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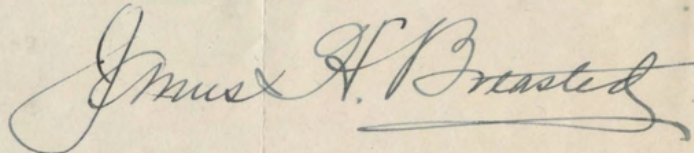
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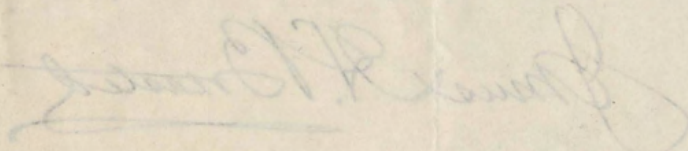
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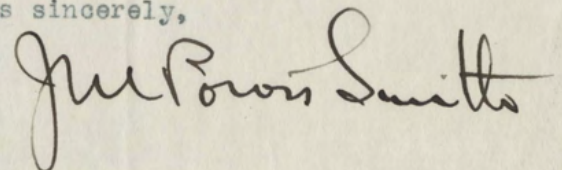
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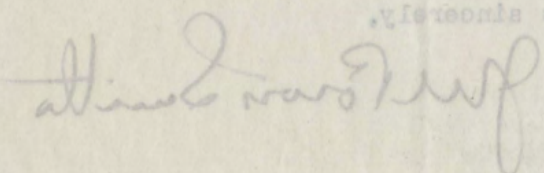
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Type page - 8 x 12 inches
Paper page - 10-3/4 x 15-3/4 inches
48 pages of text and 95 pages to consist of 25 halftones and 70 zinc etchings
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Trusting that this information will meet your present needs, I remain

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Four volumes of zinc plates with about 70 to 100 plates per volume, and about fifty pages of printed text per volume. Estimated by the Ppress at \$225.00 per volume, if matter first appears in journal, and is afterward bound up in volume form. Total.....#900.00

One volume of 70 to 100 half tone plates, with fifty pages of text#1500.00
Total \$2400.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSE FOR PUBLICATION OF BIRMYA (BABYLONIAN)
MONUMENTS IN FIVE VOLUMES

Four volumes of two plates with about 70 to 100 plates
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One volume of 70 to 100 half tone plates, with fifty pages
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Total \$850.00

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ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

Funds Pledged

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.	\$50,000.	
T. W. Robinson	500.	
Henry T. Noyes	100.	
University of Chicago - General Reserve	5,000.	
M. A. Ryerson	5,000.	
Anonymous	<u>25,000.</u>	<u>\$85,600.</u>

Letters of Credit Guaranteed

August 14, 1919 - J. H. Breasted	± 5,000.	
December 12, 1919 - J. H. Breasted	± 5,000.	
December 13, 1919 - D. D. Luckenbill	± <u>250.</u>	
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Figuring Exchange at \$4.00 - approximately \$41,000.

Funds Received

July 7, 1919 - Henry T. Noyes	\$ 100.	
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Jan. 3, 1920 - John D. Rockefeller, Jr.	5,000.	
Available from University	<u>5,000.</u>	<u>\$15,600.</u>

Expenditures

Salaries to December 31, 1919		
J. H. Breasted	\$ 750.	
T. G. Allen	300.	
Payments on Letter of Credit of J. H. Breasted	7,043.09	
Payments for Passage of J. H. Breasted and		
D. D. Luckenbill, Medicine, Equipment, Supplies, etc.	<u>1,929.76</u>	<u>10,022.85</u>
Cash Balance - January 7, 1920		\$ <u>5,577.15</u>

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Dr. Wallace Buttrick,
President General Education Board
61 Broadway, New York City

Dear Dr. Buttrick:-

When we parted in New York last September, you requested me to write you shortly before President Judson's expected return to America, reminding you of the subject of our last conversation. I am therefore enclosing with this letter a statement of a project which I hope may commend itself to your judgement.

As I realize that in these last few weeks since we last met in New York, the opportunity of the ages has come to us, -- such an opportunity as no other generation has ever had or ever will have, -- it thrills me beyond all expression. For the first time in history the birth-lands of religion and civilization lie open to unrestricted research and discovery. Palestine, Syria, Asia Minor, Assyria, and Babylonia have suddenly become ours.

But the thrill fades as under a cold douche, with the chilling realization of my own helplessness, tied down as I am to an annual programme of teaching and lecture circuits, and unable to command either the time or the funds to visit the Orient even for temporary study.

The encouragement you gave me in New York however, was like a life-buoy to a drowning man. It brought visibly nearer the hope that I may yet be able to carry out the plan with which I have so long been struggling single-handed, -- the plan of writing a great HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF CIVILIZATION, of which I have put together a brief sketch in my ANCIENT TIMES, the little ancient history which you and Mr. Gates and Dr. Flexner have been kind enough to read and to commend.

The sources for the recovery of the whole story lie thousands of miles away, scattered through the Near East and the museums of Europe. The footsteps marking man's progress as he rose through barbarism and oriental civilization to the civilization of Europe and America, are still traceable in the Near Orient. The whole Near East and the museums of Europe are filled with unpublished and unemployed documents and monuments of man's conquest of civilization. All these scattered fragments of man's story have never been brought together by anyone. Yet they must be brought together by some efficient organization and collected under one roof before the historian of today can piece to-

January 15, 1913

Dr. William Brewster
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brewster:

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The only historian who can cope with such a situation is a kind of historical free lance with time and funds to travel part of each year. A scholar so situated could visit at short intervals all the leading sources of material whether in the oriental field or in the great museums and thus gain access to materials which are perishing rapidly or vainly await publication by museum authorities. Every season new monuments are brought to light in the Near East, and perish without being recorded.

The systematic collection of sources in this way would soon result in a large file of photographs, note-books, fac-similes, surveys, and portfolios of drawings, a systematically built up body of historical archives. They would be housed in Haskell Oriental Museum of the University of Chicago, where they would form a real historical laboratory, which might be called the ORIENTAL INSTITUTE. Such a laboratory is as necessary to ^{the} study of man's career, as an astronomical observatory in the study of the career of the universe.

As the Oriental Institute would not undertake a programme of costly excavation, it would begin with a modest budget, which would be sufficient to maintain it until its collections of materials and its growing work required a larger income. If the General Education Board would furnish the University of Chicago with an endowment of \$250,000 (that is with an income of about \$19,000) to start the Oriental Institute, I am confident that I could raise elsewhere the future increase in the endowment, which ^{would} later be necessary.

After my return to Chicago I had a talk with Barton about the project, and he expressed the hope that the organization of such work for early history might lead to its continuation to include the later course of civilization down to the present day. He urged me to consider editing such a comprehensive work, as the combined product of a group of historians, for of course I could not undertake to write the

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I am presenting a more formal statement of the plan and work of the Oriental Institute on the accompanying sheets. If there are any particulars in which I have failed to make the plan clear, I will gladly come to New York to answer any questions, and I hope you will not hesitate to ask me to do so, rather than that any points of uncertainty should defer or unfavorably affect action on the matter.

I shall be obliged to go to Philadelphia later, as I happen to be president of the American Oriental Society this year, and must attend the annual meeting there in April. If your action should be delayed as long as that, I could run over to New York at that time. Whatever happens I shall never forget the kindness and encouragement I owe you since our last meeting in New York.

As I have not had the privilege of discussing these plans with President Judson, owing to his absence from America, I am taking the liberty of sending to him a copy of this letter, and also of the enclosed draft of the plan; for the entire project, from the point of view of the University, will of course require his approval and that of the trustees.

We were all very sorry indeed that your daughter's stay here was so unhappily shortened. We were just planning to make her acquaintance and to see something of her, when we learned of her illness. I trust that you made the journey without mishap and arrived safely at home with her, and that she has now entirely recovered.

Believe me with kindest regards,

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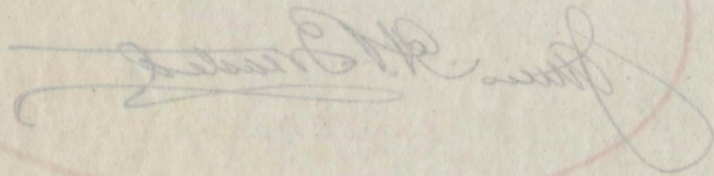
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will give you and that she has now entirely recovered.

Believe me with kindest regards,
Very faithfully yours,



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The University of Chicago

Baskell Oriental Museum

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Jan. 25, 1919

Dear President Judson:-

A very warm welcome on your arrival home, and heartiest congratulations on your safe return and on the success of your great mission! I feel guilty to burden you at once with official matters, when I know so much is awaiting your attention, but the matter I am bringing up has arisen quite unavoidably, and as I hope, fortunately for the University.

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In the course of the conversation Dr. Buttrick asked me why I should dream of turning aside from my proper field of work, and expressed the most cordial interest in it, as he had learned of it in my ancient history. I replied that being unable to command either the means or the free time to gain access to the unpublished monuments and documents surviving in the Near East and in the museums of Europe, ~~that~~ I could not accomplish anything.

Thereupon Dr. Buttrick expressed it as his opinion that the work I had in view was such as the General Education Board could properly support by furnishing the University of Chicago with the necessary endowment. He mentioned a similar case in the medical department of Johns Hopkins University, in which a specialist in facial surgery lacked the funds to carry on his work, and stated he ^(Dr. Buttrick) wished the G. E. B. to furnish endowment for this man's work. When I left, Dr. Buttrick asked me to write to him reminding him of the subject of our conversation, so that my letter would reach him just before your return to America, in order that he might take it up with you on your arrival in New York.

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The University of Chicago

Washburn Oriental Museum

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In view of the emancipation of the Near East from Turkish misrule and Russian intrusion (as in Persia), we are presented with an opportunity for equipping Haskell Museum (soon to be delivered from the theologues), and for recovering the lost chapters of human history, such as no museum and no body of historians has ever before possessed. If this work is ever to gain the substantial endowment which it must have, now is the psychological moment. While very reluctant to act without previous consultation with you, I discussed the matter with Mr. Ryerson and also with Mr. Angell, and then in accordance with Dr. Buttrick's request, I wrote to him, stating that I was also sending a copy of the letter to you. It is herewith enclosed together with an outline of the plan of work and organization, for which the endowment is asked.

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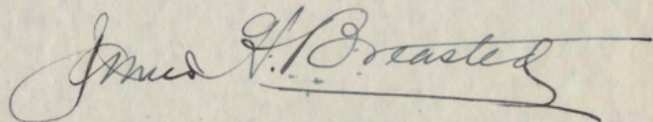
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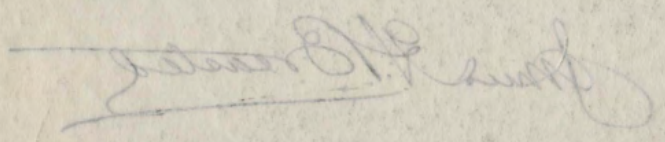
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President Harry Pratt Judson,
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Chicago, March 7, 1919

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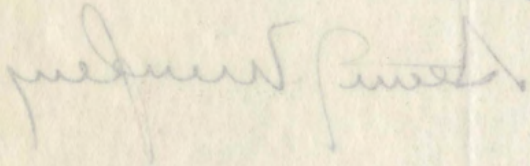
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Chicago, April 10, 1919

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Haskell Oriental Museum

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 17, 1919

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University of Chicago.

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In compliance with your request I would therefore recommend the following appointments:

- 1. A Director
- 2. As Secretary, Dr. T. G. Allen (at present Secretary of Haskell Museum), at a salary of \$600.00 in addition to his present salary of \$1,800 as Secretary of the Museum, giving him a total salary of \$2,400.

It should be noted that the readjustment of instruction in the Department of Oriental Languages, giving the Director freedom to work abroad a portion of each year, will require teaching in Egyptian by Dr. Allen. I would therefore recommend his appointment as Instructor without salary, it being understood that his class hours will be taken out of his secretarial office hours.

- 3. As Research Staff:

Price, J. M. P. Smith, Luckenbill, Sprengling, without remuneration.

In accordance with our conversation may I also recommend that the balance of the Oriental Exploration Fund (\$400.00), be placed at the disposition of the Oriental Institute, to be used in beginning the publication of the materials, documents and records already in possession of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

James A. Brewster

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The University of Chicago

Basell Oriental Museum

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The University of Chicago

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The Board of Trustees

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
ELLIS AVENUE AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET

August 25, 1919

President Harry Pratt Judson,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear President Judson:

Mr. Breasted announces that all code telegrams from him will be based on the Western Union Telegraphic Code, Universal Edition, compiled and published by the International Cable Directory Company.

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J. D. Keison
Secretary

The University of Chicago

The News of London

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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Imperial Hotel, Russell Sq., London,
Sept. 25, 1919

Dear President Judson:-

I am glad to report that the British authorities have been very cordial and that I have every reason to expect that we shall be able to carry out all the essentials in our projected plans. One reason for the open door is the fact ^{that} the interest of all Christendom in Palestine makes the archaeology of the Near East a very prominent subject and a valuable asset, even politically. But apart from this is the well known friendship of the British for us Yankees, and I find it everywhere.

The most important thing at present is to secure the cooperation of the military authorities in Western Asia. One of the British Museum officials has given me a letter to the British commander at Bagdad, and I utilized a week end with Lord Carnarvon at Highclere Castle to procure another from him. I have already heard from the commander at Bagdad, Major-Gen. Hambro, who happened to be in London, and he assures me all possible assistance. I have also a pleasant letter from Field Marshall Allenby, and I hope next week to meet him at a dinner given by Carnarvon.

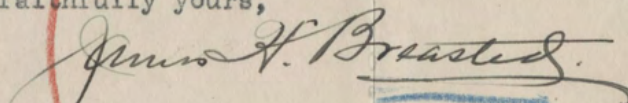
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The University of Chicago

The Oriental Institute

Imperial Hotel, Russell St., London, Sept. 25, 1919

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear President Johnson:

I am glad to report that the British authorities have been very cordial and that I have every reason to expect that we shall be able to carry out all our arrangements in our projected plans. The reason for the open door is the fact that the interest of all Christians in Palestine makes the sponsorship of the Near East a very prominent subject and a valuable asset, even politically. But apart from this is the well known friendship of the British for us Yankers, and I find it everywhere.

The most important thing at present is to secure the cooperation of the military authorities in Western Asia. One of the British Museum officials has given me a letter to the British command at Baghdad, and I talked a week and with Lord Curzon's aid Highways have to be opened. Another from him. I have already heard from the command at Baghdad, Mr. Jan-Ben-Hamro, who happened to be in London, and he assures me all possible assistance. I have also a pleasant letter from Field Marshal Allenby, and I hope next week to meet him at a dinner given by Curzon.

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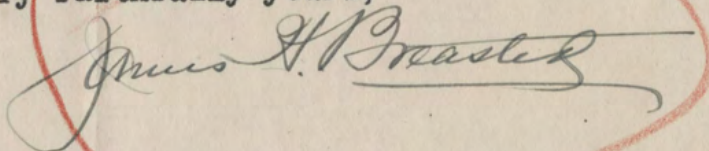
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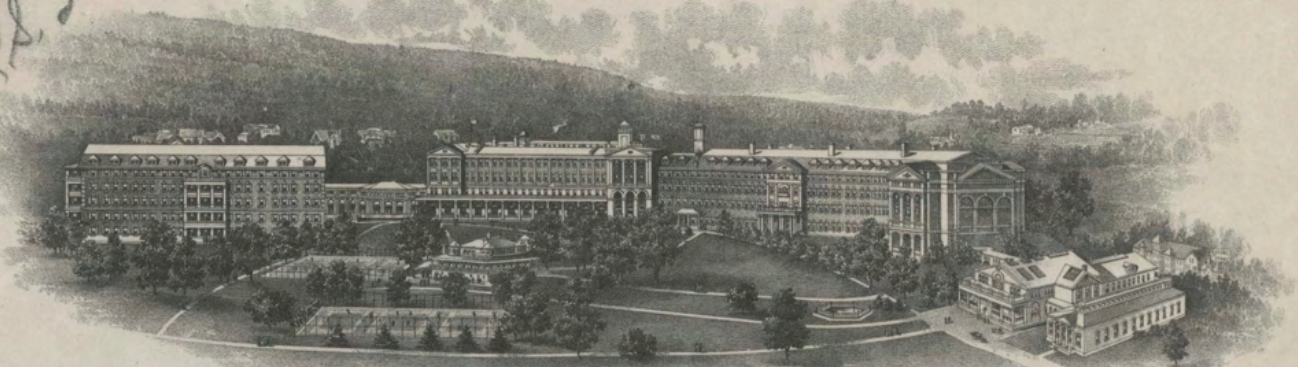
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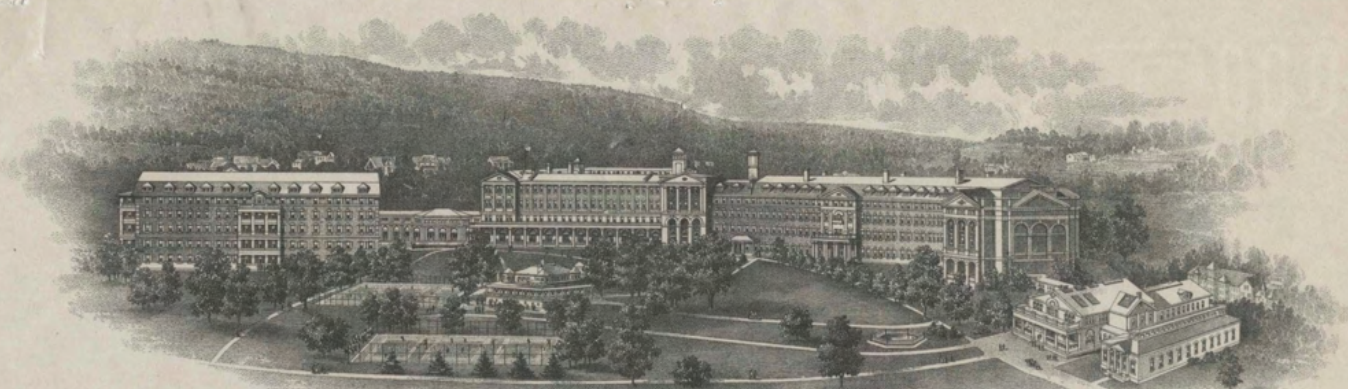
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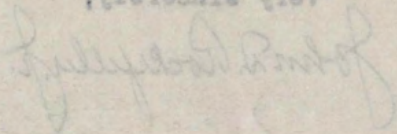
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Haskell Oriental Museum

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Saturday, March 29, 1919

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Dear President Judson:-

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The University of Chicago

Richard B. Sewall, Director

Department of Oriental Studies

Office of the Director

Chicago, Illinois, March 22, 1911

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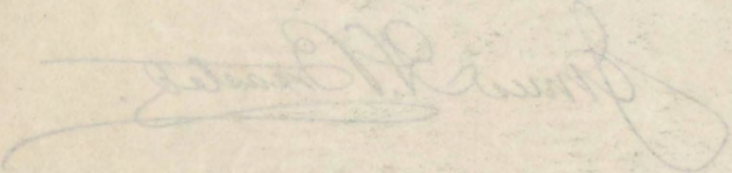
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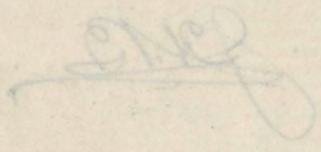
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University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, May 7, 1919

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My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 2d inst. I am gratified highly that you have undertaken this work, and I am sure that it will have results which will please us all. I note the statement in your confidential letter, which of course I shall keep. Meanwhile the other letter will be laid before the Board of Trustees at their meeting next week, and we shall proceed immediately to organize the Institute and set it in operation. I am very greatly interested in the possibilities of this undertaking, and confidently believe that as a result of the civilized control of the Near East large gains may come to archaeology.

Yours truly,
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H.P.J. - L.

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The University of Chicago

Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

June 21, 1919

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University.

Dear President Judson:

I understand that the budget of the Oriental Institute for 1919-20 as handed to you has been approved.

I understand also that you have approved the leave of absence of the members of the Department as follows:

Mr. Breasted for one year, from October 1, 1919,
to October 1, 1920.

Mr. Luckenbill for two quarters, from April 1, 1920,
to October 1, 1920.

With reference to Dr. Luckenbill's absence for two quarters, it should be noted that on April 1, 1920, he will have accumulated one quarter's vacation credit. As to the second quarter's absence, I would like to mention that during the S.A.T.C. work last Autumn Quarter, Dr. Luckenbill carried, besides his usual work in our Department, two majors of mathematics, one of these being only after the departure of Professor Tufts. For this extra work in mathematics, of which the Mathematics Department spoke in highest praise, would it not be possible to grant Dr. Luckenbill the second quarter's absence on the Institute campaign as additional vacation credit, as he did not receive and did not expect any

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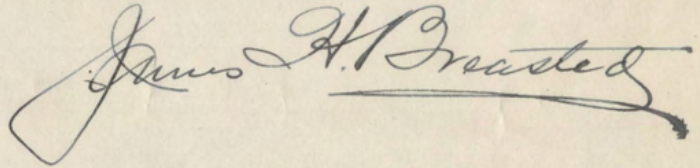
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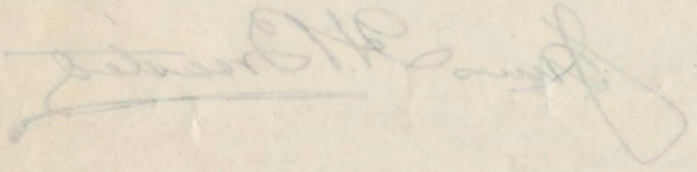
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1919 - 1920	<u>1919</u>		<u>1919</u>		<u>1920</u>		<u>1920</u>	
	<u>Hebrew</u> and <u>Old T.</u>)	Smith Willettt Gray (Oxford)	<u>Hebrew</u> and <u>Old T.</u>)	Price Willettt Smith	<u>Hebrew</u> and <u>Old T.</u>)	Price Willettt(out?) Smith	<u>Hebrew</u> and <u>Old T.</u>)	Price Willettt Smith
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	<u>Assyr.</u>	Luckenbill	<u>Assyr.</u>	Luckenbill	<u>Assyr.</u>	Luckenbill	<u>Assyr.</u>	-----
	<u>Egypt.</u>	-----	<u>Egypt.</u>	Allen	<u>Egypt.</u>	Allen	<u>Egypt.</u>	Allen
<u>Or.Hist.</u>	Luckenbill	<u>Or.Hist.</u>	Luckenbill	<u>Or.Hist.</u>	Luckenbill	<u>Or.Hist.</u>	-----	
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Arabic (Sprengling)	Sprengling	Arabic (Sprengling)	Arabic (Sprengling)
Assyrian	Luckenbill	Assyrian	Assyrian
-----	Allen	-----	-----
Hebrew (Allen)	Allen	Hebrew (Allen)	Hebrew (Allen)
-----	Luckenbill	-----	-----
Or. Hist. (Or. Hist.)	Or. Hist. (Or. Hist.)	Or. Hist. (Or. Hist.)	Or. Hist. (Or. Hist.)
1921	1921	1920	1920
Hebrew (Price and Old T. Willett)	Price (?) and Smith Willett	Hebrew (Price (?) and Old T. Willett)	Price Willett and Visitor Old T.
Arabic (Sprengling)	Sprengling	Arabic (Sprengling)	Arabic (Sprengling)
Assyrian (Luckenbill?)	Luckenbill	Assyrian (Luckenbill)	Assyrian (Visitor)
-----	Allen	-----	-----
Hebrew (Allen)	Allen	Hebrew (Allen)	Hebrew (Allen)
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Or. Hist. (Or. Hist. Luckenbill?)	Or. Hist. (Or. Hist. Luckenbill)	Or. Hist. (Or. Hist. Luckenbill)	Or. Hist. (Or. Hist. Luckenbill)
1922	1922	1921	1921
Hebrew (Smith and Old T. Willett)	Price Smith and Willett	Hebrew (Price and Old T. Willett)	Hebrew (Smith and Old T. Willett)
Arabic (Sprengling)	Sprengling	Arabic (Sprengling)	Arabic (Visitor)
Assyrian	Luckenbill	Assyrian (Luckenbill)	Assyrian (Luckenbill)
-----	Allen	-----	-----
Hebrew (Allen)	Allen	Hebrew (Allen)	Hebrew (Allen)
-----	Prepared	-----	-----
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H. P. Judson, 2-524

The Eyrie
Seal Harbor, Maine

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August 26, 1919.

Dear Dr. Judson:

Professor Breasted has written me of his plans in connection with the new Oriental Institute. He says that he has a fund of a little over \$16,000 to be used exclusively as a purchase fund in Egypt and Western Asia, apart from the budget of the Institute.

If the reports which you get in an official way from Professor Breasted during the winter indicate that he is making purchases that are exceedingly valuable and that more material of a highly important nature could be bought to advantage if this fund were somewhat larger, I shall be glad, upon hearing from you, to consider a contribution for this particular purpose. I think it better that Professor Breasted should not know of this suggestion to you and that the matter be left in your hands, to take up with me if you think it desirable. I am assuming that there are opportunities now for the purchase of material of great importance, which have not existed before and may not exist again. It is with this thought in mind that I am writing this letter.

Very cordially,

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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H. H. G. 2-5-24

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
FOUNDED BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Chicago, Sept. 1, 1914

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Thank you very much for your kind note of 26th August, relating to Mr. Brewster's possible purchases. I think it more than likely that rare opportunities will be found and that available funds may be used to advantage under circumstances which may not soon recur. The matter of an ~~possible~~ additional contribution for this purpose, which you generously suggest, I will keep confidential, and will inform you as circumstances may warrant.

With sincere regards,
Yours,

Harry Pratt Judson

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Chicago, Ill. 1892

Dear Mr. [Name]
I have the very great pleasure
in receiving your letter of the
10th inst. and in replying to you
in this manner. I am glad to
hear that you are interested
in the work of the University
and in the progress of the
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The President

Mr. [Name]
[Address]
Chicago, Ill.

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New York

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December 5, 1919.

Dear Dr. Judson:

In line with our talk several weeks ago about an additional sum of money available for expenditure by Dr. Breasted in the purchase of important historic pieces which he may come upon during his expedition to the Holy Land, I will provide an additional sum for this purpose up to Twenty-five thousand Dollars (\$25,000.), to be used by Dr. Breasted as you may think wise.

I think it would be better, for the present at least, that Dr. Breasted should not know where this fund comes from, but should simply be given to understand that friends of the University, interested in his expedition, have provided it. Payments on account of this pledge will be made from time to time, as you may request.

Very sincerely,

John A. Rockefeller, Jr.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
C h i c a g o, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, MO.
JAN 10, 1912

Dear Mr. ...

I have just received your letter of the 7th inst. and am glad to hear that you are interested in the study of the ... I will be glad to ... additional ... for ... I ...

Very respectfully,
[Signature]
[Title]
[Institution]