have as Professors of mathematics past pupils of Professor Hadamard. I feel sure that Professor Hadamard can still be of a great inspiration to many advanced students in mathematics, and he can still give most inspiring seminars. .

Now, I have a project in mind, and I beg you to examine it for what it is worth. After all, what I told you in the preceding paragraphs, is only based on personal impressions. It is possible that if you already saw Dr. Hadamard, yourself, you have other impressions, and I, therefore, beg you to tell me, in all simplicity, what you think of the plan that I am on the point of proposing to you: -- I think that it may be possible for me to raise enough money which would cover about a year's salary for Professor Hadamard, that is about \$3000.- I wonder whether, under such conditions, it would be possible for your Institute, to procure funds, either from your own budget or through the Emergency Committee for Displaced Scholars, for a second year's salary. You could thus invite Professor Hadamard with a two-year-contract.

Of course, you readily understand, why I want to consult you first, before trying to raise the first year's salary, I want, first of all, to be advised by you whether your Institute could and would issue such an invitation to Dr. Hadamard; whether your Institute desires it in any way at all.

If it is possible, then I will try and find amongst some French people enough money for the first year's salary. If it is not possible for your Institute, to envisage such a solution, I shall understand; but I will not have to go through the trouble of having to raise the money. I should, therefore, like to have your advice on the matter.

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Excuse me, dear Dr. Aydelotte, for troubling you with new problems. I was encouraged to do so by your generosity and sympathy with which you have, in the past, considered that heart-rending problem of refugee scientists. I beg you, do not blame me for daring to lay before you new problems; "blame" your own generosity and broad-minded sympathy.

I am, believe me,

Most faithfully yours,

Louis Rapkine

Louis Rapkine

September 23, 1941

Dear Professor Hadamard:

On behalf of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study it gives me great pleasure to invite you to give three lectures under the auspices of the Institute at your convenience. I am asking Professor Weyl to get in touch with you in order to arrange the dates of the lectures and to find out what subjects you would prefer to treat. We have an honorarium of \$300 available for these lectures.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you in Princeton, I am

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Professor J. Hadamard
303 West 106th Street
New York City

FA/MCE

September 10, 1941

Dear Professor Hadamard:

I am delighted to hear that you are in this country and I look forward, as will all your friends in Princeton, to your visit a fortnight hence. I hope you will let me know in advance as soon as your plans are definite so that I can inform all the members of our School of Mathematics of your coming. Most of them are still on vacation since the Institute does not reassemble for the first term until September 22.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you here, I am

Yours sincerely,

Professor J. Hadamard
303 West 106 Street
New York, N. Y.

FA:MR

September 9 1941

Dear Mr. Aydelotte

I am now in America and shall be very happy to meet you when possible and speak of your kind invitation .

I stay now at New York but I plan to come over and see my friends at Princeton in something like a fortnight . When I know more exactly of the time of my coming to your town, I shall let you know in order to be sure of meeting you .

Believe me

Copies sent Math. Phys. Sep. 10/41
Yours truly

J. Hadamard

J. HADAMARD 303 W 106th St. N.Y.C.

Profs. Alexander-
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C O P Y

September 9 1941

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Yours truly,

J. HADAMARD

J. HADAMARD 303 W 100th St. N.Y.C.

To the Math. Profs.:

Dr. Aydelotte would like to consult someone about whether Prof.
Hadamard should be invited to lecture, or what.

G.B.

Dr. Aydelotte's letter of Aug.27/41 to Dr. Duggan re Prof. Hadamard
said

"They [I.A.S. Math. Faculty] are of the opinion that we could not take the
initiative in inviting him to come to this country, but if any way could be found
to bring him over for a lecture tour they would certainly want to invite him to the
Institute for a couple of lectures."

24 Juillet 1941

Hadamard

Dear Mr. Director

I most thankfully accept your kind invitation, being very happy of the honour which is conferred upon me, and very happy ~~to~~ to participate in your high scientific Institute.

As you suggest, we can settle every particulars on my arrival in your country.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. Hadamard

J. HADAMARD, 5 bis Boulevard Matabiau Toulouse.

*Copy sent to
Mr. Einstein - Aug 10*

July 4, 1941

Dear Professor Hadamard:

Your many friends in our School of Mathematics here at the Institute learned with great pleasure that there is a possibility of your visiting the United States. On behalf of the members of our School, I take great pleasure in inviting you to include the Institute in your itinerary and to give some lectures here.

It will probably be most convenient to arrange the details of your visit after you reach this country, but I wish immediately to extend to you a most cordial invitation to the Institute as early as possible in the next academic year.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE
Director

Professor J. Hadamard
5 Bis Blvd. Natabian
Toulouse, France

April 10

235 W. 108th St N.Y.C.

I have received your kind sending
of a check on the National and Essex
Banking Co, and address you my
best thanks for it

Yours sincerely

Hadamard

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Hadamard

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February 6, 1941.

Professor Albert Einstein
112 Mercer Street
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Professor Einstein:

I am happy to be able to inform you that a meeting was held a few days ago of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, at which I told them that it was our duty to take care of Professor Hadamard. The gentlemen agreed with me, seeing that he is, as you say, a very distinguished mathematician and our associate in the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University. The gentlemen united in saying that I could give the necessary affidavits of material support and that they are prepared to guarantee the minimum sum of \$2500 per year which will be required for his support. I know you will be glad to hear this.

I am, my dear Professor Einstein, faithfully, and regretting that we never have a chance to see you,

SSW:W

Yours,

Stephen Weil

The men who are prepared to under-write Dr. Hadamard's coming, taking it for granted as I said, that he would not get another post, are: Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach

Andrew

Edward Norman
Roger Straus
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Private address:

100 West 80th Street
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February 6th, 1941.

Prof. Albert Einstein,
Library Place
Princeton, N.J.

Sehr verehrter Herr Professor,

Herr Gutmann, der Neffe von Prof. Hadamard, erzählte mir von dem lebenswürdigen Empfang, den Sie ihm bereitet haben. Er hofft, durch Rabbi Wise, an den Sie auch geschrieben haben, bald die notwendigen Affidavits zu bekommen.

Herr Gutmann hat unterdessen an Hadamard telegraphiert und angefragt, ob er auch dann nach den Vereinigten Staaten kommen wolle, wenn keine bezahlten Vorlesungen zustande kämen. Prof. Hadamard hat dies bejaht.

Es würde daher zur Beschleunigung sehr dienlich sein, wenn Sie eine Einladung zu Universitätsvorlesungen vermitteln könnten, selbst wenn dabei keine oder nur eine kärgliche Bezahlung vorgesehen wäre.

Mit bestem Dank im voraus

Ihr aufrichtig ergebener

E. I. Gumbel

E. I. Gumbel.

January 31, 1941

Dear Appleget:

I understand perfectly the difficulty in the case of Hadamard. Certainly thirteen dependents complicate still further a situation already difficult enough.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Mr. Thomas B. Appleget
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FA/MCE

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49th STREET, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

December 30, 1940.

Dear Aydelotte:

Your letter of December 21st concerning Professor Hadamard has been discussed with our officers here. His name, of course, is well known to us, and has already come up from one or two sources. Certainly an appealing case can be made on humanitarian and other grounds for assisting a man who has been so great a figure in science. On the other hand, compared with the need for this kind of assistance in Europe, even the considerable funds which we have set aside are very small indeed. We have had to have principles of limitation, which - applied to a case like this - seem hard. One of these principles concerns age. We have had to confine our grants to men who presumably have enough productive scientific life ahead of them to justify us in bringing them to the United States. We have had resolutely to shut our eyes to the needs of many older men like Hadamard. I am sorry this is true, and hope that some other source may be found which will enable him to find peace in the few years remaining to him. Incidentally, his case is complicated by the fact that he wishes to bring thirteen dependents with him to this country!

Sincerely yours,

Thomas B. Abbe

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

TBA:ECO

✓ copy to Prof. Morse

December 21, 1940

Dear Appleget:

Professor Marston Morse of the Institute for Advanced Study has just handed me the attached statement about Professor Hadamard of the Sorbonne, who, as I understand it, falls outside all the regulations governing your committee.

It is my impression that Mr. Stewart intended to raise the question of these older scientists at the last meeting of the Foundation, but whether he did so or not I do not know. Help to men of this kind would make a great contribution to the morale of the scientific world and it would have the further advantage that it would in no way displace younger Americans from academic positions. I believe that the amount necessary for a man of the type of Hadamard would be only a minimum, and since he is 75 years old any kind of a pension granted him would in the nature of things last only for a few years.

It may be that you have already considered the problem presented by such men and have a policy worked out. There are only a few in the whole world who have attained the distinction of Hadamard and they might well be treated as individual cases.

Would it be any advantage to you to have a talk with Morse about Hadamard and the whole problem? If so, he would be delighted to come over and see you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Thomas B. Appleget
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

FRANK AYDELOTTE

FA/MCE

Jacques Hadamard, formerly at the Sorbonne, Jewish, age seventy-five, has been one of the great figures who have carried on the French mathematical tradition. Of all living mathematicians, perhaps with the exception of David Hilbert in Göttingen, he has exerted the most profound influence upon the development of analysis in the last decades. His name and some aspects of his work are known to every mathematician of the world. Until quite recently his famous mathematical seminar drew to Paris mathematicians from all parts of the globe. He seems to have fled to Toulouse, and wants to come over to this country.

H. Weyl, quoted by O. Veblen November 30, 1940

Hadamard

August 27, 1940

Dear Duggan:

I have your letter of August 21 and have consulted the members of our mathematics faculty who are now in Princeton regarding Professor Hadamard. They, of course, all know him or at least know his work and have great respect for him. They are of the opinion that we could not take the initiative in inviting him to come to this country, but if any way could be found to bring him over for a lecture tour they would certainly want to invite him to the Institute for a couple of lectures.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

Dr. Stephen Duggan
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August 21, 1940

President Frank Aydelotte
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear President Aydelotte:

I am in receipt of a letter from the most distinguished mathematician in France, probably in all Europe, Professor J. Hadamard. He has asked me to get in touch with Professor Lefschetz of Princeton who knows him intimately, and Professor Struik of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also has asked me to secure lectures for him in this country.

I do not know that he wants to remain here permanently, but to stay probably until this war is over. However, to come here at all, it will be necessary that he be invited or be put on the Rockefeller list. There is no indication in the correspondence that he is in any danger, and I don't know therefore whether he ought to be considered in this matter.

As you probably know, simply to invite a scholar here to lecture would not justify his receiving a visa. In order to get such a scholar out of Europe at the present time somebody must be a guarantor for his maintenance. Although Hadamard when I last saw him could speak English, whether there would be much opportunity for him to lecture is a question. Moreover, he is now seventy-five years of age.

I would like to know what you think about this whole matter.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Duggan

Director

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Dictated by Dr. Duggan but
signed in his absence.

PM wgl
for advice