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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

✓ EPIGRAPHY

Academic Activities

ARCHAEOLOGY

ORIENTAL STUDIES

PALEOGRAPHY

POLICIES

Administration

*Marion
Lowe*

*Harzfeld
Danophy*

Biographical

Unsigned ribbon & copy of memorandum directed to the
Director from the faculty of the School of Humanistic Studies,
April 18, 1941.

"The Institute as we of the humanist faculty understand it,
was designed primarily as a center for research where a
scholar could devote all his time to the pursuit of his
particular investigation, undisturbed by administrative duties
and unhampered by teaching, except of pupils of his own choice."
Granting that methods of research and work are individual and
are so-recognized, it is essential that professors have the means

"for inviting suitable young assistants to collaborate with us and mature colleagues with whom to exchange ideas. This is perhaps the most fruitful use to which our ~~infin~~ Institute can be put. The second way of proving his usefulness is by publication; for this it is necessary to have the appropriate means."

School of Humanistic Studies must have enough ~~money~~ money for funds to invite assistants and members and to publish.

Another question of Institute policy: Meritt, Lowe, Herzfeld have had to spend years and money collecting their particular libraries of material. ~~What is the history of fine~~
"While it is a known fact that the study of the history of fine arts is adequately supported and well represented in our universities and colleges, research in prehistoric archaeology and Oriental culture, ~~and~~ as well as in epigraphy and paleography, have only a precarious footing in our larger universities and are utterly neglected in our colleges. Yet the latter two subjects form the very foundation for other

fields of study and are therefore basic. /The
policy, then, is this: should the Institute consciously strive
to be a real center for these fundamental and specialized
subjects and plan for their continuation when the present
incumbents of these chairs are no longer in the Institute?"

The memorandum then likens the potential position of
the Institute in future as the sheltering place for learning
as was Monte Cassino in its shelter in the critical fifth
century.

(This is clearly an attack on Panofsky by Meritt, Lowe,
and Herzfeld. Correspondence on S. H. S. involving Morey
usually was withxx between Morey, Panofsky and Flexner. Meritt
does not figure much in it.)

D, Humanistic Studies (School of) (Correspondence, Memoranda, etc.)