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GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

Foundations

✓ VINCENT, GEORGE E.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

A copy of Flexner's memorandum, "A proposal to establish an American university." Vincent said in a comment attached: "This is an admirable analysis. I should like to talk with you about the plan. I am not wholly convinced that the undergraduate department of the University of Chicago might not be gradually discontinued. It is the only institution young enough to permit such a major operation. A number of possibilities occur to me which it would be interesting for me to talk to you about." (Memorandum from G. E. V. to Flexner.)

PA Confidential Files, March 7, 1957

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓ VINCENT

Biographical

Vincent to Flexner. Suggested "educational control by full professors." Few professors on trustees will lead to factionalism.

Woods Hole managed by college and university men is one of the best administered institutions Vincent knows.

D, Institute Organization

1931

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GENERAL

Educational Institutions

GENERAL

Corporation

✓ VINCENT, GEORGE E. (Rockefeller  
Foundation Emeritus?)

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

Vincent to Flexner on the memorandum of September 26, 1931.

He is obviously critical.

Size and scope. He thinks the small beginning, mathematics and economics, are clear enough until one finds that the latter is to include "political theory, ethics and other subjects that are involved therein." He thinks this would call logically for anthropology, social psychology, social philosophy at least. He asks if Flexner isn't proposing a school of the social sciences? If he is a good, well-rounded one would run to a lot of money, especially on a full-time, high salary-scale basis.

Resources present and future. He can't judge the memorandum without knowing what amount will be forthcoming for endowment.

He does not think it would be possible to found the initial mathematics-economics combination on \$250,000 a year, to say nothing of building buildings. His question is not prompted by curiosity, but that he may more competently advise.

A research and teaching policy. On research and teaching policy he is uncertain--as to how except in numbers the Institute will differ from the best kind of university graduate school in its teaching function. Suggests excellent seminars with small numbers of students to meet informally with first-class investigator-teachers. He is unable to see how students will be recruited unless it is allowed them to attach themselves to investigators as research assistants. He thinks enough of that would in the end exclude the other type and transform the institution into a research institute. It is a subject for experiment.

Universities as maelstroms. Disagrees with Flexner's general criticism of the universities, both in the memorandum and in Universities. He is a little sarcastic at Flexner's assumption that such things as cross communication between the



disciplines and social life and interest in something other than a man's discipline are not possible in a university.

He also thinks that Flexner will not be able to get the men he wants because the universities treat them so well there is only one edge which Flexner might have and that would be higher salaries.

2 He is critical that the site has not been chosen, and recommends connection with the University so that library ~~xxxxxx~~ functions, etc. do not have to be duplicated. Cites the Athenaeum Club in Pasadena to be used jointly by the staffs of Mt. Wilson, the Institute of Technology, and the Huntington Library and the Art Museum. Thinks this would be very good.

Academic freedom. He questions that academic freedom will be any more realizable at the Institute than in ~~the~~ a university.

It is the complaint of solid men of affairs which would affect the benefactors, and Vincent thinks that the founders of the Institute would be as ready to listen to it as any other philanthropist are.

He questions whether the Institute will attract the kind of students it wants, and says it will be entirely dependent upon the facilities for research under distinguished leaders, concluding properly that the teaching side will be much less of an inducement. He thinks Flexner is right in providing fellowship and loan funds. "You could not compete without them."

*Butter  
like*  
He suspects that engineers, lawyers, advertising men, bond salesmen, industry representatives generally will look with more favor on the \$10,000 to \$12,000 university salary because of its steadiness.

Congratulates Flexner on travel for the staff as a sound idea. Raises a question as to whether the Institute will be coeducational.

Suggests administration is a good subject for experiment. "Why not try education, control by the full professors? Woods Hole managed by college and university men is one of the best administered institutions I know. Selecting a few members

of the staff to sit on the Board has its drawbacks in envy and suspicion. Anyhow your idea of a minimum of management and regulations is refreshing and encouraging."

In his acknowledgment, December 11, Flexner made appropriate comments under each heading, saying under Administration: "Arnett urged the University of Chicago some years ago to take the step I am taking. He saw both as officer and trustee the chasm between the two bodies, namely, the faculty and the trustees."

D. Institute - Organization

1931

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ECONOMICS

Academic Activities

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓VINER, JACOB

Biographical

Memorandum from Viner to Flemer, July 10, 1931 on  
economics.

Filed in Chronological File under 1931, 7/10.

D. Viner

1932-56

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

MORSE, MARSTON

✓VINER, J.

Relations WOI

Biographical

Morse comments on Princeton professors' view of I. A. S.

6/21/56  
Morse Interview, pp. 9-10

1934

✓ VINER J.

Biographical

KEYNES

Von Neumann said (Interview December 27, 1955) that he had heard from Veblen and others that Flexner originally wanted Keynes as economist. Von Neumann thought that Viner would be the best appointment.

*Viner said it only with who knew Keynes*

Interview with von Neumann, December 27, 1955

1934

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organisation

FRANKFURTER, FELIX

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

✓ VINER, J.

Flexner's handwritten footnote on letter to Frankfurters:  
P. 5. Of course, Viner is also a possibility.

Frankfurter papers

1938

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ECONOMICS

Academic Activities

SAUNDERS

Biographical

~~XXKEYNES~~ KEYNES

✓ VINER, J.

Saunders expressed in interview with Flexner respect for Knight of Chicago, a young man lecturing at London School that year. Regarded Viner as a great man, "the greatest you have in America." We are not so fortunate in England. Our leading economists are either the mathematical group, who are ineffective and remote, or Keynes, who, with all his brilliance is an incongruous mixture of business, man, politician, journalist, and economist."

Interview with Mr. Carr Saunders, Director London School of Economics; D, Organization



1945

May-June

✓ VINER

Biographical

EINSTEIN, A.

VEBLEN, O.

See pp. 5-6, Interview with Veblen February 8, 1956,  
for reference to above headings.

Interview filed in Vertical file under Veblen interviews.

Veblen Interview 2/8/56

1945

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NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Foundations

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓ VINER, J.

Biographical

STEWART, W. W.

EARLE, E.

Question of Viner's appointment first raised in Stewart memorandum to Riefler and Warren for conference with Director on February 27, 1945--and he be considered? No action but decided whole question of appointments to School of Economics and Politics should be considered. Also that matter of N. B. E. R. location at Princeton for part of its work should be discussed.

June 29--Stewart ~~thinksxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ thinks Viner will refuse Princeton's invitation. Minutes School of Economics.

Aydelotte to discuss with Dodds 8/1/45 and Stewart to talk with Viner to sound him out regarding coming to I. A. S.

?  
ww2 7/2/45 Riefler saw Viner at New York. Seems disposed to come to Princeton. Viner thinks he will be so much at Institute that Princeton colleagues will be embarrassed. Suggests permanent membership at Institute with professorship at Princeton, clerical help, travel, money, or stipend, or appointed as professor at both institutions. Work out with Dodds.

10/6/45--Marle to Aydelotte. He, Riefler, Stewart and Warren talked regarding Viner--unknown whether he is accepting University. If he comes to Princeton, our purpose will be served; if not, Institute should not invite him, "we all felt." So Marle suggests appointment Morison with approval of the 3 others.

D, School of Economics and Politics, Minutes.

1945

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EARLE, E. M.

Biographical

✓ VINER, J.

Earle to Aydelotte regarding Viner's qualifications  
and urging appointment by I. A. S.

Letter filed in Chronological file under 1945, 5/2.

Earle, I. A. S., 1944-5 Vertical

1945

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1946

ECONOMICS

Academic Activities

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

GOLDENWEISER

Biographical

✓ VIKER, J.

STEWART, W.W.

EARLE, E. M.

Stewart to Earle, May 17, 1945, showing correspondence with Goldenweiser who asks whether the Institute would have anything in the way of "collaboration or a focal point for my activities when I leave Washington." He has decided to retire from the Federal Reserve Board and would like to pursue scholarly work. Stewart discussed with the Director who felt he wanted to avoid a faculty discussion then in favor of ~~determining~~ finding out faculty opinion informally. It was Aydelotte's suggestion Goldenweiser come on a five-year

membership without stipend. He decided finally to call the meeting of May 19, 1945 to consider the matter. W. W. R., W. W. S. and H. B. W. unanimous on Goldenweiser and hope that the invitation to him will not confuse the faculty appointment for Viner.

Harle to Stewart, May 18, 1945. Assures Stewart Committee on Policy will make a formal recommendation that memberships be made available for a term of several years for distinguished persons like Goldenweiser. The School will then wish to recommend his appointment as a member for a five-year period.

"Like you, I very much hope that the appointment of Viner may be pushed vigorously forward, so that, if possible, he can be with us in the autumn." (See letter October 6, 1945 in which Harle concedes with Stewart Viner would have to be eliminated from Institute consideration "at the present time.")

Earle to Viner, May 5, 1945 expressing hope that he will reconsider and accept Princeton University's offer. All at the Institute and all the members of the History Department at Princeton would welcome you with open arms. "We are all very much disturbed that the case for your coming here was not put more effectively."

Earle Files, Institute--1944-45 - General Correspondence

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓ VINER, J.

Biographical

STEWART, W. W.

DODDS, H. W.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Aydelotte to Dodds, May 11, 1945.

Expresses hope that Dodds will find Viner's letter refusing position at Princeton/ Does not absolutely close the matter "and that perhaps there might be something we could do to urge Viner to accept. Certainly we can give him every assurance that we would welcome his coming to Princeton University with the greatest enthusiasm."

He asked Dodds if Stewart can look in on him at home about the matter.

(No answer in file).

D, Dodds, Harold W.



1945

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

STEWART, W. W.

AYDELOTTE, P.

✓ VINER

Relations WOI

Biographical

Aydelotte to Dodds, May 11, 1945.

"...Walter Stewart and I are wondering whether there is anything we could do to urge Viner to accept your invitation... We are hoping that this letter [refusing invitation from Princeton] does not absolutely close the matter and that perhaps there might be something we could do to urge Viner to accept. Certainly we can give him every assurance that we would welcome his coming to Princeton University with the greatest enthusiasm."

D File, Dodds, Harold W.

1943  
/VINER, Jacob

Biog~~r~~aphical

STEWART, W. W.

A memo from W. W. Stewart to Dr. Aydelott:

"In the matter of the faculty appointment for Dr. Viner, our understanding is that with faculty approval you will ask the Trustees for an authorization for appointment. Such action seems desirable, entirely apart from a conversation with President Dodds, though no approach would be made to Viner until we had satisfied ourselves that they would welcome him to Princeton as a member of the Institute faculty in the event that he does not accept the invitation from the University. We feel that it is important at this time to get faculty approval and trustee authorization for the appointment of Viner since we are entering the summer months and we may lose the opportunity for prompt action if the matter is postponed."

File: IAS - W.W.STEWART - 1932-45

1945

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FACULTY

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

SALARIES

APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEES (ON APPOINTMENTS) *Trusts*

Corporation

PAULI

Biographical

✓ VINER

ALBRIGHT

SIEGEL

Minutes of meeting of Committee on Appointments.

Extra Copy from D File filed in Chronological File under  
1945, 5/22.

D, Committee on Appointments, Extra Copy

1945

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SALARIES  
COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS  
(TRUSTEES) (MAASS, NEED, ANDERLOTT)

Academic Personnel  
Corporation

Biographical

PAULI  
✓ VINER  
ALBRIGHT  
SIEGEL

Committee received appointment of Pauli, Siegel and Viner  
at \$10,000. See draft Minutes for retirement arrangements.

also approved increase salaries:

	Goldman	\$2,400 to ?	10
1/4	Panofsky	10,000 to \$12,500	
	Harle	10,000 to 12,500	
1/4	Swann	3,600 to 4,500.	

A, 10/18/56 Pensions

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

POLICIES

TRUSTEES (BOARD)

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

MAASS, HERBERT H.

WINER, J.

WEED

VEBIEN, O.

Academic Personnel

Administration

Corporation

Academic Organization

BIOGRAPHICAL

Meeting of the Faculty, the Director, and Professors Maass and Weed with the Board of Trustees in regard to new appointments.

Filed in Chronological File under 5/22/45

Minutes Faculty Meeting, May 22, 1945, File V-1

1943

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VINER, JACOB

Biographical

STEWART, W. W.

Memo from W. W. Stewart to Dr. Aydelotte:

x Dunham

"A number of appointments /at Princeton University/ are contemplated of which Viner's is the most distinguished...I told /Brown/ that we at the Institute would welcome Viner as a member of the community and would do anything we could to support the invitation extended to him by the University...I...told him that while we had had Viner under consideration for an appointment at the Institute, that we would make no approach to him until after a final decision had been taken as to whether he would accept an invitation to the University and that actually we would prefer to ~~himself~~ have him become a member of the faculty of Economics of the University rather than of the Institute."

File: IAS - W.W.STEWART - 1932-45

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SCHOOL OF  
ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organisation

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

PROFESSORS

VINER, J.

Conference with Dr. Aydelotte, June 27, 1945, and Topics to be  
discussed at meeting, July 2, from Stewart to Aydelotte.

Filed in Chronological File under June 29, 1945

S File, IAS Sch. Econ. & Pol. 1945-6

1945

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✓ VINER, J.

Biographical

STEWART, W.W.

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

<sup>WWS</sup>  
Office Memorandum--telephone conversation with President  
concerning Professor Viner.

Filed in Vertical File under V, Viner, J.

He had never told Viner of IAS approval of a plan, or of  
possib. raised by Aug. of jtr app. which Brown said Dept. was  
rejected. Question of membership raised with him however. - no steps  
Viner had not made up mind yet, but was discussing - a house,  
a bus parking, etc.

S I.A.S. School of Economics and Politics (M & R) 1947-8



1945

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓VINER, J.

Biographical

MORISON

EARLE

HIEPLER

WARREN

STEWART

See Earle to Aydelotte regarding conference with W. W. S.,  
W. W. R., R. B. W. and suggested deferral of invitation to Viner  
in favor of immediate invitation to Morison.

Earle, I. A. S., 1944-5, General Correspondence

1945

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PAULI

Biographical

SIEGEL

✓ VINER, J.

Report on status: IAS has withheld invitation to Viner  
on account of Princeton University.

Trustees' Minutes, 10/19/45

1946

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓ VINER, J.

Biographical

Riefler informed the Faculty that Viner had accepted an ~~assist~~ appointment at Princeton, but looked forward to close cooperation with the Institute economists.

D File, Faculty Minutes, February 4, 1946

1946

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

✓WINER, JACOB

Biographical

MORSE, MARSTON

DODDS, HAROLD W.

For extra copies regarding above headings see  
Chronological File under 1946, 2/16.

(Contains: (1) Memo of telephone conversation between  
Morse and Dodds of 2/16/46, Morse to Winer 2/28/46, and  
Dodds to Morse, 3/14/46.)

D, Winer (Extra copies)

1946

2/18

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

✓VINER, J.

Biographical

Morse, Chairman of the Committee administering during Aydelotte's absence had conversed with Dodds on the phone. Dodds said the University of Chicago was about to release a statement announcing Viner's acceptance of a professorship at the Princeton University. Dodds saw no way of mentioning that Viner would be a member of the Institute without confusing the matter in the public / mind. Viner agreed with this view. Morse agreed. When the conversation was reported to Riefler's secretary, Riefler requested that Morse inform Viner formally he had been elected member of the Institute 1946-47. Riefler said he would take up the announcement of the Institute's membership with Viner and, if desirable, with Dodds.

D, Minutes Standing Committee of the Faculty, 1940-1946

1950

VINER, JACOB

Biographical

Some excerpts from A Modest Proposal for Some Stress in Scholarship in Graduate Training dated June 3, 1950. The convocation, Brown University.

"True scholarship is a commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding, but it can never provide guarantees that these have been obtained. A great part of true learning, in fact, takes the form of negative knowledge, of increasing awareness of the range and depth of our unconquered ignorance, and it is one of the major virtues of scholarship that only by means of it, one's own or someone else's, can one know when it is safe to dispense with it. Learned ignorance, therefore, is often praiseworthy; although ignorant learning...never is."  
(pages 1 and 2)

The last stage in the period of learning where responsibility is shared with others is in the study for the doctorate; thereafter life is the final stage of learning on one's own. (Get this paper, small but brilliant.)

On immediate usefulness of research and scholarship in

graduate schools,<sup>he</sup>/hardly dares subscribe to the doctrine that it doesn't make any difference if the research serves useful purpose. Yet doesn't go as far as the verger who closed the doors of the church to prevent people"from praying all over the place." (Page 4)

He notes that for Charles ~~J~~. C. Dawes, diplomacy was harder on the feet than on the head.

A footnote for Lehman: "Foot and note disease."

We entice men into the graduate school and make truffle hounds or race horses out of them. We lay down a narrow track for a fast run. This by way of specialization instead of broadening the approach.

Viner pleads for ways to humanize training in the professional skills with training in scholarship.

"Our graduate schools are now turning out large new crops of doctors of learning whose primary task it will be to rescue the world from the perils of war, of disease, of poverty, and of sin. In their moments of leisure may they also give a

little thought to the ways by which scholarship, as an ornament of the peace and the prosperity they will be winning for us, might also be promoted." (Page 13)

Some excerpts from A Modest Proposal for Some Stress in Scholarship in Graduate Training dated June 3, 1950.



1950

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

MEMBERS

✓ VINER, J.

Biographical

Viner has been a member on a year-to-year basis (though the Minutes fail to disclose it). ~~Revised~~ The new School is wish to take formal action to make him a permanent member, was reported. Stewart and Earle spoke highly of Viner's intellectual eminence. No stipend--paid by Princeton University entirely. Approved.

Faculty Minutes 2/13/50

1950

2/21

✓ VINER, JACOB

Biographical

Viner's annual membership without stipend was with Faculty concurrence changed on his wish to a permanent membership.

Executive Committee Minutes, February 21, 1950

1956

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TEACHING

Academic Procedures

FOUNDERS

Corporation

SITE (BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS)

Facilities

KENNAN, GEORGE D.

Biographical

✓ VINER, J.

VEBLEN, O.

PANOFSKY, ERWIN

MERITT, B. D.

The above are additional headings for the Interview with President Harold W. Dodds, Princeton University, March 23, 1956. The Interview is filed in the Vertical File under Dodds Interviews.

Interview with President Dodds, 3/23/56

1956

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

FOUNDERS

Corporation

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

STEWART, W. W.

Biographical

EABLE, E. M.

FLEXNER, A.

✓ VIKER, J.

Interview with Winfield W. Riefler, March 31 and  
April 1, 1956. Notes from memory of informal conversations.

Filed in Vertical File under Riefler Interviews.

Interview with Riefler 3/31 and 4/1

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEES (NOMINATING  
ECONOMICS  
NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

✓ VINEY  
STEWART  
BAMBERGER  
RIEFLER  
FRANKFURTER  
FLENNER  
AYDELOTTE  
OPPENHEIMER  
MAASS

Academic Personnel

Academic Activities

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Biographical

Interview with Walter W. Stewart, May 31, 1956.

Filed in Stewart Interviews in the Vertical File.

Interview with Stewart, 5/31/56

1956

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GENERAL  
ECONOMICS  
PHILOSOPHY  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
POLICIES  
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION  
GUGGENHEIM  
✓VINER, J.  
FLEXNER, A.  
RIEPLER, W. W.  
STEWART, WARREN  
WARREN, ROBERT  
VEBLEN, O.  
EINSTEIN, ALBERT  
KATIE, EDWARD M.  
PROFESSORS

Academic Organization  
Academic Activities

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Biographical

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Interview with Jacob Viner, June 6, 1956

Filed in Vertical File under Viner Interviews.

Interview with Viner, 6/6/56

1956

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ECONOMICS

Academic Activities

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Government Relations

HOWARD, E. E.

Biographies 1

FLEXNER, A.

WARREN, ROBERT

✓ VINER, JACOB

EINSTEIN, ALBERT

Interview with Professor E. E. Howard, Princeton  
University, June 6, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Howard Interviews.

1956

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PRINCETON (8, 9, 10)

HARVARD (1)

MATHEMATICS (2, 7, 14)

E. C. P. (5, 6)

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DIRECTOR (10, 11)

TRUSTEES (11)

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BIRKHOFF (1, 4)

WHITNEY (2)

STEWART (2, 3)

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MAYER, WALTHER (3)

SIEGEL (5)

BIGELOW (5, 6)

ELIOT, T. S. (7)

STRAUSS (10)

EARLE (10)

BOREL (15)

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PLAZCEK (3)

WIENER, ROBERT (4, 6)

WEYL (5, 8)

EINSTEIN (6, 8, 11, 12, 16)

✓ VINER (9, 10)

AYDELOTTE (10, 11)

OPPENHEIMER (15)

Morse Interview  
6/21/56.

Filed in  
Vertical File  
Under Morse  
Interviews.



1956

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
PROFESSORS  
MEMBERS  
FACULTY  
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION  
ECONOMICS  
HARVARD  
GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY  
PRINCETON  
GENERAL  
OPPENHEIMER  
FERGUSON  
TOYNBEE  
ELIOT  
PLACZEK  
KENNAN  
DYSON  
STEWART  
✓ VINER  
ALEXANDER

RIEFLER  
WARREN  
MAYER  
GODEL  
EARLE  
DOUGLAS  
STRAUSS  
FRANKL

Academic Organization

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Biographical

Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, July 16, 1956.  
Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

1957

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS (1, 2)  
SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (4, 6)  
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES (6)  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (3, 4, 5, 6, 7)  
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JONES, THOMAS (3)  
WARREN (3)  
STEWART (3)  
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Academic Activities  
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Facilities  
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Interview with Sir Llewellyn Woodward, March 13, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Woodward Interviews.

1957

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BENEFITS (1, 2, 3)

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (5)

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CLAY (7)

✓ VINER (6)

WARREN (6)

BANDERSON (3, 5)

STEWART (4, 6, 7, 8)

RISFLER (4, 5, 7)

MAASS (5)

OPPENHEIMER (5)

Academic Personnel

Corporation

Administration

Academic Activities

Academic Organisation

Biographical

Interview with Wolman, May 3, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under  
Wolman Interviews.

1957

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ECONOMICS

Academic Activities

APPOINTMENTS

Academic Personnel

RICHTER, KURT

Biographical

✓ VINER, JACOB

FLEXNER, ABRAHAM

Conversation with Kurt Richter, May 24, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Richter Interviews.

1931-34  
HABERLER, PROF. GOTTFRIED

Biographical

/VON HAYEK, F. A. (Vienna, Austria)

MORGENSTERN, OSCAR

For correspondence between Flexner and Haberler on economic political crises in Germany and Austria and economic affairs in America, see II-28. Also for Haberler's biographical sketch, sent to Flexner with recommendations for employment as a theoretical economist by IAS by John van Sickle of Rockefeller Institute.

File II-28 Basement Vault

1931-35

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

JOINT (ANNALS)

EISENHART, L. P.

FLEXNER, A.

ALEXANDER, J. W.

✓VON NEUMANN, J.

SCHRÖDINGER

Relations W.O.A.I.

Publications

Biographical

Excerpts from file on L. P. Eisenhart, II-17

See EISENHART, L. P. - Biographical

1932-33

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

EISENHART

ALEXANDER

VEBLEN, O.

✓ VON NEUMANN

Academic Organization

Relations WOI

Biographical

Interview with J. W. Alexander, March 12, 1957.

(No notes made of this interview).

1938

BIRKHOFF, GEORGE D.

BIOGRAPHICAL

DODGE, HAROLD

VEBIEN, C.

ALEXANDER

✓ VON NEUMANN

Mrs. Birkhoff on George D. Birkhoff's acceptance and  
reversal.

See statement it took Vebien's raid to bring Dodge to  
his senses.

Interview with Marston Morse, 6/21/56



1933

Jan.

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

FACULTY

Academic Personnel

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

WEYL, H.

FLEXNER, A.

/ VON NEUMANN, J.

ALEXANDER, J.

Excerpts from Mrs. Veblen's diary, 1933

See SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS - Academic Organization

1933

January

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

First at Princeton as Visiting Lecturer--then offered chair in mathematical physics (Jones). Agreed to take half if Wigner took the other half. Von Neumann had half year lecturing in Berlin. When he came to I. A. S. Wigner got whole chair.

Interview with Veblen 11/21/55 (p. 1), 2/8/57 (p. 2)

1933

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

FLEXNER, A.

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

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Academic Organisation

Biographical

Flexner to von Neumann, January 9, 1933.

"When Professor Veblen and I saw you briefly Friday, I was mainly preoccupied with the fact that Professor Weyl had finally agreed to accept. I had, however, been greatly impressed both by Dean Eisenhart and Professor Veblen with the importance of setting your mind at rest and providing for you a permanent and important post consonant with your abilities and promise. I said, as you will remember, that I was not clear as to whether this could be best done at the Institute or in the mathematical group at Princeton. From a practical point of view one is as good as the other, for the two groups will be functionally one, occupying the same hall, exchanging students, and keeping up the same warm personal feelings that have been characteristic of the Princeton group during its entire history.

"Since returning / to New York I have been thinking the whole problem over ~~very~~ very carefully and deliberately. Now that Weyl has

accepted and Eisenhart has been generous enough to part with Veblen and Alexander, it seems to me the Institute has gone as far as it ought to go at the very outset. I am just as anxious that the Princeton University group shall be strong as I am that the Institute shall be strong, and I am hoping therefore that Dean Eisenhart can work out a plan which will give you a permanent post in his department where you will be as happy and as effective as is possible anywhere. Do not have the feeling that he and I are moving men about like pawns on a checkerboard. This is not the case, but we are trying to look at the subject of mathematics from a broad point of view so that the two institutions at Princeton may function as one and may make the largest possible contribution to the science of mathematics. I hope very much that, if Dean Eisenhart makes you any such offer as I have in mind, you will accept and thus enrich the entire situation."

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Von Neumann to Flexner, January ~~15~~<sup>24</sup>, 1933.

There has been a conference, evidently, in the meanwhile, because von Neumann now assumes that he is on the Institute staff. He takes up with Flexner Lefschetz's request to him made some days ago to join the board of editors of the "Annals of Mathematics."

Flexner to von Neumann, January 26, 1933.

He says that he is presenting the nomination to the Executive Committee at the following Saturday that of Dr. Torrence whom von Neumann wants as his assistant. He also approves von Neumann as representing the Institute on the editorial board of the Annals if Professor Veblen also approves.

On January 28, von Neumann wires Flexner thanking him for the telegram and quick action of the appointment.

His appointment was effective April 1, 1933 (See Bailey to Wintringer, *ibid.*/ August 26, 1933.)

D File, von Neumann, 1933-1935

1933

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✓ VON NEUMANN, J.

Biographical

WEYL, HERMANN

Flexner to Veblen (Princ. Univ.):

"...

"I had a pleasant interview with vonNeumann this morning, and I anticipate no difficulties whatsoever in concluding arrangements regarding him.

"I have cabled Weyl as follows:

'Resignation accepted. Please regard matter as confidential until you receive my letter written today. Am returning your letter of third unopened.'

"I have written a letter of which the enclosed is a copy.

"..."

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1933

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~~WEIL, HERMANN~~

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

TORRANCE, CHARLES C.

SALARIES

Academic-Personnel

~~BENEFITS~~

Minutes, p. 2

"RESOLVED, That Professor John von Neumann be appointed as a Professor in the School of Mathematics upon the following terms: that his appointment as Professor in the School of Mathematics date from April 1, 1933; that his salary be fixed at Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per annum, of which he will contribute five per cent (5%) to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, the Institute contributing an equal sum monthly; and that unless his term of appointment be prolonged by mutual consent, he retire at sixty-five (65) years of age."

"RESOLVED, That the Director be and hereby is authorized to engage the services of Dr. Charles C. Torrance as assistant to Professor John von Neumann, at a salary of

Fifteen hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per annum, for the term of one year<sup>1</sup>, commencing April 1, 1933."



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APPOINTMENTS

Academic Personnel

BENEFITS

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Flechner to von Neumann, Jan. 31, 1933.

"I have pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute for Advanced Study held on January 28, 1933, you were appointed Professor of Mathematics in the Institute. I look forward with great pleasure to collaboration with you in the development of this new institution."

(von Neumann was appointed as of April 1, 1933, per minutes of Executive Committee Jan. 28, 1933, p. 2) at \$10,000.

D. Von Neumann, John

1933

8/15  
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✓ VON NEUMANN, J.

Biographical

8/15/33

Letter from von Neumann to Mrs. Bailey/asking for permit to bring various objects of silver to America. Also cablegram from Flexner to von Neumann 8/28/33 saying he'll send certificate.

Filed in Chronological File under 1933, 8/15.

D File, von Neumann, J., 1933-35

1936

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SALARIES

Academic Personnel

BUDGET

Finance

ALEXANDER

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN

Flexner makes general observation that to the effect that the budget for 1936-37 will contain adjustments calculated to bring salaries more in line in a few cases with original philosophy of compensation. He did not mention Alexander and von Neumann whose salaries were increased in the budget as of July 1, 1936 to \$12,500.

Tusk Trustees Minutes, January 27, 1936, p. 4.

1936

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3/19

VON NEUMANN

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

STIPENDS

Academic Personnel

Von Neumann to Flexner, March 18, 1936. Quotes minutes of a meeting with Flexner on October 8, 1935:

"It is agreed that while a certain amount of feeling of responsibility can obviously not be avoided, it should be our general policy not to assume explicitly such a responsibility, and we should add some remark to this effect to the letters which go out to candidates and those who recommend candidates. This change in the text of the letters will be submitted to Dr. Flexner."

Von Neumann adds that since Flexner was not in town to consult, the mathematics faculty decided it was best to omit all reference to this question in the preliminary letters sent to proposed appointees next year, "believing that you would be willing to insert it in your official letters."

Von Neumann to Flexner, March 19, 1936, in asking Flexner to write a formal letter to Dr. George Comenetz of Princeton offering a stipend of \$1500. "Will you therefore kindly write him an official invitation, including whatever statement you wish regarding our being not responsible for finding a position for him at the end of his term?"

No official letters of invitation~~are~~ are in the file.

D, Stipends

1937

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Von Neumann has been invited by Council of the American Mathematical Society to deliver the Colloquium Lectures at the annual meeting of the Society in September--the third successive year in which von Neumann has been invited by a learned body to present the results of his recent studies.

Trustees' Minutes, 1/25/37, p. 4

1937

11/15

GIESE, J.H.

Biographical

WALLMANN

✓VON NEUMANN, JOHN

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

von Neumann (Princeton) to Flexner (Princeton):

"As you will remember, Mr. Wallman has done work for the Editors of the Annals which was paid for by the Institute. Mr. Wallman cannot continue because he has received a Procter Fellowship. The Editors would like to appoint Mr. J.H. Giese, of 22<sup>nd</sup> Graduate College, in Wallman's place. May I suggest therefore that Mr. Wallman's stipend be paid in future to Mr. Giese? If this meets with your approval I will communicate to you the time when Mr. Giese actually began his work for us."

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1938

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

VEHLER, GERALD

WEINSTEIN, ALBERT

WILKINSON, ARTHUR

✓ WILKINSON, JOHN

WILL, HENRY

WILSON, HANSON

Academic Organization

Biographical

Fleischer speaks of how the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and the Rockefeller Foundation and the General Education Board combined their efforts in the recognition of medical education at Johns Hopkins Medical School. "President Gilman's task therefore was the choice of his leader and advisor and having chosen his President Gilman kept his hands off...

"We have in this incident which I was fortunate enough to witness...the key to what has happened in the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. After two years, during which I consulted leading mathematicians in this country and Europe, I selected Professor Vahlen to play the part which Dr. Veitch had played in Baltimore. It was Professor Vahlen aided to no slight extent by his colleagues at Princeton, Dean Elwood, who selected the others. I had never heard of any one of them except Professor Weinstein, who as a matter of fact preceded Professor Vahlen, though he was not active until after Professor Vahlen's appointment. In quick succession the Board appointed on my recommendation Professor



Alexander, Professor von Neumann, Professor Weyl, and Professor Morse, but as a matter of fact my recommendation was nothing but a repetition of the recommendation of Professor Veblen and his associates in the Institute and in Princeton University..."

Tr. Min. - 1/24/38 - p. 4-5

1938

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HONORS

Academic Personnel

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

~~FLEXNER, A.~~

Flexner to Bamberger, November 4, 1938.

Von Neumann is being awarded the Böcher Mathematical Prize, the 7th in 30 years by the American Mathematical Society.

D, Bamberger, Louis, 1937-1944

1941-45

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Von Neumann took a lot of consultant's fees outside  
IAS pay--either/or he would leave. Full-time violated.

Stewart, Interview, 5/31/46, p. 9

1941

7/23

PRINCETON (HARVARD, J. H., U. CHICAGO, Educational Institutions  
NICH., COL.)

✓ VON NEUMANN

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.  
MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities.

Von Neumann to Aydelotte on comparative ranking, domestic  
and international, of schools of mathematics.

Filed in Vertical File under "M" for School of Mathematics

F. A., 1/8/57

1941

September (?)

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

MORSE

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN

Their report on mathematics for Aydelotte's report to Board of Trustees.

Filed in Vertical File under "M" for School of Mathematics.

F. A., 1/8/57

1941

October

MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities:

MORSE

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN

Their report to Aydelotte for Board.

Filed in Vertical File under "M" for Mathematical Mathematics.

P. A., 1/8/57

1941

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PUBLICATIONS GENERAL

Publications

✓ VON NEUMANN

Biographical

MORGENSTERN

Letter Von Neumann to Aydelotte with manuscript.

Filed in Chronological File under 1941, 10/6.

F. A., 1/8/57

1933 1943

MEMBERS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

MORGENSTERN

Publications

Relations WOI

Biographical

For arrangements for the publication in 1943 of von Neumann's and Morgenstern's "Theory of Games in its Application to Economics and Sociology" see D File, von Neumann, Morgenstern book. The publication represented successful attack by President Bodds and Aydelotte in the raising of funds to get the money.

D File, von Neumann



1943

6/8

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

EINSTEIN, A.

WEYL, H.

✓ VON NEUMANN

SIEGEL

Academic Organisation

Biographical

Report on work appendix, pp. 1-3. Weyl's discovery--  
Von Neumann's Theory of Games.

Trustees' Minutes, 6/8/43

1944

11/20

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

BENEFITS

DIRECTOR

Administration

AYDELOTTE, F.

Biographical

EINSTEIN, A.

WARREN, W.

EARLE, E. M.

MORSE, M.

/VON NEUMANN, J.

Digest of Minutes of Faculty Meeting, 11/20/44, from File V-1

See PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION - Academic Personnel

1945

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SALARIES

Academic Personnel

MORSE

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN

ALEXANDER

Extracts from Correspondence concerning Professors  
Morse, von Neumann and Alexander regarding Flexner's promise  
to increase salaries.

A, 10/18/56, Home, Material for Trustees Committee on  
Institute Policy (In cardboard box ) (file # 56)

1945

~~Jan 1945~~  
1/19

**SALARIES**

**Academic Personnel**

**ALEXANDER, JAMES W.**

**Biographical**

**MORSE, MARSTON**

✓ **VON NEUMANN, JOHN**

The Board adopted the Director's recommendation that the salaries of Alexander, Morse, and von Neumann be increased to \$15,000 as of July 1, 1945 for reasons which the Committee on Policy recommends namely, that after discussion with Dr. Flexner, under commitments made by Dr. Flexner to these three men, the Institute is bound to increase their salaries.

Minutes 1/19/45, pp. 12 and 16

1945

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

SMYTH, HENRY D.

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Tentatively discussed suggestion of Smyth and von Neumann that Professor Enrico Fermi be offered a chair in Theoretical Physics under the joint auspices of the Institute and University with the understanding that his salary would be paid by the Institute and that laboratory facilities would be furnished him by the University. Adelaide present questioned whether School of Mathematics might care to delay its nominations of Pauli and Siegel for consideration of the Fermi matter, but the

School of Mathematics decided to push the two nominations and at the same time explore the Fermi proposal.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 4/28/45.

1945

7/13

GENERAL

Government Relations

✓ vonNEUMANN

Biographical

MORSE,

MILLER, VONETTA A.

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

Vonetta A. Miller to Aydelotte, July 13, 1945, informing him that the War Labor Board is dubious about permitting the Institute to grant increase in salaries to Morse and vonNeumann. VonNeumann in a most distraught state over the salary status." Morse told her von Neumann had another \$15,000 offer, and was despondent at the Institute's ever getting permission to increase his salary.

D File, Aydelotte, Frank, 1930-1945

1945

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

GENERAL

/ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Academic Personnel

Academic Organization

Government Relations

Biographical

Von Neumann appeared at the first meeting for a long time, and spoke of the necessity of retaining certain mathematicians who were working with him on an unexpired Navy contract; brought up the question of making them members of the Institute. <sup>IT</sup> He was referred to the Mathematics Faculty.

Faculty Minutes, 9/17/45

1945

9/26

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Masani (member 1946-48) suggested by von Neumann for membership 1945-46 but voted down stipend and directed no future commitments to him be made. E. C. P.? Navy contract?

School of Mathematics Faculty ((Minutes+))



1945

10/3

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

Aydelotte to Strauss, October 3, 1945.

Asks him to attend the Trustees meeting October 19 to consider the most important issue: von Neumann's project for building an electronic computer. Both M. I. T. and the University of Chicago have made very attractive offers to von Neumann for this project, but he would prefer to stay here if we can offer him an opportunity to carry out his plans. Aydelotte favors it, and hopes money can be obtained from outside sources. He has written to the Rockefeller Foundation and thinks that support might be found from some government department, "But von Neumann is a little troubled about such a plan because he wants to use the device for purely scientific purposes, whereas the Government departments of course are principally interested in practical applications."

D, Strauss, Lewis L.

1945

10/6

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

✓ VINER, J.

Biographical

MORISON

Earle to Aydelotte, October 6, 1945, informing him that the School Faculty had had an informal meeting not prearranged or Aydelotte would have been there, and Earle communicates the results of the cogitations.

Stewart, Riefler, Warren and Earle talked about the Viner case. They did not know whether he had accepted the University or not, apparently he hadn't made up his own mind. If he comes to the University "our purposes will have been served and if he does not, we all felt that it would be undesirable for a number of reasons for us to extend him an Institute invitation in the immediate future. As Mr. Stewart put it, therefore, it would be best for us to eliminate Viner from Institute consideration at the present time."

Then Earle brought up the matter of the appointment of Morison, apparently in place of the offered position to Viner,

and there was concensus that Morison should be appointed.

D, Economics and Politics (School of)

1946

ELECTRONIC COMPUTER PROJECT

BIGSLOW

COLLESTRIE

VERLAN, O.

✓ VON NEUMANN

WINDSTRIE

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Academic Activities

Biographical

Horse Interview, 6/21/56

1946

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

RESEARCH

Government Relations

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

General Groves has been notified by Dean Peagram of Columbia that the Institute joins in a request that a regional laboratory in nuclear physics be set up in the vicinity. Air mail letter January 22, 1946, Aydelotte to von Neumann read to the Committee.

D, Minutes Standing Committee of the Faculty, 1940-1946

1946

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL

RESEARCH

PAULI

VON NEUMANN

Academic Personnel

Government Relations

Academic Procedures

Biographical

Pauli and Von Neumann reported that the Institute had joined a number of universities and scholarly institutions in a request to General Groves for a regional laboratory for research in nuclear physics at or in the neighborhood of Princeton. In the discussion which followed, Pauli and von Neumann pointed out that there was a certain ambiguity concerning the role of free research in such a laboratory, but each considered the Institute would be free to withdraw if such happened.

Faculty Minutes, 2/4/46

1946

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E. C. P.

Academic Activities

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

Letter from Aydelotte to von Neumann, November 7, 1946,  
which was not sent.

"I have thought over this proposal for a mathematical  
computing center as it might possibly effect the Institute,  
and must say that it seems to me the housing difficulty which  
has deterred Princeton University would of course be the same  
for us.

"So far as a building is concerned, I think it might  
be possible to build something which would in the long run  
serve our own purposes and which we might rent to the Government  
for 15 % of its cost for say a period of ten years.  
Whether our Trustees would see this or not, I have no idea.

"The greatest difficulty which I see is the question of  
whether such a center, if established here, would be of

scientific value to you in the work which you are doing, or whether it would on the whole be a distraction. I can see a real possibility that it might be a hinderance rather than a help.

"I should like to talk that over with you when there is a chance."

A, 10/18/56 Home, Board of Trustees (File # 46)



1946

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HONORS

Academic Personnel

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Award Medal for Merit by the President of the United  
States to von Neumann. Attached to Minutes, November 19, 1946.

Attached to Minutes, Nov. 19, 1946

1946

12/13

VON NEUMANN

Biographical

Aydelotte ~~repeated~~ announced that von Neumann had been  
awarded the Medal of Merit.

D, Faculty Minutes, December 13, 1946

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APPLIED PHYSICS (MATHEMATICS)

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Academic Activities

Biographical

See Director's file on von Neumann for a number of clippings  
on ENIAC and on the ECP at the Institute.

D File, von Neumann, John

1947

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APPLIED PHYSICS (MATHEMATICS)

Academic Activities

POLICIES

Administration

VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Aydelotte to von Neumann, June 5, 1947.

He is worried about the tea service in the electronic computer building, and has received complaints from the people in Fuld Hall that the ECP people get more than they are due in rationed sugar.

In this letter he also raises a question as to Soutar's requisition of salt tablets which he thinks are not necessary for the ECP people if they are not required by the Fuld Hall people.

D File, von Neumann, John

1947

12/16

POLICIES

Administration

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

The case of Prof. von Neumann was considered in a discussion of outside financial help to members. He was employed by the AEC and also a consultant with Standard Oil of New Jersey. Dr. Oppenheimer expressed concern less this become a pattern whereby a Professor makes half his income outside the IAS.

He suggested 3 solutions:

- (1) "Formulation of a rule by the Trustees which would include permission to members to work for the Government but not for industry.
- (2) "Letting the matter ride for the time being.
- (3). "Consideration by the Trustees of meeting individual situations of this kind by differential salaries."

A discussion followed and a Committee was appointed for the purpose of studying the situation. Members were: Mr. Mass, Chairman, ex officio; Messrs. Lehman, Weed and Oppenheimer.

Tr. Min. 12/16/47 pp. 7-8

1948

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Academic Activities

OPPENHEIMER, P.

Biographical

EINSTEIN, A.

✓ VON NEUMANN

Oppenheimer suggested that a Committee on Physics of the School of Mathematics be appointed, and the mathematics faculty approved. Einstein and von Neumann were appointed to act with Oppenheimer, and the Committee would act with the same authority as the School of Mathematics.

Minutes, School of Mathematics, 2/4/48

1948

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CONTRACTS

Government Relations

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

✓ VON NEUMANN

Biographical

Von Neumann to Oppenheimer, September 1, 1948.

"I would like to recommend that no part of my salary should be charged to the Computer Contract. We made a charge of this nature in one exceptional case in 1946-47, but I think that it is in better agreement with our consistent position to refrain from making this a policy."

D File, von Neumann, John

1951

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GENERAL

Academic Personnel

✓ von NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

John C. McPherson, Vice-President, International Business Machines Corporation to von Neumann, October 2, 1951.

Sets forth the terms under which the corporation was making asking von Neumann to act as consultant for it in connection with mathematical and logical planning of computing machines, the uses of computing machines, the mathematical formulation of problems for machine solution and the mathematical and logical planning of setting up and coding problems for computing machines, and activities related to these problems. The contract does not restrict von Neumann in using his knowledge and work in the field, but he must notify I. B. M. before making his services available to other business organizations. Apparently, the corporation is free to use his findings without any patent question arising between the two. His service for the corporation will not interfere with any arrangement he may have or has with the United States Government.



His availability to the corporation would be for consultation for a maximum of 30 days a year, and his compensation, unstated, to be paid monthly; traveling expenses also to be paid. The contract is to run on year after year unless terminated.

November 19, 1951, the Colonel of the Ordnance Corps, J. A. ~~BARCLAY~~  
~~BARCLAY~~ Barclay, does not find the contract unacceptable to the Ordnance Department, nor (November 30, 1951/ Simon to von <sup>Neumann</sup>) does the Department of the Army.

D File, von Neumann, John

1952

10/17

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Memo from J. von Neumann to Dr. Oppenheimer:

"I discussed the American Mathematical Society proposal to the National Science Foundation with Professor Hogle, the Secretary of AMS. The sentences referring to the Institute have now been changed as follows:

'The founding of the Institute for Advanced Study has had a profound influence on research in Mathematics in this country. The existence of a place where mathematicians can gather to do research without the burden of teaching has been markedly beneficial. Nevertheless, it has not been the primary purpose of the Institute to organize meetings of a group of experts all interested in a single subject, and it has in fact not done so in mathematics.'"

File D Amer. Math. Soc.

1955

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations W.O.A.I.

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

✓ VON NEUMANN, J.

VEELEN, O.

ALEXANDER, J.

RIEFLER, W.

LEFSCHETZ

Interview with O. Veblen 11/21/55

See Vertical File - INTERVIEWS

1935

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GENERAL

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

✓ VON NEUMANN

Biographical

PLEXNER, A.

STEWART, W. W.

WARREN

Interview with Dr. von Neumann, December 27, 1955.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

Interview with Dr. von Neumann, 12/27/55

1956

VON NEUMANN

2/17  
Biographical

A summary of the life of Dr. Von Neumann.

Filed in Chronological File under 1956, 2/17.

1956

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FOUNDING

Corporation

HOUSING

Facilities

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

COUNCIL

Biographical

MILLER, BERNETTA

EINSTEIN, A.

MAASS, HERBERT H.

AYDELOTT, F.

FISHER, A.

/ VON NEUMANN, J.

Interview with Bernetta Miller, March 15, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Miller Interviews.  
Interview with Bernetta Miller, 3/15/56

1956

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HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

EMIGRES

TEACHING

EINSTEIN, A.

PAULI

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Interview with Professor Pauli, April 12, 1956.

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Interview with Pauli, 4/12/56

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Interview with Dr. John Fulton, May 7, 1956.

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✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

An article in Good Housekeeping Magazine, about von Neumann, mostly on data from his wife, Klara. Highly personal biographical notes--his type of mind, his basic interest in science.

Author's explanation of his work on H-Bomb not so much to solve the problems, but to help set them up so that they could be solved. Many of the calculations involved were so complex and embraced so many factors that they defied procedures in mathematics. It is said that a human calculator would have had to work 8 hours a day for 100 years to solve some of the problems. This led von Neumann to assist in the development of the electric computer. The perfection of the computer led him into weather research since the computer is excellent for calculating the many factors involved in weather. von Neumann said that he and Dr. Jule Charney of his computer group at Princeton had devised a formula incorporating many factors corresponding to the flows and pressures of air masses. Weather Bureau scientists cooperated. Von Neumann and Charney's work will show up increasingly in Government weather predictions.

Good results on 36-hour forecasts, but nonsense for a week's forecast. Has hazarded the idea that it is conceivably possible to wage a new form of warfare--climate war--in which one country can alter unfavorably the climate of the enemy country.

As a child he would refuse to go to the barber for a haircut unless his mother let him take a volume of history along. He studied in Switzerland, chemistry at first then mathematics. At 23 became the youngest privat-dozent roughly equivalent to an assistant professor at the University of Berlin, in the University's history. In 1931 because of political happenings in Germany he came to Princeton University as a lecturer. A year later at 29 he moved to the Institute for Advanced Study. Father a Budapest banker. His wife, child of a rich family in Budapest, was a social dilattante until she married von Neumann in 1938 and then started to study mathematics. She is a reasonably good mathematician now.

Von Neumann has come to feel that the whole basis of warfare has changed because there is no longer a country in Europe ~~ka~~ big enough to take an initial military defeat under the impact of modern weapons and go on fighting. Advance in

weapons has outstripped the size of the world and of most of its political units. He thinks we have reached the same stage in the field of invention. Every new development now such as climate control must affect the whole world. In the past we have always had new territory into which to carry new inventions. Now we have run out of real estate. Every new idea jiggles the entire planet.

Von Neumann does not long to return to Europe. He has become ~~legalized~~ naturalized legally and emotionally in 24 years here. He does not evidence the "faint European snobbery about the superiority of 'pure' or theoretical mathematics to 'applied' or immediately useful mathematics. He started as a theoretical mathematician and won his degree in the field. His interests gradually shifted toward the applications toward making mathematics useful to human society. Has little of the European dignity of the professor.

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✓ VON NEUMANN

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Interview with Professor Montgomery, August 12, 1956.

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Interview with Abraham Flexner, October 24, 1956.  
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Interview with Flexner, 10/24/56

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✓ VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Articles in the New York Herald Tribune and the New York Times,  
both of February 9, 1957, on the death of John von Neumann the  
same date.

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✓VON NEUMANN, JOHN

Biographical

Article from Time magazine, February 18, 1957 on  
John von Neumann.

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Time, February 18, 1957, pp. 57, 58, 60



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Interview with Professor Veblen, February 22, 1957.

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Interview with Dean Eisenhower, May 15, 1957.

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Interview with Dean Eisenhart, May 22, 1957.

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Interview with Miss Dukas, June 14, 1957.

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