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1 December 1955

Dear Robert:

I have your circular letter of November 28 and hasten to say that I am in favor of the appointment of Professor Koryé for five years under the terms which you outline.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

28 November 1955

To the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study:

At a meeting of the Faculty of the Institute held on the 29th of November, 1955, the Faculty as a whole accepted the nomination of the School of Historical Studies with regard to Professor A. Koyré:

> "It recommends to the faculty and the trustees that, until the June following his 68th birthday, Professor Koyré be invited to come to the Institute for one or two semesters each year at his convenience, that we make available a grant of $6,000 per semester, that in the event of his being able to stay for part of a second semester the grant be pro-rated, and that we inform him of our interest in availing ourselves of his counsel with regard to the fields of science and scholarship in which he is a leader."

This action does not appear controversial. The appointment is for five years. I would hope that you would give your consent without waiting for a meeting of the Board, since Professor Koyré will have to make arrangements in Paris if he is to take full advantage of his membership. May I have your vote?

Robert Oppenheimer

Robert Oppenheimer

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10 November 1955

Dear Robert:

I hope very much to get over to the meeting on Tuesday, November 15th but on the off chance that I may not I send you this line to say that I very heartily approve of Kennan for a professorship at the Institute and think the objections which are made are largely technical. You could call him a Professor of Social Science if you like, just as Panofsky is an authority on the History of Art and Stewart an authority on Economics.

I am a member of the Board of Electors of the Eastman Professorship and we are very proud to have him scheduled to be Eastman Professor year after next.

Incidentally, there is no reason why this should not be spoken of in Faculty meeting but we ought not to say anything zbout his Eastman Professorship in the newspapers. We have an unwritten law

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that we do not announce these Professorships in this country until the Vice Chancellor has announced them in Oxford, which he does usually in the spring preceding the Professor's assumption of his duties. The Eastman Professors are just for one year and this seems the m ost dignified way to manage the succession.

As I say, I hope to go over to the meeting, but if I feel seedy and am not able to I hope you will feel free to report my views. I am very glad of the democratic way in which you have circulated this material about the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

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12 October 1955

Dear Kitty:

I apologize for getting the date of your tea wrong, but I am afraid my regrets for last week will apply just as well for this, but I will see what the doctor says tomorrow. I did not feel up to going to hear Robert this morning, greatly to my regret.

I am sorry to hear that you have been under the weather yourself, but I hope you are making a good recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Mrs. Robert Oppenheimer
Olden Manor
Olden Lane
Princeton, N.J.

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March 5, 1955

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Robert:

I send you my congratulations on the dedication of Elmer Davis' last book. It is the best possible answer to your critics. Brevity and humor are just what they need.

I am looking forward with keen pleasure to the dinner in April.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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MURRAY HILL 6-2676

December 29, 1954.

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

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that on Tuesday evening next, January 4th, Edward R. Murrow will devote his program to The Institute for Advanced Study.

I am notifying you of this because I thought it would be of interest and that you might care to listen to his television program on Channel 2 at 10:30.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Maass

Chairman of the Board

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1 December 1954

Dear Robert:

I don't know whether anybody has called your attention to a charming article about Ed Earle which appeared recently in The Oxford Magazine. I send you a copy in case you may want to have it for your files.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

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29 September 1954

Dear Kitty:

I spoke to Robert yesterday about certain difficulties which I have on October 8. I have an important meeting in Boston early in the morning of October 9 which Robert thinks I ought to attend. Consequently you will not see me at your tea.

I told Robert that I wanted to look in some afternoon before the eighth just to shake your hand and wish you well.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. Robert Oppenheimer
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June 7, 1954

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

This is just a note on behalf of Dr. Oppenheimer, to give you a word of acknowledgement of your good letter, and an expression of Dr. Oppenheimer's warm thanks for your thought again in writing to him.

Sincerely yours,
Katherine Russell
Katherine Russell

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
88 Battle Road
Princeton, N. J.

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2 June 1954

Dear Robert:

I send you my heartiest congratulations on the findings of the committee. They are certainly giving you clearance on the score of patriotism, loyalty, and integrity. Although they seem to me to be the only qualities that count, I note that at present they are dubious about giving you access to atomic secrets. It occurred to me, however, that this is something you might have refused even if it were granted. You are certainly O.K., as I said, on all the qualities that count.

Warmest personal regards to Kitty and yourself and congratulations to you both on this happy ending of what must have been a trying experience.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J.Robert Oppenheimer
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Princeton, N.J.

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12 May 1954

Dear Robert:

Warmest thanks for your report covering the last five years. It contains a lot of information of value to all of us. I note that the Institute Board meeting has been postponed and I hope that all your affairs will be straightened out by the time we hold it on June 11.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

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File under R.O.

May 1, 1954

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Dr. Oppenheimer was very pleased to have your note and your offer of help at this time. He has asked me to send you an early word of his warmest thanks and appreciation. I know he will want to thank you personally when he is back in Princeton.

Sincerely yours,
Kay
Katherine Russell

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
88 Battle Road
Princeton, N. J.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

14 April 1954

Dear Robert:

I am asking Kay Russell to read this letter before she forwards it to you.

I think you are very wise in asking for your hearing now and I was deeply impressed with your own statement of your record as printed in the New York Times. I hope the result will be a complete vindication.

Meanwhile is there anything that I could do in the matter of attending to administrative details in your office? I don't know how long you will be tied up with this business in Washington, but if I can serve in that time please do not hesitate to let me know. Of course, the administration of the Institute is an old story to me and it would be no trouble at all for me to attend to any matter which your secretaries wished to refer to me.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

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Cables - Sent December 8,1953

Oppenheimer

Heartiest congratulations on Oxford degree.

Aydelotte

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If you or Elton attend Convocation December 12 please convey my congratulations to Oppenheimer. Merry Christmas to you all. ~~and your families.~~

Aydelotte.

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8 December 1953

Miss Jenkins:

Sent following cable, charged to 1-0185:

OPPENHEIMER

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON OXFORD DEGREE

AYDELOTTE

Verna Hobson

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5 October 1953

Dear Robert:

This is just a line to tell you that I am going back to England this week to receive an honorary K.B.E. from the Queen on October 20. I shall stay in England a little while after that to see my son and to do some Rhodes Scholarship business, but I imagine I shall return before you get back from your lecture tour.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

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As From:

88 Battle Road
Princeton
New Jersey

February 26, 1953

Dear Robert:

I was delighted to have the notice from the Council on Foreign Relations of your speech and wish I could have been there to hear it. As it is, I am having a long and very wonderful holiday here, and I am glad to report that my game of golf, which seemed to be deterioting last year, has greatly improved a little but not too much.

With warmest regards to you both, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jb

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Olden Manor, Olden Lane
Princeton, New Jersey

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COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, INC.
THE HAROLD PRATT HOUSE 58 EAST 68TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Regretted
February 10

To meet

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer

Director, Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

requests the pleasure of your presence at

The Harold Pratt House

58 East Sixty-eighth Street

Tuesday Afternoon, February Seventeenth

at five-thirty sharp

Hon. David E. Lilienthal

Presiding

Dr. Oppenheimer will speak on:
"Atomic Weapons and
American Power"

Please reply to:
Council on Foreign Relations
58 East 68th Street, N.Y. 21

Tea will be served at 5:15 o'clock

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12 January 1953

Dear Robert:

I send you my warmest thanks for the admirable way in which you and Mr. Leidesdorf and Luella Trinterud have arranged for payment for my part-time secretary. I am very grateful indeed.

I should be very glad, as I said to you to give up the little room next to my office whenever you find that you need it. I am not clear yet what can be done with three immense steel cabinets in that office which were brought up from the basement. Whether we can find room for them in the hallway, I do not know, but that is what we intend to try to do.

I am off to Florida tomorrow for a holiday and you can imagine how keenly I look forward to it. While I am gone Mrs. Jenkins will be in my office every day and I have talked over with her all these problems of moving. You can take her decisions on anything that would normally come up to me.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

CC: Mr. Leidesdorf
Miss Trinterud

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7 November 1952

Dear Robert:

Is Sir Ernest Oppenheimer a relative of yours? I note from the Gazette which has just arrived that he received an honorary D.C.L. from the University of Oxford on July first.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

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8 April 1952

Dear Robert:

Many thanks for calling me on the telephone. My purpose in looking you up was to suggest that you come over to our house after your seminar to meet Mrs. Lonsdale and hear her talk about Russia. As a matter of fact, she gave us a very useful story of the adventures of the British Quaker Mission to Moscow. I should have liked to have you hear it and still more to get your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

The Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

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20 November 1951

Dear Robert:

Many thanks for your letter of November 16th enclosing your statement of introductory information about the Institute. It seems to me admirable and very much needed. I am sure it will be just as useful to the Trustees as to the Faculty and members.

I have no comments to make except on the list of Faculty and Trustees. On the last page should there be a star after my name and a footnote "Director Emeritus"? Should there be the same for Veblen, "Professor Emeritus"?

Should Einstein, Veblen, Weyl, Lowe, Goldman, and Stewart be listed as long term members or as Professors Emeriti?

Yours sincerely,

Robert Oppenheimer, Esq., Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 16, 1951

To the Trustees of the Institute:

I am sending you a brief statement about the Institute. Its primary purpose is to provide an orientation for the many academic people who write to us requesting information, or suggesting, often in quite inappropriate terms, that they come to work here. But it is also my hope that this statement may prove useful to our Trustees. At the meeting of the Executive Committee on November 20th, I shall ask for your permission to have this statement printed for these purposes.

RO

Robert Oppenheimer

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Princeton, New Jersey

Some Introductory Information

November, 1951

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The Institute for Advanced Study is devoted to the encouragement, support and patronage of learning--of science, in the old, broad, undifferentiated sense of the word. The Institute partakes of the character both of a university and of a research institute; but it also differs in significant ways from both. It is unlike a university, for instance, in its small size--its academic membership at any one time numbers only a little over a hundred. It is unlike a university in that it has no formal curriculum, no scheduled courses of instruction, no commitment that all branches of learning be represented in its faculty and members. It is unlike a research institute in that its purposes are broader, that it supports many separate fields of study, that, with one exception, it maintains no laboratories; and above all in that it welcomes temporary members, whose intellectual development and growth are one of its principal purposes. The Institute, in short, is devoted to learning, in the double sense of the continued education of the individual, and of the intellectual enterprise on which he is embarked.

The Institute for Advanced Study was founded in 1930, by a gift of Mr. Louis Bamberger and his sister, Mrs. Felix Fuld. The Founders entrusted the general supervision and furthering of the Institute's purposes to a Board of Trustees of fifteen members, and to a Director elected by them, who should have primary responsibility for its academic affairs. The first Director was Abraham Flexner; he was succeeded in 1939 by Frank Aydelotte; and in 1947 by Robert Oppenheimer. In a letter addressed by the Founders to the first Trustees of the Institute, their original purposes were set forth. The Founders had in mind the creation of a graduate school, in which the students would have an opportunity to pursue work qualifying them for a higher

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degree, and in which the Faculty, unburdened by the teaching of undergraduates, would be free to devote themselves to their researches and the training of graduate students. In actual fact, from the very first, the Institute has developed in a rather different way. It has awarded no degrees, and admits to membership only those who have already taken their highest degree. Its members are characteristically at once teacher and student. It thus carries even further than the Founders contemplated those typical features which were to distinguish it from the college or the university. For its course had been defined in the Founders' letter: "The primary purpose is the pursuit of advanced learning and exploration in fields of pure science and high scholarship to the utmost degree that the facilities of the institution and the ability of the faculty and students will permit."

The academic work of the Institute opened with the appointment of its first professors, eminent in pure mathematics and mathematical physics. A little later, appointments were made in various fields of archaeological and historical study, and in economics. These initial appointments, like the Faculty appointments to be made later, helped to define, though they did not limit, the fields of study at the Institute. On the one hand, the inevitable and desirable limitation on the size of the Faculty, and the importance of some partial community of interest between its members, have clearly foreclosed the possibility of representing all academic disciplines. On the other hand, although we have no policy of excluding members whose interests are remote from those of any member of the Faculty, we tend to support with special emphasis fields in which we have some tradition of fruitful activity.

The Institute has until now sought to work without experimental facilities. In part this is because

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the Institute's limited funds could not adequately support such facilities; but it is also a natural consequence of an emphasis on, and solicitude for, temporary members, who manifestly cannot by themselves make feasible the operation of experimental programs. We have made one exception to this policy, and that a modest one, in supporting--with the support of the Government--an electronic computer project devoted both to the logical and mathematical problems of high-speed computing, and to some of its practical applications.

At present the academic work of the Institute is carried on in two schools: a School of Mathematics and a School of Historical Studies. The members of the School of Mathematics are for the most part pure mathematicians and theoretical physicists; but there have been members who have worked in other sciences--chemistry, biology, psychology, astronomy, for example. The School of Historical Studies is perhaps broader still in scope, and includes in principle all learning for which the use of the historical method is a principal instrument. Here, too, our work tends to reflect the interests of the Faculty: Greek archaeology and epigraphy, Greek philosophy and philology, palaeography, mediaeval history and the history of art, modern history, politics and economics, the history of mathematics and the sciences. Here again there have been members, working alone or in concert, in disciplines not represented on the Faculty.

In these two schools, the Institute has some 35 permanent members, or members with appointments of long term. Among the permanent members, there are about a dozen who constitute the present Faculty. The names of these members will be found on a following page.

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A principal function of the Institute is to provide for members who come here for short periods, for a term or a year or two years. There are currently some eighty such members in residence. Admission to membership is by vote of the Faculty concerned, and, when membership extends for more than two years, by concurrent vote of the whole Faculty. Perhaps a half or two thirds of our members are invited by us because we know or learn of their work, and believe that a time here would be fruitful for them, for their work, and for that of other members; other members are selected from the many applicants who write to us outlining the state of their researches and their reasons for desiring to come. There is a real competition for memberships, since both the physical limitations of the institution, and the desire to preserve a community small enough to be a true community, limit the number of members admissible.

Again, about half of our members are supported by grants-in-aid from funds available to the schools, and supplementary specific purposes funds of the Institute; the other half are supported by the members' own institutions, by the United States and foreign governments, and by private foundations. Applications for membership may be made to the Director, preferably by January of the preceding year; forms indicating the necessary supporting information are available in the Director's Office.

The Institute maintains some of the facilities necessary for academic life, and relies heavily on a fortunate symbiosis with Princeton University, from which the Institute is organically and administratively separate, but with which it enjoys close academic and intellectual relations. Thus the Institute has a small working library, partially adequate for the fields in which we work; but inevitably we rely on the libraries of Princeton University.

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The Institute occupies about a square mile of land; most of this is farm and woodland. Its buildings house libraries, restaurant, common rooms, offices for faculty and for members, seminar and lecture rooms. The Institute operates a housing project for temporary members. It serves luncheon, tea, and, during term time, dinner; and provides transportation between its buildings and the town of Princeton and the University. Information on administrative services is available from the General Manager.

The Institute has always welcomed scholars from abroad and, in so far as possible, has tried to open its doors to qualified members from all parts of the world. More than half of our members come to us from Europe or from Asia.

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Ernst H. Kantorowicz	Robert Oppenheimer*
Benjamin D. Meritt	Abraham Pais
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Homer A. Thompson	John von Neumann
E. L. Woodward	Hassler Whitney

MEMBERS WITH APPOINTMENTS OF LONG TERM

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David Mitrany	Kurt Gödel
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Walter W. Stewart**	Jean Leray
Jacob Viner	Otto Neugebauer
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* Director
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October 26, 1950.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Dr. Aydelotte asks me to thank you for your letter of October 24, and at the same time wishes me to let you know that Dr. Robert Oppenheimer is now the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study. We are sending your inquiry, along with a copy of this letter, to Dr. Oppenheimer. You will doubtless hear from him or his office in a day or so.

Yours sincerely,

James M. Hester
Assistant to Dr. Aydelotte

Robert H. Morrison, Esq.
Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education
Department of Education
175 West State Street
Trenton 8, New Jersey

cc: Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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Univ Club, Phila

December 7, 1949.

Dear Robert:

The University Club in Philadelphia wants to give a dinner for you in March, at which you would, of course, be expected to make a speech. I have promised Lovitt, a Rhodes Scholar who seems to be organizing the affair, to put in a good word with you about it. I hope very much you can go.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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Dear Lovitt:

I have your letter, and shall be delighted to speak to Oppenheimer about the proposed University Club dinner in March.

Yours sincerely,

John V. Lovitt, Esq.
1507 Packard Building
Philadelphia 2, Penna.

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UNIVERSITY CLUB
226 SOUTH SIXTEENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA 2

Dear Dr. Aydelotte,

This club is anxious to give a dinner in Dr. Oppenheimer's honor in March. A committee will call on Dr. Oppenheimer to extend the invitation and discuss arrangements in the near future. The club has asked me to ask you if you could put in a good word for us with Dr. Oppenheimer.

The proposed dinner is one of a series of dinner-discussion evenings on subjects of intellectual

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interest. They are informal and the wives or lady friends of members are invited. The meetings have developed a great deal of interest and I hope Dr. Oppenheimer will agree to attend.

If you feel you are in a position to do so, we would greatly appreciate your help in securing the doctor.

With best regards and seasons greetings.

Sincerely yours.

John V. Lovitt
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March 24, 1949.

Dear Robert:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Board of Overseers at Harvard. I hope very much you will be elected. I think they need somebody like you on that Board.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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December 13, 1948

Dear Robert:

It occurs to me that you might be interested in the paragraphs on pages 228 and 229 of Ferguson's book, which I enclose. Baron showed the book to me and I told him I wanted to send it to you just as a further credential for him. I should be grateful if you would return the volume to me when you have had a chance to glance at it. It will take you only a minute.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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November 8, 1948

Dear Robert:

I don't know how much interested you are in the new Brandeis University. I attended the inauguration of at Mrs. Leary's request and found it a most interesting experience. The high water mark of the whole two days was, in my opinion, the address by Alpert at the Luncheon on October 7 on the question of why a Jewish university and why the inauguration of it at this time. If they get a faculty of the same quality as Alpert, it is certain to be a fine institution.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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May 20, 1948

Dear Miss Finch:

I have your letter of May 14 and am referring it to Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, who is my successor as Director of the Institute. I am sure he will be glad to see that you receive any material which we may issue.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Miss Jeannette F. Finch
The Star Weekly
80 King Street West
Toronto 1, Canada

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May 11, 1948

Dear Robert:

I am, as you know, terribly concerned about Baron and I have just learned that the University of Illinois has one of the most remarkable Italian libraries in the United States. It is so good in fact that Baron has occasionally borrowed books there on the inter-library loan system. I believe he has borrowed more books from the Illinois library than from the New York Public Library, Harvard, or any place else. Ridenour has just become Dean of the Graduate School. Would you be prepared to write a letter to Ridenour about Baron about some kind of an appointment? If you want me to draft the letter, I shall be glad to do so. You can say to Ridenour with entire sincerity that if they appointed Baron they would have probably the Number 1 Renaissance scholar in the world, and I am sure that Baron would value the library very much more than he would salary, so that they can have him for a very modest compensation.

I think it extremely probable that when Baron's book comes out (publication is now assured by the Princeton University Press) he may be offered a job at Harvard or some place else, but meanwhile here is a chance for the Graduate School at Illinois if Ridenour is interested.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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May 5, 1948

Dear Robert:

I enclose herewith the Secretary's Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey Association of Colleges and Universities to be kept in your files.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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April 22, 1948

Dear Dean Meder:

I have your very interesting letter of April 20, which I think I ought to hand to Dr. Oppenheimer, who is my successor as Director of the Institute, for reply on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dean Albert E. Meder, Jr.
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

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February 27, 1948

Dear Robert:

Mrs. Leary called me up recently about the question of Herzfeld's book. You will remember that the Trustees guaranteed to subsidize this volume up to a maximum of $6,000. I gather from Mrs. Leary that bills have come in up to date amounting in all to between $4,000 and $5,000. The plates were prepared in Connecticut, the type has been set in Cairo, but I understand that the book is eventually to be published by the Princeton University Press. I think we ought to handle all these matters through Datus Smith. You may want to do that, but if not, I am enough interested in Herzfeld to do it myself.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

CC: Mrs. Leary

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18 February 1948

Dear Robert:

I don't know whether I have told you how warmly I appreciated your kind invitation to us to hold another United Quarterly Meeting at the Institute on May 15th of this year. I am glad to say that, partly due I think to the initiative of the Princeton Meeting and the Institute, the Crosswicks Meeting has suggested that the United Quarterly Meeting be held there. For various Quaker reasons this is much better, though the Institute would have been a most delightful place.

I have one more Quaker request to make, and that is that a group of Princeton ladies, headed by Mrs. Eisenhart, be allowed to post a notice on our bulletin board asking for gifts of clothing for Europe to be transmitted by the American Friends Service Committee, and that a suitable box (which I shall provide) be placed at some convenient and inconspicuous place to receive donations. I hope you will see no objections to our doing this.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, Director
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

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February 12, 1948

Dear Robert:

First thing we saw after we arrived in Florida December 27 was the enclosed from the Tampa Tribune of December 28. I thought it might interest you, although I think our friends on the Life Magazine take better pictures. One of my friends in the Highland Park Club said to me, "What a delightful picture of Dr. Oppenheimer." I made no comment. Please do not return the clipping.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

February 2, 1948

Dear Frank:

This will say yes to your request to hold the Quaker meeting here next May.

It does not seem that this action on our part can be construed as identifying us with a specific religion or as a precedent which would be embarrassing in the future. Of course, personally, I am very happy to be able to help.

Robert

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. Frank Aydelotte

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 12, 1948

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your note and for sending me the letter from Marjory Fry. It could well be appropriate for the Hughes to work here next year, but there is nothing in either letter which makes it possible for me to judge. Could you suggest to Miss Fry that she either write in some detail to us or persuade Dr. Hughes to do so?

Have a good vacation and make the most of it. We shall look forward to seeing you on your return. My affectionate greetings to Marie, in which Kitty joins me.

Robert

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
Highland Park Florida Club
Lake Wales, Florida

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December 24, 1947

Dear Walter:

Veblen and I are proposing Oppenheimer for admission to the Nassau Club. Would you care to write a letter to the Committee on Admissions supporting that proposal?

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Professor Walter W. Stewart
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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December 24, 1947

Professor H. D. Smyth
Palmer Physics Laboratory
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Harry:

Veblen and I are proposing Oppenheimer for admission to the Nassau Club. Would you care to write a letter to the Committee on Admissions supporting that proposal?

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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December 24, 1947

Dear Robert:

I enclose copy of a letter which I have just received from George Brakeley saying that they would be glad to have us pay part or all of our subscription to the Princeton University Library. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Loidesdorf and Mr. Maass and shall leave it with you to arrange ~~with them wot~~ wot them how and when payments should be made. If I can help in any way in the matter, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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December 23, 1947

Committee on Admissions
The Nassau Club
6 Mercer Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a formal proposal of membership for Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, my successor as the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study. I can recommend Dr. Oppenheimer in the highest terms as a suitable member of the Nassau Club. He is a brilliant physicist. He had a distinguished war record at Los Alamos where he supervised the construction of the atomic bomb and he is an individual of great personal charm and magnetism. I hope very much that the Committee will act favorably on this proposal.

I am suggesting to Professor Veblen who seconded the nomination that he also write to you concerning Dr. Oppenheimer.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Copy to Professor Oswald Veblen

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13 October 1947

Dear Robert:

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 9th. If you detect any inaccuracies please feel free to change them. There are a good many letters which should be written as a result of the last Trustees' meeting. Will you take the responsibility for writing them, or would you like me to do so? The letters I have in mind are as follows:

1. Notice of the stipend funds to be sent to each of the Schools. This can, perhaps, be taken care of at the luncheon today.

2. Letter of thanks to Dr. Bush for the grant of $10,000 from the Carnegie Institution for Lowe's CLA.

3. Canvass of the Board by Mrs. Leary as to the most convenient place of meeting on December 16th.

4. Letters of appointment to Cherniss, Pauli, Ukawa, and Pais.

5. Letter to the Princeton Bank and Trust Co. embodying the authorization for you and Mrs. Leary to sign checks and to open the safety deposit box, and revoking that permission in the case of Jane Richardson and myself.

6. Letter to the members of the committee appointed to survey the requirements of the Institute for space and for a workship, Leidesdorf, Bamberger, Veblen and yourself.

In addition I think we should make a written report to Maass and Leidesdorf on the results of our meeting in New York on Tuesday, although we are able to report to them verbally after the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

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October 9, 1947

Dear Robert:

There are a lot of things on my mind which I should like to unload on to yours as follows:

(1) This question of taxation of the Mineville houses. I have sent you a memorandum on this subject. You can see how it affects the question of allowing a man like Dirac to occupy one of them. Dirac is a border-line case and I don't think we could get away with it if we allowed one of our permanent members of the Faculty to live there. One thing should be added. Following the example of Princeton University, we have made a contribution to the Township of Princeton in lieu of taxes of $1,000 per year. This is generously more than the University does for the same purpose. It is well to keep this in mind in any negotiations you may have with the Township Committee.

(2) I take it that you know about a grant from the Carnegie Institution of $10,000 for Lowe's CLA. The grant was made for a period of three years and I think it would be prudent to collect one-third of it each year.

(3) John Fulton feels that it would be better not to make a report on the Gest Library at the meeting of the Board tomorrow but to wait until December or even until April. I think that is wise. I don't know how enthusiastic you are about Chinese Studies but I certainly feel that they would be no success here unless you are enthusiastic. If, however, you want to do so, I am sure that you can collect large funds for this purpose over and above our present endowment.

(4) I hope that Kitty will be interested in the landscaping of the Institute properties. I have a proposal for an outdoor memorial to Mr. Bamberger and Mrs. Fuld to be called "Founder's Walk" which would be a continuation of the northern axis of the Institute right down to Stony Brook and the Canal. If and when you get round to it, I hope you will consider this seriously.

(5) You will find in the files records of special grants to Herzfeld and Goldman for publications and to Lowe for CLA. I may have in my files over here some material on this subject which I shall be glad to turn over to you.

(6) Sooner or later the Faculty will raise the question with you of a publication fund. The mathematicians and the economists have no need of any such fund since various organizations will finance all their publications. The humanists on the other hand

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need money to publish their books. Whether we should establish a publication fund for the benefit of the humanists alone, I have never been able to decide and I am very happy to leave that decision to you.

(7) You know about the arrangement for Meritt's Assistant. This will become more urgent if Dorothy Dauncey decides to go back to Canada.

(8) After October 16th and after I have had an opportunity for a little holiday in Waterford, Connecticut, I intend to make you a comprehensive statement of our pension plans. I am ashamed not to have done this before but you can be sure that every individual on the Faculty understands exactly his own status and consequently the whole matter is less urgent.

(9) One of these days you will have to face the problem of moving the Treasurer's Office to Princeton. I am all in favor of doing so. I think it would be an economy and I am sure it would be an administrative convenience. I had exactly the same problem at Swarthmore only in that case the Treasurer died at a convenient moment and I was able to move the office out to Swarthmore without any trouble. I certainly hope it will be a long time before Mr. Leidesdorf dies but I think he would live longer if the Treasurer's Office were moved to Princeton.

(10) There are two items of unfinished business which I think I ought to refer to you. One of them is the preparation and publication of a comprehensive list of members of the Institute since its founding and the other is a bibliography of the scholarly publications of the Faculty and Members.

(12) Veblen came in to see me this morning to raise a point about Siegel's salary. Siegel went off to Göttingen some time last summer. I recommended that he should have leave on full salary for the first six months of the last academic year. When he decided to remain in Göttingen, I suggested to the Trustees that he should be put on half salary until such time as he should return to the Institute. He has now returned and my proposal is that he should be put on full salary as from October 1st. Veblen thinks he should be on full salary from July 1st. That does not make sense to me but if you think it wise, I am very glad to leave the decision to you. Veblen's point is that nothing is too good for Siegel. My position is that however good Siegel may be we ought to treat him as we would treat any other member of the Faculty.

I have refrained from putting these points up to you hitherto for fear you might resign the Directorship.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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October 7, 1947

Dear Robert:

Miss Miller has called my attention to the fact that one of our janitors, Mr. Padgett, is now 79 years old and has raised the question with me whether he ought to be retired. He has charge of Professor Meritt's wing and Meritt expresses himself as being completely satisfied with the work that Mr. Padgett does at the present time.

One of the things which I have long had in mind but which I have not been able to do was to work out a retirement and pension plan for employees in Padgett's class. At Swarthmore we put them on the TIAA and had a system which worked admirably. You will want to tackle that problem sometime soon. Meanwhile my own suggestion would be that Mr. Padgett be allowed to continue so long as his health is good and so long as his work is satisfactory. The decision I am very glad to leave to you both as to the length of his term of service and such provision in the way of pension or separation allowance as should justly be made.

Some years ago Mr. Padgett's health was not very good and his work suffered but he has improved markedly in the last few years and so far as I can tell he is doing well at the moment. Miss Miller will be your best advisor on this whole problem.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Copy to Miss Miller
Miss Trinterud

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October 7, 1947

Dear Robert:

Here is a letter from a firm that would like to publish our annual Bulletin. We have always done this with the Princeton Press and I think the arguments are all in favor of keeping on with them but you may want to investigate the terms which this firm could offer. It may very likely be more advantageous from a financial point of view.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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October 3, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. OPPENHEIMER:

Some question has come up about the tax-free status of the Mineville houses which we erected last year on the lot east of the Institute. When the question of a building permit for these houses came up, it was distinctly understood by everybody concerned that they were of the nature of college dormitories and should be tax-free for the following reasons:

(1) The houses are not a commercial proposition and are not available to individuals who are not members of the Institute.

(2) The houses are rented at a loss and access to them is of the same nature as stipends granted to members of the Institute which, of course, are tax-free.

(3) The houses are not available to members of the Faculty or Permanent Members of the Institute except in case such a permanent employee should have responsibility for their administration.

(4) One of the houses will be devoted to housing a nursery school for the children of members of the Institute who may be living nearby. This school will be free and it would be an obvious injustice that we should be required to pay taxes on a building devoted to this purpose.

(5) It is my opinion that no serious effort will be made to collect taxes on these houses but I thought you ought to have this ammunition on reserve in case such an effort should be made.

(6) If it had been proposed that these houses should be erected in competition with ordinary dwelling property in this neighborhood, our case for them would not have held water. It was only because they were erected as Institute dormitories that we were able to get a building permit and at the time it was understood by everybody concerned that if the permit was granted they should be tax-free.

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Copy to Miss Miller
Miss Trinterud

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September 30, 1947

Dear Robert:

I enclose a memorandum from Cooper about Miss Miers' salary. I think it is a question which you should decide. It has always seemed to me good administrative policy to make increases more gradually and I should have thought an increase from $2,400 to $2,700 would have been suitable at this time and more within the regular scale of the Institute.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

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September 29, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Robert:

If you do not mind, I think it would be better for you to write most of the letters embodying the decisions of the Faculty of the School of Mathematics, September 23rd, as follows: Niels Bohr, Hylleraas, van Kampen, Yukawa, Pauli, Follin, Finkelstein, Marshak, Borgers, Fröberg, Min, Santalo, Miss Williams, Gorson, Chowla, Ulucey, Braun.

I know the humanists better and have had so much previous correspondence with them that I am writing letters to them, copies of which I enclose.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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23 September 1947

Dear Robert:

I consider this a long range problem on which you ought to make the decision.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study

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September 18, 1947

Dear Robert:

Gil Stott has had strong representations from Meritt that Homer Thompson should be given Herzfeld's office which is, of course, traditionally Humanistic space.

Mr. Stott has also had strong representations from Veblen that Herzfeld's space should be assigned to Siegel and should become a part of the quarters dedicated to Mathematics.

This is one of the long range problems which I hesitate to decide without consulting you. If you want my advice, it would be that we adopt a temporary solution this year and postpone a permanent decision until (1) the number of members of the Institute has decreased or (2) we have been able to build some additional small buildings for members.

It would be physically possible to put both Thompson and Siegel in these Herzfeld rooms. I have an impression, however, that Siegel is contented with the small room which he has been occupying and I have a kind of conservative feeling that the fewer changes we make at this moment, the better.

I put this down on paper expecting to talk it over with you today or tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
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Princeton, New Jersey

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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO MEET

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

IN THE COMMON ROOM OF FULD HALL

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER NINTH

FROM FOUR-THIRTY TO SIX-THIRTY

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RFD #1, Waterford, Connecticut
September 5, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Robert:

We are planning to leave on Tuesday, September 9th, about the middle of the day, reaching Princeton somewhere about dinner time. Jane Richardson is coming with us and would like very much to go into the office that evening to move some notes and files over to Lowe's office. Can you instruct the guard who will I assume be on duty in the evening to admit her and if necessary me? I can't remember how much I left in your bookshelves but I thought I might glance around that evening and make preparations to move everything out the next morning.

The reason for this strenuous evening work is that I was strictly ordered by the Trustees to give Jane Richardson her usual vacation and so far I have sadly failed to do it. My plan is to send her back up here on the 11th to stay until the 14th and then keep her in Princeton with occasional days off from the middle of September until the middle of October. I hope in this way to make up to her the two weeks which the Institute still owes her. By this plan she will be on hand on Wednesday, September 10th, to help Katherine Russell get things arranged in an orderly fashion. I know that you are going away on the 10th but I hope for a glimpse of you on the evening of the 9th.

Yours sincerely,

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September 5, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Robert:

There is one responsibility which I think Katherine Russell ought to take on this year, namely to make up and mimeograph the Staff and Members List.

I enclose a suggestion for the first page. The members of the Faculty of the various Schools will be the same this year as last with the addition of Homer Thompson in Humanistic Studies. The list of Assistants in the various Schools will have to be revised as will the list of members. I think Katherine already has material for that except for the new members that we have added during the summer. Since Jane Richardson leaves in the middle of October, she suggests that it might save confusion if she were left out of the list.

Yours sincerely,

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RFD #1, Waterford, Connecticut
September 4, 1947

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Robert:

There are a few minor financial adjustments about which Miss Miller and Mr. Wintringer have spoken to me at various times and which ought to be made as of July 1st, 1947. My own ideas about them are as follows. If you approve, will you give this letter to Miss Miller and tell her to put them through?

I think Albert Worthington and Bernetta Miller who use their cars almost exclusively for Institute business should have an allowance of $15.00 per month for gasoline, tires, oil, etc. I have talked this over with Wintringer and he thinks it quite moderate and in line with the practice of Princeton University.

I think the Institute should pay Miss Miller's telephone bill exclusive of long distance calls since we do the same for Wes Dauncey and Albert Worthington. These telephones are really more of a convenience to the Director than they are to the individuals concerned since it makes it possible to get hold of them at any hour of the day or night.

I think certain increases should be made in the salaries of employees in Fuld Hall as outlined in Miss Miller's memorandum which I enclose herewith. The only one of these about which I have a question is the pension for Mr. Padgett. I am ashamed to say I have never taken up this problem of pensions for employees of the Institute. We probably ought to have some kind of an orderly plan based on the TIAA. Meanwhil I don't believe it is proper for either you or me to award Mr. Padgett a pension but that this ought to be done by action of the Board of Trustees. You and I and Miss Miller can discuss that whole matter when I come down next week.

We must at the same time settle the question of rentals for the Maxwell houses. The Baron's pay $45.00 at the moment and supply their own heat and light. I think they should be increased to $60.00 and that the rentals for the other houses should be made to correspond. Miss Miller has good judgment on these matters and we might take her advice.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

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Founded by Mr. Louis Bamberger and Mrs. Felix Fuld
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

August 22, 1947

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your good letter. The calendar is fine with me. I have been away and, in any case, I am taking with a probably deplorable levity my responsibilities for learning about the Institute. I know that will overcome me in time and I am not rushing it. I will try to get a house for Dirac, but God knows how!

With all warm greetings, and have a good holiday,

Yours sincerely,

Robert

Robert Oppenheimer

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
R. F. D. #1
Waterford, Conn.

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RFD #1, Waterford, Connecticut
August 18, 1947

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

Dear Robert:

I enclose a calendar for the academic year 1947-1948 following the lines of past years. The dates seem to make the Christmas holiday a little longer than usual but on the whole I think this is advisable. The Standing Committee some years ago made a careful study of Institute holidays with the idea of giving the employees about the same number of days of vacation which they would get in any other occupation and we have found by experience that this schedule works very well. If you approve of the schedule, I will put it on the agenda for the first Faculty meeting, obtain Faculty approval of the luncheon dates and holidays and mimeograph it in time for the Board Meeting in October.

I hope you are gradually getting settled in Olden Manor. We are having a delightful holiday here and I am sure we were wise not to try to fix our house up until we return refreshed in September. Our present idea is to get back to Princeton somewhere around the 10th.

Meanwhile I wonder if I left you all the material about the Institute that you need for your own study. Information about salaries and stipend funds you can, of course, get from Miss Miller, information about Government contracts you can get from Miss Trinterud. Gil Stott has in mind, I think, the assignment of offices and Miss Miller the assignment of houses and dormitory rooms.

In that connection Miss Miller wrote to me about a small attractive house for sale in Princeton at a very moderate price. Her idea was that this would be a good place for Siegel and I am inclined to think she is right if Siegel could be brought to see it. It seems a little difficult to assign him one of our apartments intended for temporary members. I wish a place could also be found for Dirac and Toynbee outside the Institute apartments, especially for Dirac. Miss Miller can do as much in this direction as anybody.

Yours sincerely,

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CALENDAR

Monday, September 22, 1947	First term begins
Monday, September 22, 1947	Faculty meeting
Monday, October 6, 1947, 12:30 p.m.	Faculty luncheon
Friday, October 10, 1947	Board of Trustees
Monday, November 3, 1947, 12:30 p.m.	Faculty luncheon
Tuesday, November 18, 1947, 4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
Thursday, November 27, 1947	Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 1, 1947, 12:30 p.m.	Faculty luncheon
Friday, December 12, 1947	Faculty meeting
Saturday, December 13, 1947	First term ends
Tuesday, December 16, 1947, 4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
Wednesday noon, December 24, 1947 to Monday morning, January 5, 1948	Christmas and New Year
Monday, February 2, 1948	Second term begins
Monday, February 2, 1948	Faculty meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 1948, 4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
Monday, March 1, 1948, 12:30 p.m.	Faculty luncheon
Tuesday, March 16, 1948, 4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
Friday and Saturday, March 26-27, 1948	Good Friday
Monday, April 5, 1948, 12:30 p.m.	Faculty luncheon
Friday, April 16, 1948	Annual Meeting of Corporation and Board of Trustees
Friday, April 30, 1948 or Monday, May 3, 1948	Faculty meeting
Saturday, May 1, 1948	Second term ends
Monday, May 31, 1948	Decoration Day holiday
Monday, July 5, 1948	Independence Day holiday
Monday, September 6, 1948	Labor Day

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Princeton, New Jersey
? August 1947

MEMORANDUM to MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY:

The date of opening of the Institute has been receding one day per year for several years until, following the example of 1946, we should open this year on September 15th. That seems to me unreasonably early. Several members of the faculty cannot return by that time, and I am sure it would be more convenient for Dr. Oppenheimer and myself if we fixed the date of opening as Monday, September 22nd. I wish, accordingly, to take that action and to call a meeting of the Faculty on Monday, September 22nd at five p.m. in the Director's office.

FRANK AYDELOTTE
Director

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Waterford, Conn.
4 August 1947

Dear Robert:

I enclose a notice which I am sending out about the opening of the Institute and the first faculty meeting. Our usual date has been about the 20th of September. We have receded day by day for several years, and I think the time has come now to go forward a week and make our opening meeting Monday, September 22nd. I hope that will be satisfactory to you.

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The Institute for Advanced Study will begin the academic year on September 22nd. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, formerly of Los Alamos and the University of California, will succeed Dr. Aydelotte as Director. Dr. Aydelotte becomes Director Emeritus.

Professor Homer Armstrong Thompson, formerly of the University of Toronto, will be a new member of the Faculty of Humanistic Studies and Professor P. A. M. Dirac of the University of Cambridge and Professor H. T. Wade-Gery of the University of Oxford will be Visiting Professors.

Professor Erwin Panofsky has been granted leave of absence for the academic year 1947-1948 to fill the Charles Eliot Norton Chair of Poetry at Harvard. During the year Dr. Charles de Tolnay will give a course of lectures at the College de France and Dr. Paul Frankl will lecture at the University of Berlin.

During the summer, Professor Hermann Weyl has been lecturing at the Technische Hochschule in Zurich and Professor Marston Morse has given a course of lectures at the University of California.

Professor Carl L. Siegel who has been lecturing at the University of Göttingen during the last year will return in September to his duties at the Institute.

Among the visiting scholars who will spend some time in research at the Institute this year are Dr. David Mitrany, formerly a member of the Faculty of the School of Economics and Politics, Professor Hans Kohn of Smith and T. S. Eliot and Arnold Toynbee of England.

September 5, 1947

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