

November 28, 1950

Dear Miss Stitch:

Enclosed is Dr. Atle Selberg's check for \$570.10 for his round trip air ticket from New York to Oslo, Norway. I have told him the flight leaves Idlewild at 11:30 a.m. Friday, December 1st, and arrives in Oslo 9:30 the following morning.

Will you kindly have the ticket ready for Dr. Selberg when he comes to your office on Thursday afternoon before 5 o'clock to pick it up. He also would appreciate your reserving a single room for him for Thursday night at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. John D. Leary)
Aide to the Director

Miss Anne Stitch
Air and Marine Travel Service
353 W. 57th Street
New York, New York

Enclosure - Check No. 191 \$570.10.

Copy: Dr. Selberg

September 20, 1950

PRESS RELEASE TO THE PRINCETON HERALD

At the International Congress of Mathematicians, recently held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, two Field's medals and two prizes in mathematics of \$1500 were awarded. The recipients of these prizes were Dr. Atle Selberg, formerly of Norway, now a permanent member of the Institute for Advanced Study, and Dr. Laurent Schwartz, Professor at the University of Nancy, France. The International Committee, which made these awards, limited its choice to mathematicians of less than middle age and considered all work of these men done since the last Congress in Oslo in 1936.

Memorandum

To Prof. Selberg

Date Sep. 7/49

From G. Blake

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Will you please give me the following information for the IAS records:

- 1) Under what kind of visa did you enter the United States (3(2) etc.)? Nonquota D
- 2) Visa No. 146 Place and date of issue Montreal, Canada. July 13, 1948
- 3) When does it expire (if it does)? _____
- 4) When and where did you enter the U.S.? Sept. 14, 1948 by train at St. Albans Vermont
- 5) U.S. Immigration Service permit to stay expires when? (If it does) _____
- 6-7) Princeton home address: _____ Mercer Road Telephone _____
- 8) Any other change in your record as on my card?

Ans. Princeton Sep. 7/49

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M. F.
Selberg

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

December 8, 1948

Thors. Morse ✓
to Kinnaman ✓
Siegel ✓
Veblen ✓
Weyl ✓
Einstein ✓

Dear Director Oppenheimer:

Thank you for your letter of November 17 th, which came as a great surprise for me. I feel very much honored and grateful, and consider your invitation to join the Institute for Advanced Study as a permanent member a great distinction for me.

When I received your letter, I felt however, that I needed some time to think the matter over, also I wanted to get some advice from friends in this country and in Norway. This has delayed my answer for several weeks.

It is with pleasure that I now write that I accept the invitation, and that I will be free to join the Institute already for the next academic year.

Sincerely yours,

Atle Selberg

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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 17, 1948

Dear Dr. Selberg:

It is with great pleasure and a great sense of honor that I write to you to tell you that on the unanimous recommendation of the Faculty, the Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study have authorized me to extend to you an invitation to permanent membership in the School of Mathematics. This membership brings with it no obligations and no duties, but is an invitation to work at the Institute and an offer of a grant-in-aid of \$8000. until you shall have reached the age of 65. We shall be glad to make the customary contribution of 5 per cent of your grant-in-aid to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association in order to provide you with a retirement allowance. We would hope that if you feel free to accept this invitation you would be with us during the next academic year, and that your membership could be counted from the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 1949.

I am aware that you are considering returning to Oslo and that strong arguments will be advanced to persuade you to do that. We are offering you the opportunity to come to the Institute and to stay in this country in the belief that you yourself will be the best judge of what is wise for you and for mathematics, and in the confidence that if you do come, your presence here will be a great source of strength to us.

In reaching your decision, it may be of interest to you that this invitation comes to you with the unanimous support of the whole School of Mathematics, and the whole Faculty of the Institute for Advanced Study, and on the basis of the conviction that there is no young man in the entire field, the clarity of whose work can match yours.

Faithfully yours,

Robert Oppenheimer

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