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THE MIDWAY STUDIOS
6016 ELLIS AVENUE
CHICAGO

1926-27

April 9, 1926.

Mr. Frederick K. Woodward,
President's Office,
University of Chicago,
Chicago.

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Dear Sir:-

I am on the Faculty list as a
"Professorial Lecturer on Art", and
generally give a course of six lectures
during the summer session at the
University. I write to say that I
shall not be available this summer
since I am leaving for a vacation in
Italy.

I shall be glad to do double
service another year or to fit in a
course at another time when desired.

Yours truly,

Corrado Vivanti

THE MIDWAY STUDIOS
609 ELLIS AVENUE
CHICAGO

April 9, 1936

Mr. Frederick W. Woodward,
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University of Chicago,
Chicago.

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Italy.

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service another year or so if in a
course at another time when desired.
Yours truly,

Frederick W. Woodward

April 13, 1926.

My dear Mr. Taft:

Receipt of your letter of April 9th informing us that you will be in Italy this Summer and will therefore be unable to give your course of six lectures during the Summer Quarter, is acknowledged.

We are sorry that our Summer Quarter students will be deprived of the pleasure and profit of hearing these lectures, but we hope that you will have a delightful vacation.

Thank you very much for giving us timely notice of your plans.

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Woodward (signed)

Vice-President.

Mr. Lorado Taft,
6016 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

FCW:8

April 18, 1936.

My dear Mr. Taft:

Receipt of your letter of April 9th informing us that you will be in Italy this summer and will therefore be unable to give your course of six lectures during the summer quarter, is acknowledged.

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Thank you very much for giving us timely notice of your plans.

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Woodward (signed)

Vice-President.

Mr. Lorado Taft,
6016 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

FCW:S

April 15, 1926.

My dear Mr. Taft:

I have already acknowledged receipt of your letter of April 9th. I now note that you say in your letter that you will be glad to do double service another year, or to fit in a course at another time, when desired. I wonder if it would be satisfactory to you, if we were to appoint you Professorial Lecturer for 1926-27, without salary? This would perhaps be a better arrangement from our point of view, than the doubling of service in the future, but I wish to consult your wishes in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Woodward (signed)

Vice-President.

Mr. Lorado Taft,
6016 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

FCW:S

April 18, 1936.

My dear Mr. Telf:

I have already acknowledged receipt of your letter of April 9th. I now note that you say in your letter that you will be glad to do double service another year, or to fit in a course at another time, when desired. I wonder if it would be satisfactory to you, if we were to appoint you Professorial Lecturer for 1936-37, without salary? This would perhaps be a better arrangement from our point of view, than the doubling of service in the future, but I wish to consult your wishes in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

F. C. Woodward (signed)

Vice-President.

Mr. Lorado Telf,
6016 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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THE MIDWAY STUDIOS
6016 ELLIS AVENUE
CHICAGO

April 16, 1926.

Mr. Frederic C. Woodward,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago.

Dear Mr. Woodward:-

Regarding my lectures, any
arrangement that you think desirable
will be satisfactory to me. I only
hope that they may remember to attach
me again a year later!

Faithfully yours,

Corrado Vivanti

THE MIDWAY STUDIOS
2012 ELLIS AVENUE
CHICAGO

April 16, 1926.

Mr. Frederic C. Woodward,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago.

Dear Mr. Woodward:-

Regarding my lectures, any
arrangement that you think desirable
will be satisfactory to me. I only
hope that they may remember to attach
me again a year later!

Faithfully yours,

Carroll left

April 21, 1926

TO THOSE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME

GREETING:

This will introduce to you Mr. Lorado Taft, Professorial
Lecturer on the History of Art in the University of Chicago.

Any courtesies that you may extend to him will be
appreciated.

President.

Secretary.

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April 21, 1928

TO THOSE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME

GENTLEMEN:

This will introduce to you Mr. Harold Laff, Professorial
Lecturer on the History of Art in the University of Chicago.
Any courtesies that you may extend to him will be
appreciated.

President.

Secretary.

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1840, 230 S. CLARK ST.
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

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May Seventh
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Mr. Frederic C. Woodward
5607 Kenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Woodward:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of May 6th concerning the taxes to be billed Mr. Lorado Taft.

Mr. Fairweather and I have discussed the matter since your letter was received and we have decided to recommend to the Committee on Finance and Investment that the University assume one-half of the difference between the amount paid by Mr. Taft last year and the present tax bill, amounting to \$419.92, and that Mr. Taft pay a similar amount plus the amount which he paid for the taxes last year, totalling \$688.72.

Yours very truly,

Lyndon H. Leitch
Real Estate Manager

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1840, 220 S. CLARK ST.
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 3425

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May 26
1926

Mr. Frederic C. Woodward
5607 Kenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Woodward:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter
of May 25th concerning the taxes to be billed for
the University of Chicago.

Mr. Fairweather and I have discussed the mat-
ter since your letter was received and we have de-
cided to recommend to the Committee on Finance and
Investment that the University assume one-half of
the difference between the amount paid by Mr. Fair-
weather and the present tax bill, amounting to
\$419.92, and that Mr. Fair pay a similar amount
plus the amount which he paid for the taxes last
year, totaling \$225.00.

Yours very truly,

Frederic C. Woodward

Real Estate Manager

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May 6, 1926

My dear Mr. Lesch:

The receipt of your letter of May 3, addressed to President Mason, is acknowledged. The letter was referred to the Committee on Expenditures which has decided that it would not be proper to charge any part of the tax bill on the lot occupied by Mr. Taft to the Art Department Equipment and Expense. It is true, however, that Mr. Taft's studios are of considerable educational value to the University and I am inclosing a letter from Professor Sargent showing the advantages which accrue to his Department because of the accessibility of the studios. It occurred to me that this letter might be of value to you in seeking a reduction of the tax.

While the Committee on Expenditures is unwilling to charge any amount to the Art Department Equipment and Expense, the President will cordially approve any plan for avoiding a hardship to Mr. Taft which the Business Manager finds feasible.

Yours sincerely,

Vice-President

Mr. Lyndon H. Lesch
Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager
Faculty Exchange

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The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

ROOM 1840, 230 S. CLARK ST.
TELEPHONE DEARBORN 9312

May Third
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President Max Mason
The University of Chicago

Dear President Mason:

The University leases to Mr. Lorado Taft, at a nominal rental, the south 100 feet of the four lots at the southwest corner of Ellis Avenue and Sixtieth Street on which stand an old brick barn and several one story brick studio buildings built by Mr. Taft all of which are used by Mr. Taft and his associates in connection with their art work.

At the time that Mr. Taft was allowed to make use of the property, an arrangement was made with him by President Judson and Mr. Heckman that he should pay a proportion of the general taxes assessed against the property which should be arrived at by assuming a full valuation of \$6,400 and an assessed valuation of \$3,200, to which should be applied each year the current tax rate for Hyde Park. Mr. Taft has been paying taxes since that time on this basis.

Among the properties exempted from general taxes for the year 1925, are the four lots at the southwest corner of Sixtieth Street and Ellis Avenue, except the south 100 feet occupied by Mr. Taft's studios. In 1925 Mr. Taft paid a proportion of the 1924 tax amounting to \$268.80. Were we to bill Mr. Taft on the previous basis for the proportionate share of the 1925 taxes he would be billed \$289.60. However, the south 100 feet and buildings occupied by Mr. Taft have been assessed, after the front part of the property has been exempted a full valuation of \$24,500 and a tax for the year 1925, \$1,108.64. By receiving exemption on the front portion of the property the University has saved on account of the 1925 taxes, \$1,905.76.

In view of the fact that to bill Mr. Taft the full amount of the 1925 taxes would work a serious hardship upon him and inasmuch as he and his associates contribute greatly, by their influence, skill and knowledge, to the educational work of the Art Department of the University, it has occurred to me that you may wish to recommend to the Committee on Expenditures that the practice of billing Mr. Taft on a basis of a full valuation of \$6,400 be continued, and that the University assume the balance of the tax bill charging the assumed balance to the Art Department equipment and expense.

It is believed that it will be possible to appear before the Board of Review this autumn and obtain a reduction in the amount of the assessment which in turn will reduce the amount of tax and tax balance to be assumed by the University, should you approve the above suggestion.

Yours very truly,

Lyndon H. Leach
Real Estate Manager

LHL:GEB

The University of Chicago

Office of the Vice-President and Business Manager

May Third
1936

Room 1240, 530 S. Clark St.
Telephone DEANSON 3412

President H. A. Johnson
The University of Chicago

Dear President Johnson:

The University leases to Mr. Harold Telf, at a nominal rental, the south 100 feet of the four lots at the southwest corner of Ellis Avenue and Sixteenth Street on which stand an old barn and several one-story brick studio buildings built by Mr. Telf and his associates in connection with their art work.

At the time that Mr. Telf was allowed to make use of the property, an arrangement was made with him by President Johnson and Mr. Heckman that he should pay a proportion of the general taxes assessed against the property which should be arrived at by assuming a full valuation of \$8,400 and an assessed valuation of \$3,200, to which should be applied each year the current tax rate for Hyde Park. Mr. Telf has been paying taxes since that time on this basis.

Among the properties exempted from general taxes for the year 1935, are the four lots at the southwest corner of Sixteenth Street and Ellis Avenue, except the south 100 feet occupied by Mr. Telf's studios. Mr. Telf paid a proportion of the 1934 tax amounting to \$288.50. We are to bill Mr. Telf on the previous basis for the proportionate share of the 1935 taxes he would be billed \$289.60. However, the south 100 feet and buildings occupied by Mr. Telf have been assessed, after the front part of the property has been exempted a full valuation of \$24,500 and a tax for the year 1935, \$1,108.64. By receiving exemption on the front portion of the property the University has saved on account of the 1935 taxes, \$1,308.76.

In view of the fact that to bill Mr. Telf the full amount of the 1935 taxes would work a serious hardship upon him and inasmuch as he and his associates contribute greatly, by their influence, skill and knowledge, to the educational work of the Art Department of the University, it has occurred to me that you may wish to recommend to the Committee on Expenditures that the practice of billing Mr. Telf on a basis of a full valuation of \$8,400 be continued, and that the University assume the balance of the tax bill charging the assumed balance to the Art Department equipment and expense.

It is believed that it will be possible to appear before the Board of Review this autumn and obtain a reduction in the amount of the assessment which in turn will reduce the amount of tax and tax balance to be assumed by the University, should you approve the above suggestion.

Yours very truly,

Harold Telf
Real Estate Manager

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Department of Art

C O P Y

May 5, 1926

My dear Mr. Woodward:

The Taft studios are of direct educational value to the University in the following ways:

Classes of University students visit them periodically to observe processes of sculpture. In addition this, there is on view material which Mr. Taft has designed for demonstration of history of art in schools. The large collection of examples of statuary, illustrating various periods, is of great value to our art work.

The studios also make it possible for some University students to continue their art education when otherwise it would be impossible to do so.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Walter Sargent

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Department of Art

G O P Y

May 5, 1926

My dear Mr. Woodward:

The Taft studios are of direct educational value to the University in the following ways:

Glasses of University students visit them periodically to observe processes of sculpture. In addition this, there is on view material which Mr. Taft has designed for demonstration of history of art in schools. The large collection of examples of statuary, illustrating various periods, is of great value to our art work.

The studios also make it possible for some University students to continue their art education when otherwise it would be impossible to do so.

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