

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

January 3, 1939

President Frank Aydelotte  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear President Aydelotte:

The dates of the meetings of the Trustees  
of the Institute for Advanced Study for the year  
1939 are as follows:

Monday, January 23

Monday, April 17

Monday, October 9.

You may wish to note them on your calendar now.

Very truly yours,

*Ether S. Bailey*  
Secretary

ESB:MGH

CABLES: "JOINTDISCO" NEW YORK

TELEPHONE: LEXINGTON 2-5200

# THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

INC.  
100 EAST 42ND STREET

ROOM 514  
NEW YORK CITY

MRS. FELIX M. WARBURG  
HONORARY CHAIRMAN

PAUL BAERWALD  
CHAIRMAN

HERBERT H. LEHMAN  
JAMES N. ROSENBERG  
GEORGE BACKER  
JAMES H. BECKER  
DAVID M. BRESSLER  
ALEXANDER KAHN  
WILLIAM ROSENWALD  
JONAH B. WISE  
VICE-CHAIRMEN

MARCO F. HELLMAN  
I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER  
TREASURERS

WILLIAM A. KOSHLAND  
ASSOCIATE TREASURER

MRS. H. B. L. GOLDSTEIN  
COMPTROLLER

JOSEPH C. HYMAN  
SECRETARY AND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ISIDOR COONS  
CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CYRUS ADLER, Philadelphia  
BERTRAM M. AUFSESSER, Albany  
CARL J. AUSTRIAN, New York  
GEORGE BACKER, New York  
PAUL BAERWALD, New York  
EDWARD M. BAKER, Cleveland  
JAMES H. BECKER, Chicago  
JACOB BILLIKOPF, Philadelphia  
LOUIS J. BORINSTEIN, Indianapolis  
DAVID M. BRESSLER, New York  
ABE BRONFMAN, Montreal  
ABRAM I. ELKUS, New York  
MORRIS ENGELMAN, New York  
HARRY FISCHER, New York  
BERNARD FLEXNER, New York  
PHILLIP FORMAN, Trenton  
MEYER GILLIS, New York  
JONAH J. GOLDSTEIN, New York  
I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER, New York  
J. J. GOLUB, New York  
MARCO F. HELLMAN, New York  
HAROLD HIRSCH, Atlanta  
ALEXANDER KAHN, New York  
E. I. KAUFMANN, Washington  
LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN, Boston  
SAMUEL C. LAMPORT, New York  
EDWARD LAZANSKY, Brooklyn  
MORRIS S. LAZARON, Baltimore  
HERBERT H. LEHMAN, New York  
LEO LEHMAN, Pittsburgh  
SAMUEL D. LEIDESDORF, New York  
EMIL W. LEIPZIGER, New Orleans  
ALBERT H. LIEBERMAN, Philadelphia  
SOLOMON LOWENSTEIN, New York  
HERBERT MALLINSON, Dallas  
JAMES MARSHALL, New York  
JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER, New York  
AARON S. RAUH, St. Louis  
JAMES N. ROSENBERG, New York  
WILLIAM ROSENWALD, Greenwich  
A. L. SALTZSTEIN, Milwaukee  
EUSTACE SELIGMAN, New York  
BERNARD SEMEL, New York  
ALFRED SHERMAN, Seattle  
WILLIAM J. SHRODER, Cincinnati  
DUDLEY D. SICHER, New York  
MENDEL B. SILBERBERG, Los Angeles  
M. C. SLOSS, San Francisco  
HUGH GRANT STRAUS, Brooklyn  
MRS. ROGER W. STRAUS, New York  
LEWIS L. STRAUSS, New York  
AARON TEITELBAUM, New York  
B. C. VLADECK, New York  
AARON WALDHEIM, St. Louis  
MRS. FELIX M. WARBURG, New York  
EUGENE WARNER, Buffalo  
HENRY WINEMAN, Detroit  
JONAH B. WISE, New York

January 10, 1939.

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

It was a privilege to be with you yesterday and to meet Dr. Rufus Jones, and also to make the acquaintance of your good lady; above all, to breathe the atmosphere of human kindness which, though I had known of it, I was happy to realize so much more definitely in our conversation last night. Time is the most dangerous and the most important element we have to deal with at this time. It is a race with misery and death.

Thanking you again,

Sincerely yours,



Paul Baerwald

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Cedar Lane,  
Swarthmore, Pa.

[illegible]

1. *Polystyrene* (PS) and *polyethylene* (PE) are the most common plastics used in the production of plastic bottles.

Dr. D. V. Varghese:

B. Baruch

John Foster Dulles  
War Peace & Change

PRINTING SHOP, TEL. 601  
419 NORTH  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER  
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

12 January 1939

Dear Mr. Maass:

I returned last night and had a talk with Clarence Pickett this morning. As you know, he had fortunately met Harold Lindler in New York yesterday and had a very satisfactory talk with him. It was arranged that Lindler should tell Rublee very fully about the plans which the American Friends Service Committee is considering so as to avoid any possibility of conflict or misunderstanding with the Intergovernmental Committee.

I gave Clarence Pickett your message in regard to Mr. Baruch. Pickett knows Baruch well and will write to his office in New York immediately, mentioning your name and my own and asking for an appointment.

Mr. Pickett has already consulted the Red Cross, who are running a camp, I believe in Holland, on the matter of costs and has made a rough estimate of the expense of a camp for refugees who already have American quota numbers for the next two or three years. It seems quite clear to him that it would be necessary to have an assurance of a minimum of a million dollars a year for two years. The cost would of course vary with the number, and this amount might well be exceeded. He has not yet had time to make a definite budget and can hardly do so until more factors are known such as the location of the camp, type of buildings needed, etc. He thinks it would cost probably \$5000 to make the necessary preliminary studies which ought to be undertaken immediately.

Mr. Pickett does not know whether any of the money to which Mr. Hoover has access would be available for this purpose, but will put that question to him on January 18th.

The idea of such a refugee camp as I have mentioned seems to the Friends on further discussion the best step to take next, aside from the relief of distress which is by comparison a small problem. A refugee camp for persons who are assured of admission to the United States in two or three years is perfectly feasible. The expense can be calculated with a fair degree of accuracy, and the Friends are eager to proceed with this as soon as the financing of it can be arranged. I am sending Clarence Pickett a copy of this letter in order to say, both to you and to him, that I think it would be advisable to have a conference on the financial problem as soon as possible after Mr. Pickett sees Mr. Hoover on January 18th.

It was a great pleasure to see you and Mr. Leidesdorf yesterday, and I shall be available at a moment's notice in case you or he want to get hold of me at any time. If nothing interferes, we shall go off to Florida next week for the little holiday we have been planning, but my secretary will be able to reach me by telephone at any time, and I could with the greatest ease run up to New York any day and should be glad to do it if there were any reason for my doing so.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

January 25, 1948

J. Bernard Walton, Esq.  
1515 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of January 20th, and hasten to say that I shall be free to attend the meeting in Trenton on March 13th. If Esther Holmes Jones wishes to have a small group confer with Einstein we could probably make that possible by asking them and him to our house in Princeton. What would be the best time? Would it be convenient to have them for tea on Saturday afternoon, March 13th, or would tea time on Sunday afternoon be better? Please let me know and I will take the matter up with Einstein as soon as I return to Princeton next week. You had better reply to me there since mails to Florida are slow.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA/p



12 January 1939

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

My wife and I considered it a great privilege to have you and those other wonderful people at our house on Monday night. The Friends feel general approval of the immediate steps which we discussed, i.e., relief of distress in Germany and the organization of a camp for refugees having quota numbers which will admit them to the U.S.A. during the next two or three years. Clarence Pickett is trying to make a tentative estimate of case. He has an appointment with Mr. Hoover for January 18th at which time he will learn whether any of the funds to which Mr. Hoover has access can be used for this purpose. Mr. Pickett would like soon after that to have a conference as to ways and means of financing the camp.

The expense will, of course, vary according to numbers and the length of time that each individual stays. Mr. Pickett told me this morning that it seems to him that the minimum amount needed would be something like a million dollars a year assured for two years. Perhaps the most immediate need is a sum in the neighborhood of \$5000 for preliminary studies of site, buildings, etc. I understand he saw you in New York yesterday, and he probably talked this whole matter over with you. We all agree with your opinion about the importance of getting some definite action underway at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Baerwald, Esq.  
Am. Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
100 East 42nd Street  
New York City

## Friends' General Conference

1515 CHERRY STREET  
PHILADELPHIA 2, PA.

Telephone, RIttenhouse 6-2286

### OFFICERS

BLISS FORBUSH, Chairman  
Vice-Chairmen:  
J. KENNEDY SINCLAIRE  
E. VESTA HAINES  
PATRICK MURPHY MALIN  
CHARLES A. WHITNEY  
EDWIN C. ZAVITZ  
Secretary  
HADASSAH MOORE LEEDS  
Treasurer  
J. S. CURTIS HARVEY, JR.  
Assistant Treasurer  
GEORGE E. OTTO  
Manager of Biennial Conference  
CARL D. PRATT  
Assistant Manager of Biennial Conference  
HORACE R. STUBBS

Secretarial Staff  
J. BARNARD WALTON  
ADA HOWARD DAUP  
MARY J. MIDDLETON

Field Secretary  
RICHARD P. EASTMAN  
Box 262, Yellow Springs, Ohio

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Officers

#### Committee Chairmen

C. MARSHALL TAYLOR, Advancement  
RICHARD L. BURDSALL, Budget and Finance  
HERBERT F. FRASER, Economic Problems  
GEORGE A. WALTON, Education  
ESTHER HOLMES JONES, Peace and Service  
WILLIAM MACKENSEN, Religious Education

ELISABETH H. BARTLETT, Baltimore  
JAMES R. FRORER, Philadelphia  
ESTHER M. FURNAS, Indiana  
BARRETT HOLLISTER, Indiana  
JAMES D. HULL, Baltimore  
ARTHUR C. JACKSON, Philadelphia  
RICHARD H. McFEELY, Philadelphia  
RICHMOND P. MILLER, Philadelphia  
LORENA Z. PAINTER, Genesee  
MARJORIE F. SCOTT, Baltimore  
GLADYS S. SEAMAN, New York  
JEANNETTE F. STETSON, Illinois

January 20, 1948

Frank Aydelotte  
88 Battle Road  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

The Peace and Service Committee of Friends' General Conference and the Committee on Economic Problems are planning a joint conference at the Friends' Meeting House in Trenton, New Jersey, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 12, 13 and 14. Esther Holmes Jones, chairman of the Peace and Service Committee, asked me to give you a cordial invitation to help with the conference, especially for Saturday afternoon, the 13th. We are all much interested in the line of thought of the group for whom Albert Einstein is speaking in the publicity now coming out in the papers. Do you think it would be a good idea to get someone from this group to come over to Trenton Saturday afternoon to interpret their thought to our conference? Would it be better for us to bring a delegation of our people to Princeton to confer with some of the leaders there and possibly to call on Dr. Einstein in his study? Esther Jones thinks this would be a real experience for our Committee members and would make a profound impression on them. You know the situation at Princeton, and we trust your guidance in helping to make the plan which would be most profitable to the Committee.

We expect to have representatives of several of the Meetings in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, making a group of about twenty from outside of Trenton. When we have an open meeting in the Trenton Meeting House we would probably have fifty to a hundred additional people from Trenton and from nearby meetings to whom the invitation is extended.

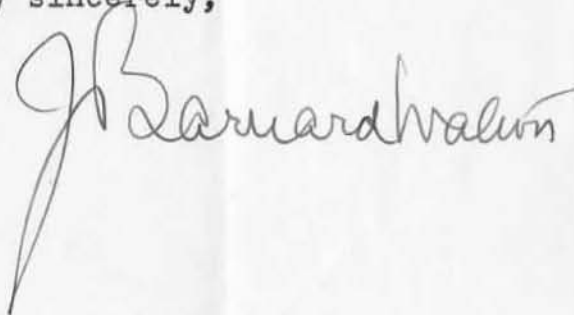
We tried to reach you by phone this morning but received word that you are away for about a week. If this letter is forwarded, and if you have time to send me a line saying whether



2

the date of March 13th is free for you and whether you can do something or not we can use this in our early publicity. We can, of course, keep the definite plans open until near the time; and we will gladly wait until you have opportunity to talk with the people you would wish to invite at Princeton.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. B. Barnard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JBW:mjm

CROSS REFERENCE

Date: 2 February 1948

FILE: American Friends Service Committee  
General

RE: Proposed visit to Quakers in Mexico by  
Dr. Einstein

SEE: A.F.S.C. General.

C R O S S   R E F E R E N C E

Date: *January 18, 1948*

FILE: *A FSC - General*

RE: *Einstein proposed visit to Quakers in Mexico.*

SEE: *A FSC - General*

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, FINE HALL  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

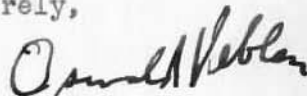
November 23, 1938

Dear Aydelotte:

Many thanks for your letter of November 21.

And best wishes to you and Marie for your holiday in  
the South.

Yours sincerely,



Oswald Veblen

President Frank Aydelotte  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pa.  
OV:GB

*Write Elizabeth if L.A. calls &  
ask Oswald to explain to Einstein  
what my L.A. mind is*

15 October 1938

Dear Veblen:

I have thought about your letter of October 13th and believe the best Quaker body to do something about refugees would be the American Friends Service Committee. Whether they would be willing to undertake it or not, I do not know, but I think, if you were willing, I might possibly arrange for you to appear and make a statement at one of their meetings.

I also am flooded by letters and personal visits, and have succeeded in finding some kind of berth for a number of men lately. I have, however, now done about all that I can. The problem is an appalling one.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Oswald Veblen  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

5 December 1938

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Many thanks for your kind inquiries which I have been unable to answer until this moment. I am now safely back from Charlottesville, still in bed, though rapidly convalescing from an operation which I had down there. The moment it was over I realized that the draining of this abscess had done the trick and that I should soon be all right again.

You probably saw in this morning's Times the announcement of the Rufus Jones Committee, which is going over to Germany to see what the American Friends Service Committee can do in the matter of Jewish relief. I was asked to be a member of the committee, and it was a bitter disappointment to me that I could not go last week. It is just possible that they may ask me to go later, and if so, I shall certainly do it. I am a little sorry that this announcement appeared in the newspapers and a little troubled about just what line the committee will take. My own thought was that the most effective immediate thing to be done was mass feeding of those in need on the plan of the Quaker feeding of German children after the war. But I hope that the committee will make no decision until they have looked into the matter carefully, and I cannot believe that an interview with Hitler, which seems to be in their minds, will accomplish anything at all.

I shall doubtless have my part in whatever plan of action is decided upon, and I hope for an opportunity of talking the whole matter over with you as soon as I am on my feet again.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey



5 December 1938

Dear Mr. Maass:

You have probably seen the enclosed article printed in the New York Times this morning. As I told you in my letter, the Friends asked me to go as a member of this committee, but I had had an operation only a few days before, and am still in bed waiting for the wound to heal. The whole business is not very serious, but it keeps me out of any kind of active work for the moment, though there is just a possibility that I may follow the committee to Germany next week.

I am a little troubled about what they are going to do, and very much regret this statement in the newspapers. I intended, if I had gone, to make a lot of inquiries on the spot before advocating any definite proposals. I am inclined to think myself from a distance that the most useful thing would be some kind of mass feeding of those in need, organized on somewhat the same plan as the Quaker feeding of German children after the war. I hope and expect to take my part in whatever course of action is eventually decided upon. As I said to you in my letter from Charlottesville, I hope to talk the whole matter over with you as soon as I am up and about.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maashert"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* , December 6, 1938.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Swarthmore College,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-


Thanks for yours of the 5th with enclosure, which item had already been re-printed in the New York papers and which I had read.

I am distressed to learn that you are still incapacitated, but hope that the wound will heal shortly and thoroughly and that you will then be able to do what you have in mind.

I think your joining the Committee in Germany would add tremendously to its weight. In view of your illness, would it be more convenient if Leidesdorf and I were to come to Swarthmore for a talk with you? If so, I am sure it could be arranged.

Leidesdorf, who knows that I am writing, joins me in best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sincerely yours,



HHM:JR

10 December 1938

Dear Mr. Maass:

Thank you very much for your letters of December 5th and 6th. I want very much to have a conference with you and Mr. Leidesdorf as soon as we have some news from the committee in Germany. It is very kind of you to offer to come down here, and it would give me great pleasure to have you. I shall let you know, probably by telephone, what progress I make and what we hear from Germany, and try to arrange a meeting either here or in New York, whichever proves advisable.

The doctor looked me over carefully yesterday and says I am making satisfactory progress but must be careful until the incision is healed. I must say it seems to me to be going a little slowly, but I suppose there is no helping that.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Herbert H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

15 December 1938  
Dictated Dec. 13

Dear Meritt:

Dr. Flexner told me over the telephone last night that you want to see me, and he asked me to write to you to suggest a date. I shall be very happy if you can come over either for lunch or tea on Friday, the 16th, or on Monday or Tuesday, the 19th or 20th. Any one of these times would suit me about as well as another since I am confined to the house getting over the effects of a recent operation and have at the moment very few engagements. I am glad to say I ~~am~~ making steady progress. It is not as rapid as I should like, but the doctor says it is rapid enough to suit him and there seems to be nothing I can do about it.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing  
you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Professor Benjamin D. Meritt  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

19 December 1938

Dear Mr. Maass:

I have just received your secretary's telegram suggesting that you and Mr. Leidesdorf might plan to come down on Friday. I am sorry to say that that day would be impossible for me. Lord Lothian arrives Thursday, is coming to Swarthmore to spend a couple of days with me on Rhodes Scholarship business, and I promised to keep Thursday to Saturday free for him. Wednesday, the 21st, would be fine, and failing that, I shall be free all the early part of the week following.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you, I am

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maashork"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York*, December 21, 1938.

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

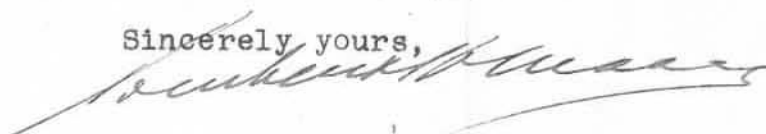
Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

This will acknowledge yours of the 19th, and first of all I want to express my regret that you are still confined to the house, together with the hope that you are making fine progress and will soon be about.

Unhappily, my sister is critically ill and it would have been impossible for me to come to Swarthmore to visit you this week. In accordance with your letter, unless there is some change in her situation, I shall endeavor to confirm an appointment for one day early next week.

With the Season's Kindest Greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



HHM:IS



27 December 1938

Dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

Thank you very much for this marvelous pipe, which I appreciate very warmly as I do the entertaining and useful gadgets which accompanied it. This pipe smoker's knife is something which fills a need I had felt for a long time, but I had not realized before that so admirable an article was in existence. I am delighted also to have the combination pencil and lighter, which combines two articles which I am always using together.

I am happy to say that I am getting on my feet again though recovery from this nasty little operation has not been as rapid as I personally think it ought to be.

The Committee of Friends who went to Germany are now on the ocean on their return. I am in touch with Mr. Maass and hope to arrange for a conference for you and him with them as soon as possible after their arrival.

With renewed thanks and heartiest good wishes,

I am

Yours sincerely,

S. D. Leidesdorf, Esq.  
1 Pershing Square  
New York, N. Y.

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Recd*

*Cable Address "Maashort"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* , November 22, 1938.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Swarthmore College,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Herewith I acknowledge your letter of November 19th, with clipping enclosed.

It is heartening in times like these to find men of the type and position of yourself and associates taking so deep a personal interest in the situation which confronts us and recognizing its implications to the world at large and future generations.

I have discussed the subject matter of your letter with Leidesdorf. Unfortunately, neither he nor I know anything about the Woll organization beyond what we have read in the newspapers, but we are making an investigation and hope to be able to give you some definite advice before the week-end.

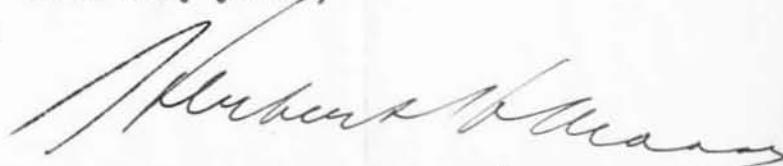
Your suggestion to have the American Friends Service take up the matter, and that you cooperate with them, would appear at first blush to enable you to render a much more effective service than through participation in the Woll organization, whatever it may be. It appears to me that the more independent and unaffiliated organizations take up the matter, the greater the strength the movement will derive.

As soon as there is anything further in hand, I shall write you promptly.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HHM:JR



*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherk"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Willbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* , November 28, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Referring again to yours of November 19th, Mr. Leidesdorf and I have been completely unable to get any very satisfactory information as to the Committee which is being organized by Mr. Matthew Woll. This, of course, does not in slightest degree reflect upon the activities of Mr. Woll, or the prospective value of his Committee when organized, but more likely is due to lack of information on the part of the sources of information at our disposal. Nevertheless, in discussing the matter with Leidesdorf, he wants me to say that he concurs in the suggestion which I made in my last letter, namely, that if you are able to persuade the American Friends Service to take up the matter there would be a leader in their activities, which probably would be of greater value than your participation in the Woll Committee.

With my personal regards, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

HHM:IS



F. A. Voblen

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
FINE HALL  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

13 Oct. 1938

Dear Aydelotte: -

Leeson will not be coming to Swarthmore this time. He is ~~not~~ not staying as long as he first intended and will be going back to New York today and from there on to Hannover. He hopes to see you on one of his next visits. I judge that his conversations with members of the faculty yesterday resulted in no radical changes, but a considerable number of smaller ones. Most of my colleagues seem well pleased with what they saw.

There is a new flood of letters from would-be refugees from the Roman-Berlin axis, and I cannot help feeling that since we and England have, to say the least, done nothing to hinder the new outrages, we ought somehow to make fresh efforts to help some of the victims. As far as I can judge, possibilities in the more important universities and colleges are about exhausted; but there must still be a number of smaller institutions which could with profit to themselves receive some of the displaced scholars, in relatively humble positions. I wonder whether there is anyone among the Quakers who might undertake

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
FINE HALL  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

the job of exploring this possibility. There are, of course,  
a considerable number of difficulties and some risk  
of arousing anti foreign and antisemitic feeling, but  
after reading the letters I keep receiving I feel  
that we ought to take some risks.

As ever,

Oswald Veblen.

15 October 1938

Dear Veblen:

I have thought about your letter of October 13th and believe the best Quaker body to do something about refugees would be the American Friends Service Committee. Whether they would be willing to undertake it or not, I do not know, but I think, if you were willing, I might possibly arrange for you to appear and make a statement at one of their meetings.

I also am flooded by letters and personal visits, and have succeeded in finding some kind of berth for a number of men lately. I have, however, now done about all that I can. The problem is an appalling one.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Oswald Veblen  
The Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey



THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, FINE HALL  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

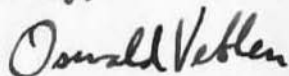
October 19, 1938

Dear Aydelotte:

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th. I shall be very glad to appear before the American Friends Service Committee if it is thought advisable. I understand that they have already been helpful in a number of cases.

I shall be away until Thursday, the 27th, but shall be available at any time after that except for a short absence in the middle of November.

Very sincerely,



President Frank Aydelotte  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pa.  
OV:GB

Oswald Veblen

20 NASSAU STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

November 29, 1938

Dear Aydelotte:

I had your letter of November 19 some time since, but my desk has been overloaded with letters, mostly concerning refugees, and my time and thoughts and strength have been largely limited to problems connected with them.

I read with interest the clipping regarding the attitude of American universities and colleges, with which you well know I am in complete sympathy. There are, to be sure, practical difficulties, due mainly to the natural impatience of our own young men to procure promotion. It would be a mistake in the long run to embitter them. On the other hand, there are certain sections of the country - particularly the south and the middle west - where no problem of this kind exists at all and where the type of immigrant now procurable from Germany and Italy might have the same sort of influence that the Brandeis family, fleeing from Germany in 1848, has had in this country.

I do not know anything of the refugee work which Matthew Woll is beginning. I am to see President Dodds in the next day or so, for he and Conant have been discussing the possibility of some large scale program. The practical difficulty which I foresee is this: everybody will want and will welcome the first-rate men like Weyl and von Neumann. They compete with no one and their coming is all pure gain. The difficulty arises in the class just below, but even so, if on the average our American colleges could take one or two each we would not only improve our own scholarly standards but would do a service to humanity which is crying aloud to be done.

President Aydelotte

November 29, 1938

- 2 -

Anne had a note from Marie yesterday which tells us that you had gone to Charlottesville to recuperate and that you had encountered two unforeseen difficulties: (1) this unexpected snowstorm, (2) an abscess, which however appears from Marie's account to have been successfully treated by the Charlottesville doctors. Do drop me a line or send me a wire and let me know how you are and what your plans may be.

With affectionate greetings to you both,

Ever sincerely,

A. S.  
7

President Frank Aydelotte  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

AF/MCE

5 December 1938

Dear Dr. Flexner:

Many thanks for your kind inquiries which I have been unable to answer until this moment. I am now safely back from Charlottesville, still in bed, though rapidly convalescing from an operation which I had down there. The moment it was over I realized that the draining of this abscess had done the trick and that I should soon be all right again.

You probably saw in this morning's Times the announcement of the Rufus Jones Committee, which is going over to Germany to see what the American Friends Service Committee can do in the matter of Jewish relief. I was asked to be a member of the committee, and it was a bitter disappointment to me that I could not go last week. It is just possible that they may ask me to go later, and if so, I shall certainly do it. I am a little sorry that this announcement appeared in the newspapers and a little troubled about just what line the committee will take. My own thought was that the most effective immediate thing to be done was mass feeding of those in need on the plan of the Quaker feeding of German children after the war. But I hope that the committee will make no decision until they have looked into the matter carefully, and I cannot believe that an interview with Hitler, which seems to be in their minds, will accomplish anything at all.

I shall doubtless have my part in whatever plan of action is decided upon, and I hope for an opportunity of talking the whole matter over with you as soon as I am on my feet again.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abraham Flexner, Director  
Institute for Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey

5 December 1938

Dear Mr. Maass:

You have probably seen the enclosed article printed in the New York Times this morning. As I told you in my letter, the Friends asked me to go as a member of this committee, but I had had an operation only a few days before, and am still in bed waiting for the wound to heal. The whole business is not very serious, but it keeps me out of any kind of active work for the moment, though there is just a possibility that I may follow the committee to Germany next week.

I am a little troubled about what they are going to do, and very much regret this statement in the newspapers. I intended, if I had gone, to make a lot of inquiries on the spot before advocating any definite proposals. I am inclined to think myself from a distance that the most useful thing would be some kind of mass feeding of those in need, organized on somewhat the same plan as the Quaker feeding of German children after the war. I hope and expect to take my part in whatever course of action is eventually decided upon. As I said to you in my letter from Charlottesville, I hope to talk the whole matter over with you as soon as I am up and about.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Maass, Esq.  
20 Exchange Place  
New York, New York

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maashort"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Wilbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*

*New York* , December 5, 1938.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Swarthmore College,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

When I read your letter of December 1st I was extremely distressed to learn that you had been so ill and am happy to infer from what you say that you have mended and are now on the way to complete recovery. I hope by the time that this is received you will have fully resumed all your activities.

I read in this morning's paper of the steps taken by the Society of Friends, which I think constitutes a magnificent gesture and effort on their part. I am sorry that you were unable to be one of their emissaries. Perhaps in the near future, when you are again feeling yourself, you will be coming to New York and be able to arrange to lunch with Leidesdorf and me.

Please present my compliments to Mrs. Aydelotte and for yourself accept this expression of my great gratitude for your deep interest in the problems of my people.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Maass*

HHM:JR



20 NASSAU STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

December 7, 1938

Dear Aydelotte:

I have your letter of December 5. I agree with you in thinking that an interview with Hitler would be absolutely fruitless as far as action is concerned. It would probably do good as far as public opinion the world over is concerned, for if he refuses to see a committee of Quakers, whose high-mindedness the whole world appreciates, or if, having seen them, he declines, he will simply deepen the impression of brutality which he has already made, and the deeper that impression is and the more widely it is known the sooner we shall be rid of him and his crew. If, therefore, he refuses to see a committee of Quakers, that fact should be made known through the press.

In the matter of action, I suspect that you will accomplish most if you act through George Rublee, now in London, head of the organization set up by the Evian Committee. I know Rublee well and will be delighted to give you or Dr. Rufus Jones an introduction to him if it is desired.

I am happy to know that you are better and I hope that you will continue to improve. Keep quiet until the incision has completely healed and there is no further chance of infection.

With all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

President Frank Aydelotte  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania  
AF/MCE

*a. J. S.*

*Maass & Davidson*  
*Attorneys*

*Cable Address "Maasherk"*

*Herbert H. Maass*  
*Willbur C. Davidson*  
*Monroe L. Friedman*  
*David J. Levy*

*20 Exchange Place*  
*New York* , December 13, 1938.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte,  
Swarthmore College,  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:-

Herewith returned please find the letter of Mr. Pickett, which you sent me with your notation. The interest of Leidesdorf and myself in the matter, as well as our desire to be helpful in any possible way, remains undiminished. Therefore, please do not hesitate to call upon us to come to see you at any time that your plans are definitized.

In the meanwhile, I am glad to learn that your health is improving and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With my compliments to Mrs. Aydelotte and all the Season's Greetings to you both, I am,

Sincerely yours,



HHM:JR