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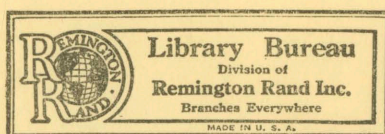
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The University of Chicago

Office of the Auditor

Oriental  
Institute  
O.I.

December 2, 1924.

My dear Mr. Scott:

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28 inclosing check of Mr. John Nicholas Brown for \$3,000., being a contribution to the Oriental Institute. I am assuming that the President will report this gift to the Board of Trustees together with the conditions indicated in Mr. Brown's letter of November 17.

*Yes*

Mr. W. E. Scott,  
President's Office.

Yours very truly,

*W. C. Plimpton*

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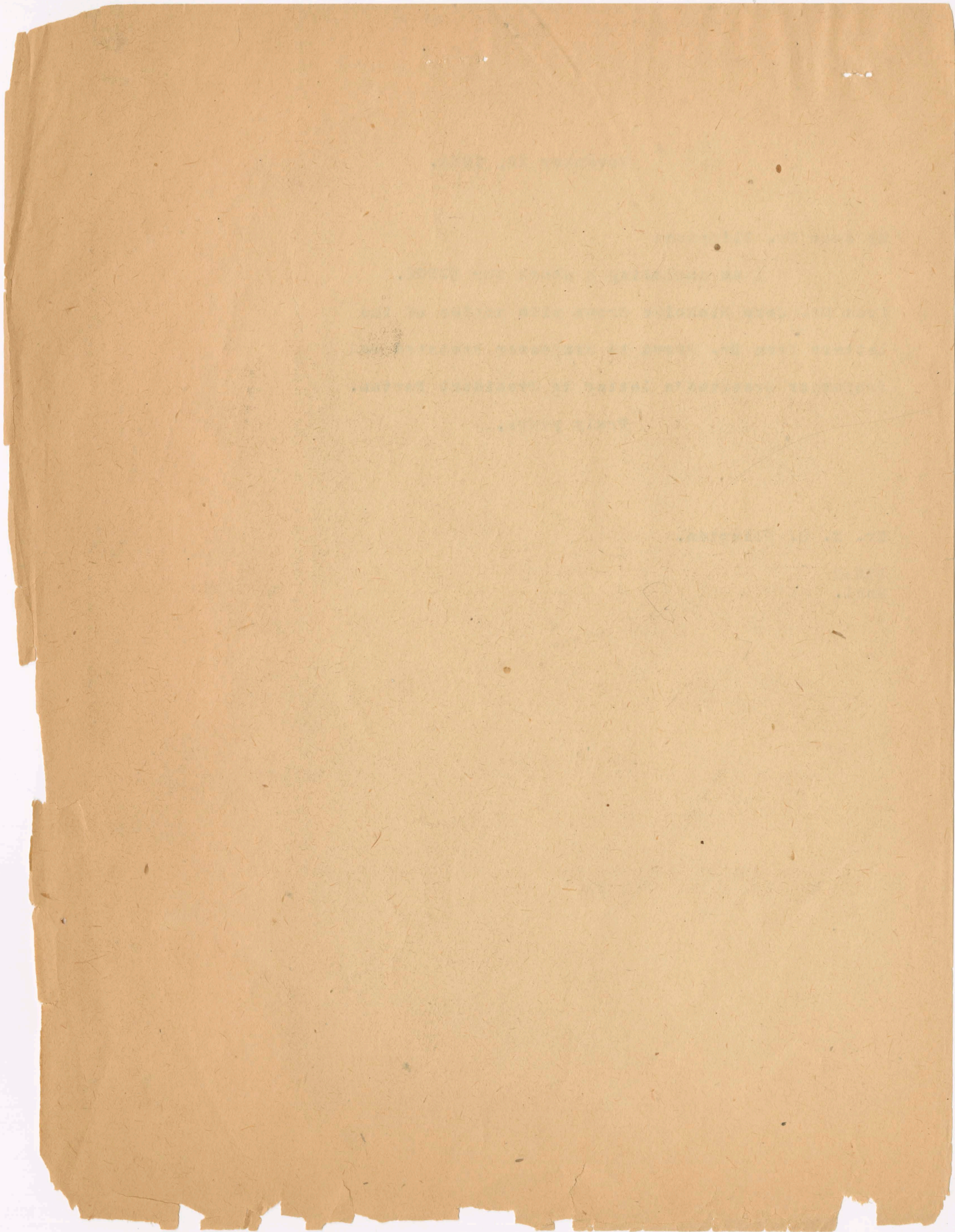
I am enclosing a check for \$3000.  
from Mr. John Nicholas Brown with copies of the  
letters from Mr. Brown to Professor Breasted and  
Professor Breasted's letter to President Burton.

Truly yours,

Mr. N. C. Plimpton.

WES:S  
Encl.







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The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

November 24, 1924.

President E. D. Burton,  
University of Chicago.

Dear Mr. Burton:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. John Nicholas Brown, 50 South Main St., Providence, R. I., in which he announces his gift of \$15,000 to the University of Chicago, for the work of the Oriental Institute, and more specifically for the payment of the salary of the Dutch scholar, Dr. A. DeBuck, of Ursem, Holland, as a member of the Oriental Institute staff, with the title of Secretary of the Coffin Text Project.

I enclose herewith also Mr. Brown's check for \$3,000. This is in payment of DeBuck's salary for the first year. Mr. Brown guarantees the payment of this salary for five years, at the rate of \$3,000 a year, and requests that the Auditor's Office place the matter in the proper tickler, so that a notice may be sent to him annually, requesting the annual payment.

Informally, Mr. Brown informed me that he would wish as soon as possible to pay the entire \$15,000, in order to avoid the continuance of partial payments.

Please regard this letter also as a recommendation that Dr. A. DeBuck of Ursem, Holland, be appointed a member of the Oriental Institute staff, with the title of Secretary of the Coffin Text Project.

I take it that the customary letter of thanks from the President to Mr. John Nicholas Brown will follow in due course.

Very truly yours,

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The Oriental Institute,  
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My dear Professor Breasted:

It was a real pleasure to  
see you and Mrs. Breasted yesterday.

In accordance with the  
agreement which we reached in our conversation at  
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to the University of Chicago for \$3,000.00 to be used  
by The Oriental Institute towards the salary of A.  
de Buck, who is to work on the coffin texts. This is  
the first payment for his salary which I guarantee for  
five years at \$3,000.00 a year, making a total of  
\$15,000.00. I would be much obliged if the University  
would put this matter on its tickler and would send  
annually to me an account of what is due.

Let me express again the  
great pleasure that I have in helping you in this way.  
I feel, with you, how important the work of deciphering  
these texts is and of editing the material once the  
data is gathered.

I hope that you and Mrs.  
Breasted will spend the pleasantest of winters working  
over the inscriptions in the Temple of Medinet Habu,  
and that you will return to us in good health next  
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With kindest regards and many thanks, I am

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CONTINENTAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDING  
CHICAGO

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November 13, 1919.

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Mr. D. D. Luckenbill,  
10340 Longwood Drive,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Luckenbill:

In line with Mr. Breasted's correspondence  
with me, and as covering our conversation at lunch to-day,  
I take pleasure in enclosing herewith my check for \$500.  
As per your suggestion, I have made this check payable to  
the University of Chicago, with the notation "Oriental  
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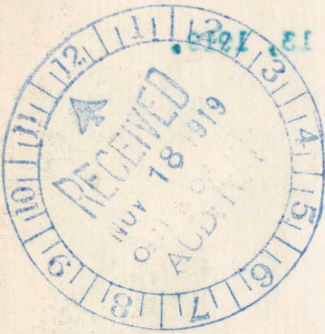
Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you again  
before your departure, I am, with kind regards

Very sincerely yours,

*W. Robinson*

*Gifts spec  
for Oriental Institute*





Mr. D. B. Lockenbill,  
10340 Longwood Drive,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Office of the Auditor

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My dear President Judson:

I am enclosing herewith  
a letter from Mr. T. W. Robinson to Dr. Luckenbill  
which he sent in connection with the check of  
\$500. as a contribution to the Oriental Institute.  
I understand from Dr. Luckenbill that this is a  
beginning only of what Mr. Robinson wishes to do  
in this connection. Formal acknowledgement and  
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Yours very truly,

*Trevor Arnett*

President Harry Pratt Judson.



The University of Chicago  
Office of the President

November 19, 1919.

My dear President Judson:

I am enclosing herewith  
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Yours very truly,

President Harry Pratt Judson.



November 24, 1919

Mr. T. W. Robinson,  
1620, Continental &  
Commercial Bank Bldg.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

*Enfile*  
Professor Luckenbill sends me your note of the 13th  
in which you were good enough to enclose your check for  
\$500 for the Oriental Department.

I appreciate very much your generosity and your  
interest in the important work which Professor Breasted  
has in hand. I have just heard from him from Cairo  
where he is busy with preparations for the expedition to  
Mesopotamia. Mr. Luckenbill and several of the graduate  
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the British government and direct help from General  
Allenby, Director-in-Chief of the British forces in the  
Near East.

Very truly yours,

*H. P. G.*



November 24, 1919

Mr. T. W. Robinson,  
1620, Continental &  
Commercial Bank Bldg.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Professor Imboden sends me your note of the 18th in which you were good enough to enclose your check for \$500 for the Oriental Department.

I appreciate very much your generosity and your interest in the important work which Professor Breasted has in hand. I have just heard from him from Cairo where he is busy with preparations for the expedition to Mesopotamia. Mr. Imboden and several of the graduate students are leaving early in January to join the party in Egypt. I myself am especially interested in what may result from the Mesopotamian trip, as I was in that region myself a year ago and am in a position to know something of the possibilities. As soon as the British occupied the territory they put all ruins under guard and took every precaution not to have them exploited for commercial purposes. Professor Breasted has the hearty endorsement of the British Government and direct help from General Allenby, Director-in-Chief of the British forces in the

Very truly yours,

Her East.



December 18, 1919

Dear Mr. Breasted:

I am sending this letter by Mr. Luckenbill instead of by mail, being quite sure that it will reach you safely. I am cabling you today that Mr. Luckenbill will bring you an additional letter of credit for twenty-five thousand dollars to use for museum purchases. I hope that you will succeed in getting what you need along this line and will keep me advised of your movements and of any needs or opportunities that may arise. You can always cable me freely if you wish.

I saw Mrs. Breasted yesterday. She and the family seem quite well and of course we all share her deep interest in your movements. Mr. Luckenbill will carry you all the latest news of the University affairs. I trust you will be very careful of your health in the East and especially in Mesopotamia. I need not dwell on this because of course you know even more than I the proper methods.

With cordial regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Prof. James H. Breasted,  
Cairo, Egypt.

*H. P. J. - N*



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I am sending this letter by Mr. Luckenbill instead

Dear Mr. Breasted:

December 18, 1919



*Original  
Just*

April 16, 1920

Dear Mr. Robinson:

A cable just received from Professor Breasted at Baghdad reads in part as follows:

"Great Opportunity. Something very extraordinary. May I draw twenty-five thousand dollars on demand Baghdad?"

I am asking a few friends if they would be interested in contributing towards this particular opportunity. Of course I am depending on Professor Breasted's judgement which we all know is absolutely reliable. I should be very glad if you should care to take part.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Theodore W. Robinson,  
3523 S. State St.  
Chicago.

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April 16, 1920

*Don't forget*

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June 19, 1920.

My dear Mr. Heckman:

We recently have received from Dr. Breasted and Dr. Luckenbill drafts aggregating some \$14,000. Payments of these amounts will overdraw the funds in the Oriental Institute approximately \$4,000. I presume it will be in order to request Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., for the second instalment of \$10,000. on his pledge of \$50,000. for the purposes of this expedition. It would be an accommodation if the University could receive this before June 30.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) N. C. PLIMPTON.

Mr. Wallace Heckman,  
City Office.



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C O P Y

SS. MANTUA, Bay of Biscay, June 23, 1920

Dear President Judson:

As Mrs. Breasted may perhaps have told you, I fear the French censor in Syria has appropriated my letters, - not because of any objection to them, but for the sake of the information they contain. I am uncertain therefore, whether you received from me a long letter which I wrote you from Beyrut, giving you some account of the work of the expedition in Asia.

I will not repeat what I said in that letter, for I shall not be far behind this present letter in arriving in Chicago. I am over a month ahead of my schedule on the return trip for two reasons: first because we so unexpectedly came overland back to the Mediterranean; and second because the highways in Syria and Palestine are so beset by brigands, especially in French territory, but also even in English, that it was quite impossible for us to continue our campaign in those regions during the present summer, as I had hoped we might do. Indeed, I could find no one who was willing to furnish transportation for the expedition from Jerusalem to Jericho, only eighteen miles distant, for native drivers on that road had been shot by the eastern Arabs not many days before our arrival in Jerusalem. The conditions which confronted the Good Samaritan and his protégé on that famous road in Jesus' day, seem to have continued down to our own time!

On my arrival in Cairo, Lord Allenby thought the facts which had come under my observation during the overland trip from Baghdad ought to be known to the British Government, and he asked me if I would be willing to return by way of England and report to the Prime Minister and Earl Curzon. He wirelessly to a large P. & O. Liner which had already left Bombay and secured me a comfortable berth, and took me down to Port Said on his special train with which he went down to take Lady Allenby to the same ship. He has put a diplomatic visa on my passport, given me a strong laissez-passer signed by himself, and letters to Lloyd-George and Curzon, to whom he has sent a long wire explaining, and also asking them to secure me a trans-Atlantic berth (in place of the one from Naples which I relinquished to make the trip to England) and to reimburse me for any expense over and above the cost of the direct southern voyage. I could not communicate with you, as the whole matter was done in a jiffy, but under the circumstances I felt justified in going, as I felt sure that you and the Trustees would be glad that our expedition could be of service to the British Government.

Finally, let me acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation your last cablegram to Cairo, which enabled me to settle all obligations there, and lifted a great burden from my mind. I am sure you will feel that the results of this post-war effort in the Near East have justified the generous investment which you have made it possible for us to put into it. It will put the work of the Oriental Department at the University of Chicago on an unrivalled basis and form a monument to your administration, among many others which you have already erected there.

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President Harry Pratt Judson  
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Copy to  
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*James H. Breasted*

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
The University of Chicago,  
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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

25. MAY 1920, Day of History, June 25, 1920

Dear President Johnson:-

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President Harry Pratt Johnson,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.



(1)  
The University of Chicago

Budget Recommendations for the Year 1921-22, Department of ORIENTAL INSTITUTE  
Brief

The following budget is based on the present annual income of the Oriental Institute, viz. \$10,000.

STAFF and SALARIES:

Director ..... \$ 1,500.00

Secretary (T.G. Allen, with \$2100

more as Secy of Haskell Mus.,

total, \$3000)..... 900.00 - 2

Cataloguer ..... 1,800.00

Stenographer and Clerk ..... 1,320.00

Two Student Assts ..... 1,000.00

\$ 6,520.00

MAINTENANCE, SUPPLIES and PURCHASES:

Filing Cases and Filing Supplies..... 500.00

Draughting, Fac-similes & Draughting Sup-

plies..... 1,000.00

Photographing..... 500.00

Purchasing Original Documents and

Monuments..... 1,200.00

Incidentals and Contingent Fund..... 280.00

3,480.00

Total \$ 10,000.00

The colored budget sheets for the teaching departments are not suited to the Institute budget, and hence the use of this yellow sheet.

With reference to the Secretary, Dr. T.G. Allen, -his salary (\$3,000) is divided, on the basis of proportionate amount of work done in each institution, between the Museum and the Institute, viz.: for the Museum \$2,100 and for the Institute \$900. This is an increase of \$600.

The present cataloguer is not proving wholly satisfactory, and a higher salary than he receives (\$1260) will be necessary to secure the requisite ability.

The post of stenographer and clerk has just been approved (orally) by the President, to begin March first, 1921.

Otherwise there have been no changes in staff. The items in Main-



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Budget Recommendations for the Year 1921-22, Department of Oriental Languages

The following budget is based on the present annual income of the Oriental Institute, viz. \$12,000.

Books and Supplies	1,700.00
Salaries (L. S. Allen, etc.)	2,500.00
More as body of research work	300.00
Total	4,500.00
Photography	1,200.00
Stenographer and Clerk	1,200.00
For Student Assistants	1,000.00
For Printing, Stationery, and Postage	500.00
For Library Cases and Binding Supplies	500.00
For Printing, Photo-litho & Reproduction	1,000.00
For Photocopying	200.00
For Research Original Documents and Manuscripts	1,200.00
For Incidentals and Contingent Fund	100.00
Total	\$12,000.00

The stated budget sheets for the coming year are not submitted to the Institute budget, and hence the use of this table sheet.

With reference to the research, L. S. Allen, etc., and the 1,200.00 is divided on the basis of approximately equal amount of work done in each institution, between the Oriental and the Institute, viz. for the Oriental \$2,500 and for the Institute \$2,500.

For present research, it is not possible to give a definite figure, as the amount of research will be necessary to secure the results desired.

The post of stenographer and clerk has just been separated (added) by the President, in order to have better control.

Unusually large sums have been requested in 1921. The items in this



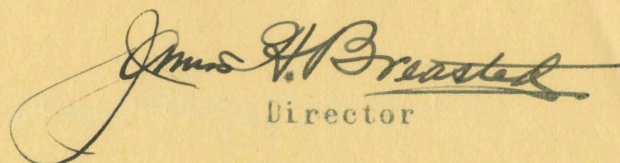
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Budget Recommendations for the Year 1921-22, Department of Oriental Institute and  
Incorporation,  
Brief

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tenance, Supplies and Purchases fall under the general programme of work originally projected for the Institute at the time of its foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Director

It may be mentioned with reference to the balance of Purchase Fund appropriated for the First Expedition of the Institute, that it will be absorbed by the large unpaid freight bill (trans-Atlantic) which has not yet come in, and for purchases still under negotiation for the purpose of obtaining more favorable terms from oriental dealers.



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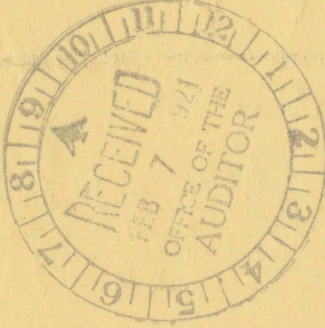
Budget Recommendations for the Year 1921-22, Department of Oriental Languages

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work of the Department of Oriental Languages at the University of Chicago,  
located at

Respectfully submitted,

*James W. [Signature]*  
Director

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not yet come in, and for purchases still under negotiation for the pur-  
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Budget Recommendations for the Year 1921-22, Department of HASKELL ORIENTAL MUSEUM  
Brief

In determining the needs of the Oriental Museum for the year 1921-1922, the following facts are of importance:

1. The Recent Enlargement of the Collections.

Before the first expedition of the Oriental Institute the collections contained 9,786 numbers. As a result of the accessions brought back by the expedition, which contained over 2,600 numbers, the collections have increased to about 12,400 numbers.

2. Accessioning, Recording and Photographing.

This process is necessary in order to incorporate all these materials properly in our records. It includes making such a record as will be available in case of loss or theft to replace the original as a source and involves complete copies of all written documents, either by hand or by photography.

3. Proper Installation for Public Exhibition.

Before this can be undertaken it is often necessary to prepare the object by careful processes of conservation and restoration. Mr. Paul Hoffmann of the New York and Boston Museums is at present engaged on this work, devoting himself especially to the most important monuments urgently needing conservation, but also fitting many of them with stands, bases, or other equipment necessary for installing them. While this process is expensive, proper cases are perhaps even more so.

4. Task of Making Collections Educationally Available.

This task involves ~~the~~ the chronological arrangement of the materials in group exhibits in such a way that if examined consecutively they demonstrate the evolution of civilization in successive stages from the implements<sup>en</sup> of Stone Age Savagery to the highest achievements of fully developed civilization, as these things are visualized in the surviving remains. This means a full system of explanatory labels accompanying each object and group of objects, besides maps displaying distribution and historical diffusion of culture elements. At present we are still at the beginning of this task.

The Budget suggested on the other sheet has placed every item at the lowest possible point which will enable the work to be done, and it is earnestly hoped the amounts proposed may be made available.

Respectfully submitted.

*James A. Breasted*  
Director Haskell Oriental Museum







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Mr. Plimpton  
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H.B.J.

The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

March 7th, 1921

*Museum*

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear President Judson:-

With regard to the request that the Haskell Museum administration should take over for a time the responsibility for the collections in the Classics Building and undertake the beginnings of a catalogue or registry of these collections, let me say that this would be possible with adequate help and a relatively small fund for supplies.

These would be, financially stated, as follows:

First. More adequate stenographic help for the common museum administration, viz. an efficient stenographer for nine months for the first year (beginning next Oct. first) at \$100 per month, or a total of \$900, instead of the present \$630 (nine months at \$70).

Second. Full time of one of the classical fellows as assistant in the work.

Third. A fund of \$100 for registry books and other supplies.

Very truly yours,

*James H. Breasted*  
Director

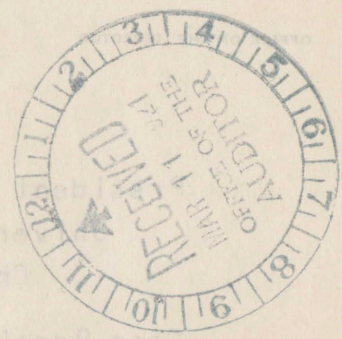


The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

March 11, 1921

Harry East Johnson,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.  
Dear President Johnson:-



With regard to the request that the Oriental Museum  
for the collections in the Quadrangle Building and undertake the  
beginning of a catalogue or registry of these collections, let  
me say that this would be possible with adequate help and a  
relatively small fund for supplies.

There would be financially assisted, as follows:  
First, Your generous contribution for the common  
museum administration, viz. an efficient stenographer for nine  
months for the first year (beginning next Oct. 1st) at \$100  
per month, or a total of \$900. (Balance of \$1000 to be paid  
monthly at \$100.)

Second, Full time of one of the classical scholars as  
assistant in the work.

Third, A fund of \$100 for registry books and other  
supplies.

Very truly yours,

Director



The University of Chicago

Office of the Auditor

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March 11, 1921.

My dear President Judson:

I am returning herewith Dr. Breasted's letter of March 7 with regard to additional expenditures due to taking over by the administration of Haskell Museum the responsibility for the collection in the Classics Building and the beginnings of a catalogue or registry of those collections.

I note that he requests \$900. for stenographic service for the common museum administration. This is \$400. in excess of the total budget appropriation for the year 1921-22 for expense in Haskell Museum. This expense for the current year has been provided from additional income estimated in the various budget revisions. The estimates of expenditures for the ensuing year are such as practically to preclude the possibility of financing the expense in Haskell in the same manner.

From the foregoing you will observe that not only are there insufficient funds for this project in the budget for 1921-22, but the provision for Haskell Museum is also inadequate.

I presume the assignment of one of the classical fellows as assistant in the work, if it be undertaken, would not involve an expenditure in addition to the fellowship stipend.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Sumpter



The University of Chicago

Office of the President

March 11, 1921.

My dear President Jackson:

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Yours very truly,



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The Oriental Institute

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Lakeside, Michigan

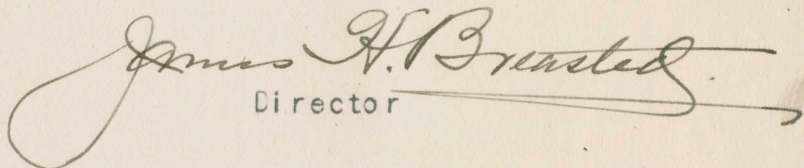
June 25, 1921

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago,  
Illinois

Dear President Judson:-

In accordance with your request I am enclosing to you herewith, NEW BUDGET of THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE for 1921-22, on the basis of an expenditure of \$25,000 a year, in accordance with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Junior's new gift for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

  
Director



The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

Lakeland, Michigan

June 22, 1931

President Harry Pratt Jenson,

University of Chicago,

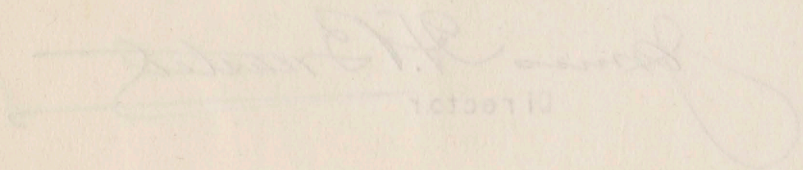
Chicago,

Illinois

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Very truly yours,

  
Director



ROOM 1204, 134 SOUTH LASALLE ST.  
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The University of Chicago

Office of the Counsel and Business Manager

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President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago.

My dear President:

A loss of some goods occurred from shipment abroad. The matter was so handled that I do not see that the University has any claim on account of the loss.

I should think it would be well, if all business transactions, so far as possible, could come under the attention of this office, so that definite insurance could be provided for, as some of the property is of considerable value, even of more value here than the cost of it to the University.

Very truly yours,

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*Mr. Brewster*

*H. P. J.*

*Walter H. H. H. H.*

*University  
Institute*



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for Pres. Judson

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Chicago, June 10, 1921

Mr. Wallace Heckman,  
134 South La Salle Street,  
Chicago.

My dear Mr. Heckman:

The President has mentioned to me the matter of loss in our trans-Atlantic transportation of antiquities to America. I fear I may have misled you in my effort to recover for the University. As a matter of record, therefore, I ought to mention that there has been no actual loss of any antiquities in our collections. There was breakage only.

The objects injured are in our possession and can be, and one of them has been, restored for exhibition in a condition not essentially different from its original state. Nevertheless I thought it my conscientious duty to endeavor to recover from the insurance company if possible, and in doing so I put in the total value of the pieces concerned, intending afterward to recommend that they be handed to the insurance company if they were willing to pay the claim.

With regard to such insurance as it has been placed for American expeditions by J. W. Congdon & Company of Cairo for many years, I have always supposed that risk of breakage was also covered. I learn, however, from the Metropolitan Museum of New York that this is not the case. Some time ago a very beautiful painted coffin which they were importing (a piece of great value) was flooded by bilge water in the hold and suffered serious damage. This was because the coffin had not



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I should appreciate very much the assistance of your office in placing such insurance in the future, as suggested in your letter. As we should be in the future placing such insurance in the Orient, I presume the only way in which the aid of your office could be brought to bear would be in the form of a general recommendation of procedure which we might take with us on leaving Chicago. In the hands of J. W. Congdon & Co. of Cairo we received the benefit of the many years of experience of that old and tried house, but Mr. Congdon's death shortly before my arrival in the Orient threw the business of the firm into confusion, a fact which we, like the other expeditions, did not learn until it was too late.

Thanking you very much for any assistance  
you can give us in this direction, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JAMES H. BREASTED



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Very truly yours,

(Signed) JAMES H. HARRISON



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The University of Chicago

FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

The Board of Trustees

December 12,  
1921

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago.

Dear Mr. President:

*C. J. D. Judson*

You will recall that letters passed between us last September with reference to a correction of the announcement made by Mr. J.D. Rockefeller, Jr. as to his pledge for the Oriental Institute. You asked me to call your attention to the matter so that a correct statement might appear on the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

Very truly yours,

*H. Dickinson*  
Secretary.



The University of Chicago

FORWARDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 15,

1921

RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 15, 1921

President Henry Frost Johnson,  
University of Chicago.

Dear Mr. President:

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last September with reference to a correction of an an-  
nouncement made by Mr. J. B. Rockefeller, Jr. as to his  
pledge for the Oriental Institute. You asked us to call  
your attention to the matter so that a correct statement  
might appear on the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

Very truly yours,

*Handwritten signature*  
Secretary



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May 13, 1921

beyond that period.

With cordial regards, I am,

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Very truly yours,

In further reference to your favor of the 19th of April with regard to the Oriental Institute I beg to say that I have conferred with the Director of the Institute, Professor Breasted, and submit the following:

The University highly appreciates your interest in the matter and your generous gift.

I thought it wise at the outset not to notify the Director of the probability of an increase in the gift, because it seemed better to me to have the plan worked out modestly and slowly at first. It is now in such shape that I think we can expand it in accordance with your gift.

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The first two years of the Institute will end on the 30th of June at an expense of \$10,000 for each year. It is my proposition to make a budget for the next three years at the rate of \$5000 a year, leaving \$5000 of the total \$100,000 for contingencies.

It is my understanding that your contribution, totalling \$100,000 will be terminated by the 30th of June, 1924, and that you have no intention of continuing your contributions



May 12, 1931

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

In further reference to your favor of the 12th of April with regard to the Oriental Institute I beg to say that I have conferred with the Director of the Institute, Professor Breasted, and submit the following:

The University highly appreciates your interest in the matter and your generous gift.

I thought it wise at the outset not to notify the Director of the probability of an increase in the gift, because it seemed better to me to have the plan worked out modestly and slowly at first. It is now in such shape that I think we can expand it in accordance with your gift.

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It is my understanding that your contribution, totaling \$100,000 will be terminated by the 30th of June, 1934, and that you have no intention of continuing your contributions



beyond that period.

With cordial regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*H. P. Judson*

Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr.  
26 Broadway, New York City.

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Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr.



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
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The University of Chicago

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The Board of Trustees

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July 20,  
1921.

President Harry Pratt Judson  
Hotel Manoir Richelieu,  
Murray Bay,  
Quebec, Canada.

Dear President Judson:

I have just received today a letter from John D.  
Rockefeller, Jr., as follows:

"Your letter of July 5, in regard to my further  
contribution for the Oriental Institute, is received.

You say: "At the meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the University held June 21, 1921, President Judson pre-  
sented your letter containing your generous offer to add  
\$10,000 a year for five years to your former gift of \$50,000  
for the Oriental Institute, making \$100,000 in all."

Merely that the record may be accurate, I quote my  
letter to President Judson on this subject, which bears date  
of May 18:

"Dear Dr. Judson:

Your letter of May 13, with reference to the  
Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, is received.

It will be agreeable to me to contribute \$25,000  
a year for the next three years toward the budget of the  
Oriental Institute, as you suggest."

That letter was written, as stated, in reply to Dr. Judson's  
letter of May 13, in which he said:

"The first two years of the Institute will end on the  
30th of June at an expense of \$10,000 for each year. It is my  
proposition to make a budget for the next three years at the  
rate of \$25,000 a year."

My pledge, therefore, was for an extra \$15,000 a year  
for three years."



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
550 EAST 58TH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637

JULY 20,  
1951

President Harry Frank Johnson

Rockefeller Foundation

1230 York Ave.

New York 17, N.Y.

Dear President Johnson:

I have just received today a letter from John D.

Rockefeller, Jr., as follows:

"Your letter of May 13, in which you requested  
consideration for the Oriental Institute, is received.  
You say: 'At the meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the University held June 21, 1951, President Johnson pre-  
sented your letter containing your request for a grant  
of \$10,000 a year for five years to help defray the cost of the  
for the Oriental Institute, asking \$100,000 in all.'"

Notably that the record may be complete, I quote my  
letter to President Johnson on this subject, which bears date  
of May 13:

"Dear Mr. Johnson:  
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"The first two years of the Institute will end on the  
30th of June at an expense of \$10,000 for each year. It is my  
proposition to make a budget for the next three years for the  
cost of \$25,000 a year."

My letter, therefore, was for a total of \$75,000 a year  
for three years."



The University of Chicago

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The Board of Trustees

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

#2 — President Judson

My letter to him followed the report as you made  
it to the Board as follows:

"Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., two years ago pledged to the University \$10,000 a year for five years for the work of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, making a total of \$50,000. He now doubles that gift, making the total not to exceed \$100,000, paying \$25,000 a year for the remaining three years. This leaves a remainder of \$5,000 which doubtless can be called on at the close of the term."

I have not replied to Mr. Rockefeller's letter and  
will not do so till I hear from you.

Yours very truly,

*J. Dickerson*  
Secretary.

*Please hold till my return.  
Better merely acknowledge &  
say that the second will be  
made correct.*

*H.P.V.*



The University of Chicago

Department of Chemistry

42 - President Johnson

My letter to him followed the report as you made

it to the Board as follows:

"Mr. John H. Rockefeller, Jr., has been and pleased  
to contribute \$10,000 to the University of Chicago, and  
at the University of the University of Chicago, making  
a total of \$50,000. He now desires to give, making  
the total to exceed \$100,000, giving \$50,000 a year for  
the remaining three years. This leaves a remainder of \$5,000  
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Secretary.



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February 17, 1922.

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:- I simply want  
reason for the statement which  
I made. While you were in China Mr. Dickerson brought  
to my attention a letter of yours received during my  
absence from Chicago in the Summer. It was a letter  
to him dated July 9, 1921. Of course your files will  
contain a copy. There seems to be, as indicated in the  
letter in question, a discrepancy between my statement  
to the Board of Trustees as found in the second paragraph  
of the letter, and your statement as found in the 4th  
paragraph. I based my statement to the Board on your  
original letter of May 2, 1919, which reads as follows:

"While I am writing you another letter,  
formally stating my willingness to finance Professor  
Breasted's plan as modified by you, I desire to say  
to you, in confidence, that I stand ready to con-  
tribute to the University for the general purpose  
outlined in Professor Breasted's plan, whatever sum  
may be needed during the period of five years, up to  
a total of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000),  
with the understanding that up to Twenty thousand  
dollars (\$20,000) of this amount will be available  
each year as called for, and such balance, if any,  
as is not called for in any year will be available  
if required at any subsequent time prior to January  
1st, 1925, at which date this pledge expires."

It is of course by no means my intention to  
urge any construction of the amount which you were good



February 17, 1932.

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While you were in China Mr. Dickerson brought to my attention a letter of yours received during my absence from Chicago in the summer. It was a letter to him dated July 9, 1931. Of course your files will contain a copy. There seems to be, as indicated in the letter in question, a discrepancy between my statement to the Board of Trustees as found in the second paragraph of the letter, and your statement as found in the 4th paragraph. I passed my statement to the Board on your original letter of May 2, 1932, which reads as follows:

"While I am writing you another letter, formally stating my willingness to finance Professor Brewster's plan as modified by you, I desire to say to you, in confidence, that I stand ready to contribute to the University for the general purpose outlined in Professor Brewster's plan, whatever sum may be needed during the period of five years, up to a total of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), with the understanding that up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) of this amount will be available each year as called for, and such balance, if any, as is not called for in any year will be available it required at any subsequent time prior to January 1st, 1935, at which date this pledge expires."

It is of course by no means my intention to urge any construction of the amount which you were good



enough to contribute to the Institute. I simply want to make clear to you the reason for the statement which I made. Of course your own construction on the matter will rule.

Very truly yours,

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
26 Broadway,  
New York City.



August 10, 1931

enough to contribute to the Institute. I simply want  
to make clear to you the reason for the statement which  
I made. Of course your own conviction on the matter  
will rule. I am a doctor of your school and I  
am a member of the Institute. I was a letter  
Very truly yours,

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
26 Broadway,  
New York City.  
The fact of the matter is that in the second paragraph  
of the letter, and your statement as found in the 5th  
paragraph, I based my statement on the fact on your  
original letter of May 1, 1931, which reads as follows:

"While I am writing you another letter,  
I am writing my willingness to finance Rockefeller  
Foundation's plan as modified by you. I desire to say  
to you, in confidence, that I stand ready to contribute  
to the University for the General Hospital  
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to the University for the General Hospital  
which is Professor Brewster's plan."

It is not correct to say that the Institute  
has any objection to the amount which you have



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**The University of Chicago**  
**Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures**

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March 31, 1922.

Dear President Judson:

In accordance with our conferences on the Departmental Budget and the work of the Oriental Institute, I understand that you are in favor of the following program for my work during the year beginning July 1, 1922.

The various enterprises now being carried on by the Oriental Institute have been fully organized and require no further oversight on my part than can be satisfactorily exercised by means of correspondence. At the same time the development of the great project which we now designate as the Coffin Texts, that is, the collection, copying, editing and publication of the religious texts which were the forerunners of the Book of the Dead, cannot be carried on any further without my devoting a good deal of time to the project in Europe and in Egypt.

In connection with the budget program, therefore, you approved the following disposition of my time:

Summer of 1922 -- personal work on the Coffin Texts in England, France, and perhaps Italy.

Autumn of 1922 and winter and spring of 1923 -- work on the Coffin Texts in the National Egyptian Museum at Cairo (including a brief trip in the late spring to Beirut via Palestine to visit the most recent excavations).

Summer of 1923 -- work on the Coffin Texts in Europe.

The cooperation of all the members of the Department and the most loyal readiness on their part to increase their burden during my absence makes it possible to put through the above program without any additional expense for instruction due to my absence.

I may mention further that on the way out to the Orient I shall be able to be present as a delegate of the University of Chicago at the centenary of the decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphic by Champollion and also of the foundation of the national Oriental Society of France, known as the Société Asiatique, -- a celebration which is to take place in July. Such personal contact with the orientologists who officially represent France at this meeting will greatly aid our future work in Syria.



The University of Chicago

Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

March 31, 1933

Dear President Johnson:

In accordance with our conference on the Departmental Budget and the work of the Oriental Institute, I understand that you are in favor of the following program for my work during the year beginning July 1, 1933.

The various enterprises now being carried on by the Oriental Institute have been fully organized and require no further oversight on my part than can be satisfactorily exercised by means of correspondence. At the same time the development of the great project which we now designate as the Collier Texts, that is, the collection, copying, editing and publication of the religious texts which were the forerunners of the Book of the Dead, cannot be carried on any further without my devoting a good deal of time to the project in Europe and in Egypt.

In connection with the budget program, therefore, you approve the following disposition of my time:

Summer of 1933 -- personal work on the Collier Texts in England, France, and perhaps Italy.

Autumn of 1933 and winter and spring of 1934 -- work on the Collier Texts in the Egyptian Museum at Cairo (including a brief trip in the late spring to Beirut and Palestine to visit the most recent excavations).

Summer of 1934 -- work on the Collier Texts in Europe.

The cooperation of all the members of the Department and the well-kept records on their part to insure their freedom during my absence makes it possible to get through the above program without any additional expense for instruction and to my absence.

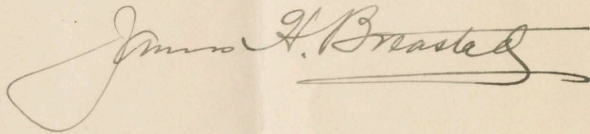
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In accordance with your earlier approval of the above plans all arrangements have been made to carry it through, and in accordance with your request this letter is handed you as a formal statement of the proposed program.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James A. Brasted", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

President Harry Pratt Judson  
The University of Chicago

P. S. I am not sure whether you desire me to send you any further memorandum as to the letter which you proposed writing to Secretary Hughes regarding any service I might render the State Department in Egypt, Palestine or Syria during my coming stay there. I am in close touch with Lord Allenby and the whole group of official Britons in the Near East. If I can be of any service it will of course be a great pleasure to do so.

J. H. B.



In accordance with your earlier approval of the above  
plans all arrangements have been made to carry out the same,  
in accordance with your request this letter is placed before you  
for your approval of the proposed program.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
J. Edgar Hoover

Respectfully,  
The University of Chicago

I am not sure whether you desire me to send you any  
further information as to the latter which you requested, but  
to comply with your request I am sending you a copy of the  
report which I have just received from the committee on the  
subject of the proposed program. I am in close touch with the  
group of officials in the Navy Department. It is one of my  
duties to keep it well informed of course to a great extent.

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover



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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

April 22, 1922

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ills.

Dear President Judson:-

Complying with your request I am handing you this memorandum with reference to the appointment of Dr. T. G. Allen to a teaching position in the Department of Oriental Languages, to carry on my language courses during my absence in the Orient.

Dr. Allen is financially provided for as Secretary of the Oriental Institute and of Haskell Museum. The appointment does not involve any provision of funds or additional salary.

During the first expedition of the Institute, Dr. Allen had charge of my language courses during my entire absence, and taught them with great success. His rank was that of an instructor. For the sake of these courses during my coming absence, and in justice to Dr. Allen, I would be glad if his appointment this time might give him the rank of Assistant Professor. You suggested that this might be done, by appointing him Assistant Professor in the Oriental Institute, which might relieve you of future responsibility in the case. I hope very much that you may be able to do this.

Dr. Allen graduated at Beloit with the highest honors, made his Doctor's degree here with great credit in March, 1915, and has served ever since, with unusual efficiency as Secretary of Haskell Oriental Museum and of the Oriental Institute since it was founded. As above stated, he has also carried my language courses with success, with the rank of instructor. His character, attainments and past record make him thoroughly well fitted to receive an assistant professorship if you deem it wise, and I would earnestly recommend that this be done.

Very truly yours,

James H. Breasted



The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

April 22, 1932

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear President Judson:-

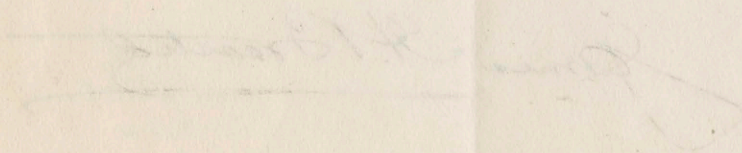
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Dr. Allen graduated at Berlin with the highest honors, and his doctor's degree here with great credit in 1907, 1910, and has served ever since with unusual efficiency as Secretary of the Oriental Museum and of the Oriental Institute since it was founded. As above stated, he has also carried my language courses with success, and the rank of Professor, his character, intellectual and moral, make him thoroughly well fitted to receive an Assistant Professorship in your case. I wish, and I would strongly recommend that this be done.

Very truly yours,





April 25, 1922.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

Yours of the 22nd instant with  
suggestion as to Dr. Allen is received.  
Due action will be taken at the next  
meeting of the Board.

Very truly yours,

Mr. James H. Breasted,  
The University of Chicago.

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April 25, 1922.

My dear Mr. Brewster:-

Yours of the 22nd instant with

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The action will be taken at the next

meeting of the Board.

Very truly yours,

Mr. James H. Brewster.  
The University of Chicago.

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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 31, 1922.

President Harry Pratt Judson  
The University of Chicago

Sir:

I take pleasure in handing you herewith in printed form an account of the work of the Oriental Institute from its beginning to the end of the current fiscal year. The report has been thrown into the form of a bulletin article issued as the first of a series of such bulletins, to be called Oriental Institute Communications, of which this report is Number 1.

In handing to you, and through you to the Board of Trustees, this account of the activities of the Oriental Institute, may I express to you and to them the deep appreciation felt by all the members of the Institute, and not least by the present writer, of the opportunities of research which the new organization is affording us. As the work progresses we hope to issue from time to time additional installments of the Oriental Institute Communications which will convey to you and to the Board of Trustees in somewhat more popular and less technical form the progress of the work in which we are engaged.

I might mention further that, parallel with these Communications, it is hoped that the Institute will be able to issue in a larger format a series of highly technical treatises containing professional statements of our results and presentations of our new documents in such form and manner as modern science requires. These more technical researches would be called Oriental Institute Publications. The first of these studies will be either a publication of our new "Royal Annals of Sennacherib" (Figure 50 in the accompanying report) or the extraordinary Pre-Byzantine paintings which we found in a vast Roman fort on the Upper Euphrates at Salihyah and which have already gone to Paris, where they are to be communicated to the French Academy by Franz Cumont. After publication in the new French oriental journal "SYRIA" the colored plates and explanatory text may be bound separately and re-issued as an installment of the Oriental Institute Publications. You will recall that these arrangements have been made in accordance with a conference which I had with you covering the whole subject.

Very truly yours,

*James H. Breasted*  
Director



The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

May 11, 1932

President Harry Pratt Jenson  
The University of Chicago

I have pleasure in sending you herewith a printed form for a report of the work of the Oriental Institute for the year ending at the end of the current fiscal year. The report may be filled out by the Institute or by the various departments of the Institute, as you may prefer. It is hoped that this report will be of some value to the Board of Trustees.

In sending to you, and through you to the Board of Trustees, this report of the activities of the Oriental Institute, I am sure that you will find it of great interest. It will show the progress of the work of the Institute, and the results of the various departments. It will also show the financial condition of the Institute, and the results of the various departments. It is hoped that this report will be of some value to the Board of Trustees.

I would like to mention further that, in view of the fact that the Institute has been for some time in a position to conduct a series of highly technical researches, it is hoped that the Board of Trustees will be able to provide the necessary funds for the continuation of this work. It is also hoped that the Board of Trustees will be able to provide the necessary funds for the continuation of this work. It is also hoped that the Board of Trustees will be able to provide the necessary funds for the continuation of this work.

Very truly yours,



June 5, 1922.

My dear Mr. Breasted:-

Your note of the 31st of May  
is very interesting, and I thank you for the  
report. I trust that the future work of the  
Institute will be as valuable as we all  
expect.

Very truly yours,

Mr. James H. Breasted,  
The University of Chicago.

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June 5, 1933.

My dear Mr. Brewster:-

Your note of the 21st of May  
is very interesting, and I thank you for the  
report. I trust that the future work of the  
Institute will be as valuable as we all  
expect.

Very truly yours,

Mr. James H. Brewster,  
The University of Chicago.

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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

EXCELSIOR HOTEL, NAPLES, May 18, 1923

President Ernest D. Burton,  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ills. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Burton:-

I am enclosing herewith the budget which I would propose for the programme of the Oriental Institute for the year 1923-1924.

The only changes of consequence as compared with last year are the following very much deserved salary increases:

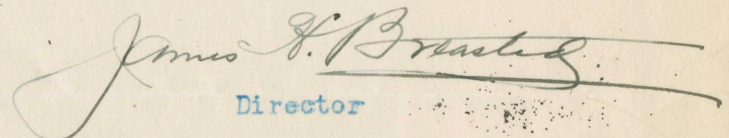
Secretary, Dr. T.G. Allen, increased	\$600.00
Archivist, Dr. Wm. F. Edgerton "	500.00
Registrar, Mrs. Edith W. Ware "	420.00

And also the publication programme of \$8,500.00. For this last enterprise I have been saving in every direction for some time past, and I have a balance from last year and the year before, which will amply cover it.

The proposed budget of the Institute therefore calls for expenditures for which the funds are fully provided. I regret very much not being able to present it in person, and I hope meantime that it may meet with your approval.

If any questions arise, I can be reached in London, care Thos. Cook & Son, Ludgate Circus, until July; but I hope very much to have returned to the University by the middle of July.

Very faithfully yours,

  
Director

P.S. Kindly let the auditor know of your approval of the budget, so that he may make the necessary changes in his pay roll, etc.







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BUDGET OF  
THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE  
For 1923-1924

STAFF and SALARIES

Director, James H. Breasted (besides professorial salary)	\$1500.00	
Secretary, T.G. Allen (besides salary as Secy of Haskell Oriental Museum, \$1800.00)	1800.00	
Archivist, Wm. F. Edgerton	1800.00	
Registrar, Mrs. Edith Williams Ware	1500.00	
Stenographer (not yet appointed)	1500.00	
Secy Assyrian Dictionary Staff, John A. Maynard	2100.00	
Manifolders " " " " (names to be handed to Auditor by Dr. Luckenbill)	1680.00	
Museum preparator, salary paid by outside subscr.	0000.00	11,880.00

GENERAL MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES 1,000.00

ASSYRIAN DICTIONARY

Salaries of staff as above	3780.00	
Filing Furniture	275.00	
Cards and Supplies	1445.00	
Total Dictionary Budget	5500.00	
Salaries charged above	3780.00	1,720.00

COFFIN TEXT PROJECT

Dr. Alan H. Gardiner's Expenses	1750.00	
Photographer at Cairo & Assistant for 6 mos.	1000.00	
Photographic supplies	500.00	
Stationery supplies	300.00	
Dr. Gardiner's Assistant	2000.00	
Director's Traveling Expenses	2500.00	8,050.00

SINAI EXPEDITION 1,500.00

MANUSCRIPTS OF THE ANIMAL FABLES (KALILA AND DIMNA)

Photographing and copying for Dr. Sprengling 500.00

PUBLICATIONS

The Pre-Byzantine Paintings of Salihhiyah Recovered by the University of Chicago Expedition on the Upper Euphrates (Oriental Institute Publications, Vol. I)	3000.00	
The Annals of Sennacherib and other Cuneiform Records (Or. Inst. Publ., Vol. II)	3000.00	
Ancient Records of Western Asia: Hittite Records	2500.00	8,500.00

CONTINGENT FUND

TOTAL \$ 33,500.00

BALANCE SHEET

Balance at end of Fiscal Year 1922-1923, in excess of	\$15,000.00	
Mr. John D. Rockefeller's subscription for 1923-1924	25,000.00	
Balance at end of Fiscal Year 1923-1924, in excess of		6,500.00
	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00



## Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures



# The University of Chicago

## Haskell Oriental Museum

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 30, 1923.

President E. D. Burton,  
University of Chicago.

Dear Mr. Burton:

In connection with the printed brochure describing the work and program of the Oriental Institute, (Oriental Institute Communications No.1), may I present below a brief statement of the work which the Institute has accomplished since the above publication was issued?

In general, the enterprises described in O.I.C.No.1 have gone steadily forward and have made continuous progress.

### The Assyrian-Babylonian Dictionary

In spite of the fact that one of the most important members of the Dictionary staff was called to a professorship in an eastern institution, the work on the Dictionary has not suffered. The alphabetically arranged materials now include about 300,000 cards. The enterprise is in charge of Professor D.D. Luckenbill.

### The Coffin-Texts

This enterprise, which has for its purpose the recovery of the ancestry of The Book of the Dead, has begun the study and the systematic recording of the enormous body of material in the National Museum at Cairo. Photographic records of almost the whole of this great nucleus of documents have been completed. The hand copies necessarily cannot advance as rapidly as the camera. Dr. Alan H. Gardiner, the leading English Egyptologist and the present writer, assisted by a staff which included one of our fellows, Dr. Ludlow S. Bull, and for a time also by an English artist, Mrs. N.De G. Davies, spent the major part of the winter in beginning the work of making these hand copies on the basis of a very systematically organized plan. In the photograph which I handed you, lying in the printed report, you will see this staff at work in the Cairo Museum.

The body of materials, both hand copies and photographic facsimilies, having been incorporated in the files of the Oriental Institute, will from now on furnish the resident staff with more work than they can possibly manage, and the work should proceed much more rapidly. The enterprise will, in the future, be largely in charge of Dr. Alan H. Gardiner.

### The Origins of Moral Wisdom In Animal Fables

The collection of manuscripts containing these tales commonly known as the Tales of Kalila wa Dimna, or the Fables of Bidpai, has proved possible by having the manuscripts photographed in extenso. The collection of these photographs has been increased considerably since the issuance of the printed report. They now number between four and five thousand photographs, comprising between eight and nine thousand pages of manuscript. The enterprise is in charge of Dr. Martin Sprengling.







### Expeditions of the Institute

The plan of the Institute that its representatives should often visit the field of work in the Ancient Orient has strikingly demonstrated its value during the past winter. It was vouchsafed the Oriental Institute to make the first study of the written documents in the tomb of Tutenkhamon and henceforth the Institute will enjoy intimate participation in the work of recording and publishing the materials revealed by this extraordinary discovery.

We were able also to examine the unusually important discoveries in Western Asia last Winter both in Palestine and on the Coast of Phoenicia where the ancient port of Byblos (the name of which is the the real origin of our word "Bible") has yielded Egyptian inscriptions almost 5000 years old, and has furnished surprising discoveries of the influence of Egypt in Western Asia at very remote dates. We were able to secure by purchase some of these Egyptian monuments from the soil of Asia.

Valuable data were also secured from various museum collections visited on the return journey from Egypt to America. It may perhaps be permissible to mention that while working in London, the Director was invited to deliver the Schweich Lectures before the British Academy next spring.

### The Edwin Smith Papyrus

This treatise on surgery and internal medicine, dating from the 17th century B.C., has proven to be the earliest known document in the history of Science. I spent several months in Europe collecting all the known cognate material in the ancient medical documents available in Europe and have now in hand all the necessary data for issuing full commentary and translation of the Edwin Smith Papyrus. This is to be done for the New York Historical Society, but consultation with the Society indicates the probability that they would consent to have this extraordinary document issued jointly so that it might be included in the Oriental Institute Publications. I hope to complete the volume next year, after my return from Egypt.

### Publications

The researches of the Oriental Institute include the publication of the most important documents which it collects. Among these the ancient wall paintings which the Expedition of the Institute discovered on the Euphrates in 1920 will form the first volume. It is entitled "Oriental Forerunners of Byzantine Painting," the title suggesting the fact that these paintings are the only surviving ancestry of Byzantine painting thus far discovered. The manuscript has been handed to the University of Chicago Press, and the volume which will be known in the Series as "Oriental Institute Publications, Volume I" should appear early in 1924.

It may be of interest in this connection to state that during my visit in France, the reproductions of these paintings, which I had with me, created the greatest interest among the leading French scholars. I received a request, therefore, from the French Academy, to read a communication on the subject, and on the 5th of July, 1922, that was done. Thereupon, the Academy asked that the reproductions of the paintings which I had used to illustrate the communication might be published in their official journal, called "SYRIA.





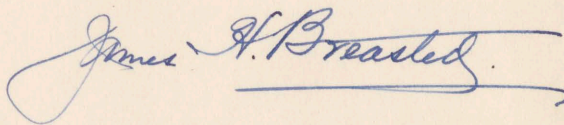


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The above brief summary may serve at least as an indication that the activities and projects of the Institute as outlined in its first printed report (O.I.C.No.1) have continued all along the line and have made very gratifying progress. All these enterprises of the Institute are steadily furnishing a growing body of organized materials on the basis of which it will be possible to write a history of the origins and early development of civilization such as has never been produced before. As soon as some of the more detailed enterprises now in hand are further advanced or completed, I hope to begin ~~the~~ preparation of this history.

Very truly yours,

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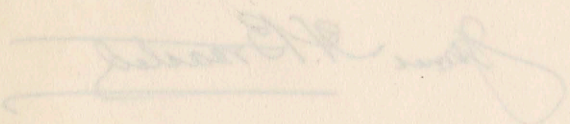


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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH Mr. M. A. Ryerson,  
October 30, 1923

1. Mr. Ryerson advises not to approach J.D.R., Jr. with reference to the budget of the Oriental Institute at present, but to leave the matter to come up in Egypt. Incase Mr. Rockefeller should not go, the matter can be brought up in December or January.

2. Mr. Ryerson favors the plan of building a new Oriental Museum east of Walker, and between Beecher and 58th Street.

3. He thinks Mr. Rockefeller would not at all object to this new building being called Haskell Oriental Museum, thus making it possible, with the consent of the Haskell heirs, to use the present Haskell Oriental Museum for some other purpose and to give it some other name.

4. He does not favor moving Haskell, but would use it temporarily for Library purposes and ultimately tear it down and replace it by a larger building.

(It may be added here that Mr. Hodgdon reports today an estimate that it would cost \$192,000 to replace Haskell, and \$200,000 to move it.)

5. Mr. Ryerson regards the plan of a ten story Central Library in the center of the quadrangle as out of the question, for architectural and other reasons. He would build the buildings east and west of Harper, and in time replace Haskell, and leave the rest to the future.



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October 30, 1883

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(It may be added here that Mr. Hodgdon reports today an estimate that it would cost \$102,000 to replace Haskell, and \$200,000 to move it.)

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In view of these facts and opinions, I think this is our programme:

1. Secure a gift from Mr. Rockefeller for a new Haskell Oriental Museum, and get the consent of the Haskell heirs to release the present building to be used for any purpose and under any name.
2. Secure the money to complete the Theology group
3. When the new Oriental Museum is built, convert Haskell to Library purposes - using it, for example, for Modern Languages, if Modern Languages is not built, or as an addition to the Modern Languages building if the latter is built.
4. Secure money for the buildings east and west of Haskell, either before or after - but probably after - the above.



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(It may be added here that Mr. Hodgden reports today an estimate that it would cost \$122,000 to replace Haskell, and \$200,000 to move it.)

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Sunday Evg Nov. 25. 1923  
Commodore Hotel

My dear Mr. Rockefeller,

On reflection I am convinced, as I think  
you were on Friday, that any further conference between  
representatives of G.B. & M.C. as to Mr. Arnett has been  
postponed till Mr. A. has himself had time to evaluate  
quiet thinking.

With this in mind I am planning to finish my  
errands in my immediate future for Ch. at 5. or 5.30 noon.  
unless some new occasion arises for remaining  
till Tuesday.

This letter calls for no answer, I am  
writing it only in case you chance to wish further  
contact with me before I leave.

I am to be with Mr. Keppeler C-7 at 10 +  
with G.S.V. at 11.30 morning.

Since I am writing I venture to enclose a  
copy of a letter which Mr. Brewster mailed to your  
office last night. I shall wish soon to make clear  
to you the spirit in which we came to you.

Very truly yours

E.B.B.

Sent to 10 W. 57 St. by messenger Monday morning







26 Broadway  
NEW YORK

November 26, 1923.

Dear Dr. Burton: Your letter of Sunday, sent in duplicate to my house and office, was duly received, also the letter from Dr. Breasted of the 24th, referring to our joint conference at my house the other afternoon.

My secretary has given me a memorandum, of which I am enclosing a copy, which sets forth the various obligations which I have entered into during the last five years with the University of Chicago in the interest of Dr. Breasted's work. You will note the paragraph at the bottom of the first page quoted from my letter of April 19th, 1921, to Dr. Judson, in which I said:

"I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Breasted, and ask that he see that there may be no misunderstanding between us. I should tell you quite frankly that it would not be in my mind to make a contribution for the support of the Institute after the expiration of the five year period."

(Signed) John D. Rockefeller Jr.

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I quite appreciate the fact that since my correspondence was entirely with Dr. Judson, neither of you gentlemen had any first hand knowledge of just what my relationship to the enterprise was, but had permitted your wish to become father to the thought, and had assumed that it was understood my relationship would be a continuing one.

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I say this, bearing in mind that you are now considering the matter on its merits as an entirely new proposition and recognizing that it is wholly for you to determine the direction of your generosity. But I may, perhaps, add that while research at the University in the Physical Sciences is well established and has yielded large results, it seems to me very important that the work in this field should be balanced by not less successful research in reference to the whole history of man and of human society. In this field of the Humanities several projects are now under way, but of them all the Oriental Institute is easily furthest along in organization, development, and work done. When I add that suspension of its work now would entail the loss not only of much that is in sight and within grasp, but, for the lack of completing elements, of much that is already done, you will understand my feeling about the necessity of going forward, and if possible, on a permanent basis.

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In the meantime we stand ready to furnish any further information you may desire, and if it will serve your purposes to come to New York for further consultation.

With sincere appreciation of your most generous and considerate attitude, I am

Very truly yours,

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
26 Broadway  
New York City

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Very truly yours,

Mr. John E. Rosenfeld, Jr.  
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