Mr. Newman Miller,
The Press.

My dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing you with reference to a scheme for the publication of five volumes. As you will remember, the University a few years ago conducted some excavations in Bismya in Babylonia, under the direction of Dr. Edgar J. Banks. For various reasons the results of that expedition have not yet been published. We have on hand in Haskell Museum a considerable number of tablets from Bismya. It seems well that we should take up the question of their publication as soon as possible. There being no funds in sight at present for the publication of this material independently, it occurred to me that we might handle most of it in the columns of A.J.S.L. We can put from thirty to forty pages in each issue of the Journal until the material is exhausted, and there could be run off a sufficient number of pages, the necessary changes having previously been made, which could be held until the volume was complete, and then bound up together. Dr. Luckenbill, in whose charge this material is, will have the responsibility of its preparation for publication. He tells me that it will require five volumes to include it all. Of these four would consist of Babylonian letters, contracts, and similar documents. Each of these volumes would contain about fifty pages of printed matter and from seventy to one hundred zinc plates containing the text of the tablets. Dr. Luckenbill thinks that he could get this material out at the rate of about one volume per year. The fifth volume would include archaeological material and inscriptions too large to be published in A.J.S.L. It likewise would call for about fifty pages and from seventy to one hundred plates, and could be ready approximately by the spring of 1917. The plates in this fifth volume would have to be half-tones. The money for the fifth volume is not yet in sight, of course.

As to the details regarding the first four parts, Dr. Luckenbill and I suggest the following: (1) That the size of the page of the volumes should be about 9 x 11 inches. The type page would of course be simply lifted from A.J.S.L., but the margins would be very wide; (2) That the plates themselves should be printed on only one side of the page, the other being left blank; (3) That the size of the issue need not be more than 250 copies, or possibly 300.

In the case of volume five, the issue should probably run to about 500 copies.

The matter has been informally laid before the president, and he has expressed his general approval of the scheme. He now desires to see estimates of the cost. To this end I have given you all these details. Will you therefore be good enough to send me at your convenience an estimate (1) of the cost of re-publishing the first four volumes after the appearance of the material in A.J.S.L., and (2) of the cost of publishing de novo the proposed volume five.

I realize that this enterprise will be a heavy burden on A.J.S.L., since the steady loading down of the Journal with material of this sort will not tend to increase the number of its readers. This is
particularly unfortunate since we have just started a program looking to
the increase of interest in the Journal on the part of the scientific
public. But we all feel so keenly the necessity of placing this Bismya
material before the world of scholars that we are willing to place this
burden on the Journal. I do wish, however, that in some way or other
a little extra money might be secured for the Journal while this enterprise
is in progress, in order that we might make the issues of the Journal
somewhat larger, and so make the percentage of text material smaller.

Yours sincerely,

J.M.P. Smith
pertinent to our immediate interest since we have not yet started a program looking to
the increase of interest in the country on the part of the scientific
public. But we have also keenly felt the necessity of bringing this whole
material before the world, and hope to do so in some way or other
proposed by the Committee. I am well aware that this is somewhat
a little extra work, but if we can make the country aware of this
something further, and so make the percentage of text material easier.

Yours sincerely,

L. A. Smith
Chicago, March 30, 1916

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University.

Dear President Judson:

In response to your request I am submitting herewith a statement of the expense for the proposed publication of the historical documents of the Egyptian Sudan collected by the University of Chicago Expedition.

It is difficult to estimate with exactness the expense in the publication of the projected volume because it will be necessary to use a draughtsman for many of the plates, and a computation of the amount of time he will need is unavoidably uncertain. A volume of one hundred plates, with fifty pages of introductory text will cost about $1,600; and the work of the draughtsman would be not less than $1,000, and might indeed eventually exceed this amount by a few hundred. This would place the total cost of the publication somewhere between $2,600 and $3,000.

I think this statement covers all the financial considerations involved in the enterprise.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Tabor:

On February 9th, 1916, I was notified by cable of the presence of a committee of the American Federation of Labor to wit:

Mr. J. P. Morgan of New York City.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller of New York City.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie of New York City.

Mr. George F. Biddle of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Louis B. Kahn of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Henry Ford of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. John Wanamaker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Simon Guggenhiem of New York City.

I am told that this committee has been formed to investigate the question of railway labor, and that it is to hold a meeting in Philadelphia on the 12th inst. to decide upon its course of action.

I am informed that the committee has been instructed by the American Federation of Labor to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the renewal of the strike.

I am also informed that the committee has been instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent the renewal of the strike.

I am therefore prepared to do all in my power to prevent the renewal of the strike.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten name]
My dear Dr. Breasted:

I wish now to report progress on the matter of publishing the Bismya material.

I enclose (1) copy of a letter of mine to Mr. Newman Miller of December 16th, in which I attempted to state the conditions of publication; and (2) a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Miller in reply to the foregoing.

I regret that the fifth volume, which is of course contemplated only as a possibility, but nevertheless a very desirable possibility, is so expensive a proposition. I think, however, that Dr. Luckenbill has kept the requirements down to the minimum. I sincerely hope that funds may be found somewhere for the publication of this volume, which in some senses would be the most valuable of the series.

Will you kindly take the matter up with the President, and secure his judgment.

Yours sincerely,

JMPW

Dr. James H. Breasted
University of Chicago
My dear Mr. President:

I wish now to report progress on

the matter of preparing the phonograph record

I enclose (1) a copy of a letter to

mine to the American Museum of Natural History, in which I

expressed the hope that the committee of publication and

(2) a copy of a letter just received from the Editor in

reply to the Florence.

I also hereby submit the list of names, which

I have compiled as candidates only as a proposition, for

presentation to the Executive Committee. I think, however, that

Dr. E. Komornini may be able to designate some in the profession of

mining who will make a good commission for the publications of the

Institute, which in some measure would give the work a higher

status.

Will you kindly take the matter up with

the President and convey the information?

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. James H. Breese

Instructor of Geology
January 7, 1916

Mr. J. M. Powis Smith,
The University of Chicago,

My dear Mr. Smith:

Re: Manufacturing Bismya Report

In compliance with your request we have canvassed this question and estimate that the cost of the first four volumes will be about $225.00 each for 300 copies - total $900.00, the general specifications given in your letter of December 16 prevailing. These figures contemplate that the Journal shall bear the cost of composition in connection with the text, that the only additional material shall be the necessary introductory pages, indices, etc. and that the type changes shall be confined to those which have to be made in order to supply running heads for the appearance of the material in book form.

With reference to the fifth volume, we estimate that the cost will be about $1500.00, provided the alterations in proofs are not excessive. This amount has been arrived at on the basis of specifications worked out in a recent conference with Mr. Luckenbill, as follows:

Type page - 8 x 12 inches
Paper page - 10-3/4 x 15-3/4 inches
46 pages of text and 95 pages to consist of 25 halftones and 70 zinc etchings
Number of copies - 500

Trusting that this information will meet your present needs, I remain

Yours very truly,

Newman Miller
January 7th, 1959

Mr. J. M. Power Smith
The University of Chicago

My dear Mr. Smith,

Re: Manufacturing Plans Report

In compliance with your request, we have calculated the figures and estimates that the cost of the first 200,000 copies for the November volume will be approximately $250,000. This figure also includes the necessary information, illustrations, and other material that the changes will entail. These changes will be handled as quickly as possible to make the October to supply meeting needs for the appearance of the issue.

With reference to the.tif figures of the estimate, the total cost will be spent $250,000, providing the changes will be handled as quickly as possible in the event of unforeseen circumstances in a recent correspondence on the subject of specifications and working out a recent correspondence.

With my compliments as follows:

Type pages - 6 x 12 inches
Paper pages - 10 x 15 inches
40 pages of text and 15 pages to come - 50 pages of fullness and 700 pages

Number of copies - 600

Thereafter, further information will be sent you later.

Yours very truly,

N. M. Miller
SUMMARY OF EXPENSE FOR PUBLICATION OF BISMYA (BABYLONIAN) MONUMENTS IN FIVE VOLUMES

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 Press 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
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 25,000. $85,600.

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 $250.

Figuring Exchange at $4.00 = approximately $41,000.

Funds Received

July 7, 1919 - Henry T. Noyes $100.
July 12, 1919 - John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 5,000.
Nov. 17, 1919 - T. W. Robinson 500.
Jan. 3, 1920 - John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 5,000.
Available from University 5,000. $15,600.

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. 1,922.76 10,022.85
Cash Balance - January 7, 1920 $5,577.15

Note 1. In addition to the expenditures of $10,022.85, there are unfilled requisitions amounting to approximately $440.

Note 2. In a letter dated November 4, 1919, Dr. Breasted requested the University to make remittance for materials purchased by him in Paris on receipt of the goods by the University amounting to the sum of $2,600 approximately.

Note 3. In addition to the funds provided for under the Oriental Institute the President authorized an appropriation of $1,000, for books for the Department of Oriental Languages and Literature, to be purchased by Dr. Breasted when abroad if possible.
January 13, 1919

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 RISE 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 Mr. 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-
Dear [Name],

I am writing to convey to you the important position that has been offered to me by [Company or Organization]. This position aligns with my professional goals and interests, and I am eager to contribute to the success of [Company or Organization].

I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to [specific responsibilities or challenges]. I believe my background in [relevant skills or experience] makes me well-suited for this role. I am confident in my ability to [accomplish goals or tasks], and I am excited about the prospect of [insert unique selling points or benefits of the role].

I am grateful for the opportunity to [reserve or option to other letters or emails]. I would like to schedule a call to discuss the details further. Please let me know a convenient time for you.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
gether and reveal to modern man the story of his own career. It would be a great achievement to the credit of America, if an American organization could be the first to do this and send out to the world this marvelous story of man which has been waiting all these ages to be told.

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 Jpselit 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 program 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 importance 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 $10,000) to start the Oriental Institute, I am confident that I could raise elsewhere the future increase in the endowment, which later be necessary.

After my return to Chicago I had a talk with Morton 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
Note: The text on this page is difficult to read. It seems to be a combination of handwritten notes and printed text. It is not possible to transcribe the content accurately.
later volumes myself. Burton dwelt upon the great need of such a presentation of the history of civilization, as a means of enlightening our people at this critical period when we have for the first time entered the arena of world history, though so little acquainted with its earlier chapters. The later volumes would not require any financial support, as the best publishers would be glad to issue what would for many years be the standard history of civilization.

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,

Very faithfully yours,

[Signature]
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.

I was asked by the National Security League last September to come to New York to meet a group of leading eastern educators and present my plans for a High School Patriotic Legion. After this conference the League requested me to consider the possibility of taking an office in their organization, and staying in New York until the work I had outlined was done. I remembered your advice, that I ought not to do it. I was pretty well satisfied that you were right; but the Security League urged me so hard, that I finally went up to see Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Flexner, to learn what they thought of it. They agreed with you absolutely.

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 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.

Dr. Buttrick suggested that I also have a talk with Mr. Gates, and before I left the office he called up Mr. Gates at Montclair on the long-distance phone. Mr. Gates invited me out for a visit that same afternoon, and I went right out. Mr. Gates too expressed the most cordial interest in my work, and you may recall the delightful letter he once wrote me regarding my ancient history. I had of course a very enjoyable visit with him and his interesting family, all of whom are very fond of you, as you
do not need to be told. It is likewise, I presume, superfluous to mention to you Mr. Gates's pet principle, that the G.P.R. shall not give endowments for specific purposes or involve itself in the management of specific enterprises. He laid this principle down to me with his accustomed warmth and energy. We all know, however, that this principle has not been consistently maintained by the Board and Dr. Buttrick facetiously warned me before I left for Montclair, that this principle would be set up and maintained with heavy artillery; and that it was a very good doctrine, to which however exceptions might sometimes be made. With an amused smile he remarked that to such exceptions Mr. Gates had more than once consented. He therefore advised patience until the heavy artillery had had its inning!

You will see that while I was in New York on another matter, and while calling on Dr. Buttrick to discuss a totally different question, I was suddenly called upon to meet a totally unexpected situation. I regretted very much that I could not have the benefit of consultation with you, and that the whole matter came up in this unexpected manner while you were absent from the country; but I was sure that you would not have wished me to let the opportunity go by.

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. Hyerson 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 here with enclosed together with an outline of the plan of work and organization, for which the endowment is asked.

I feel very confident that if, at this most favorable of all moments, you can give this project the weight of your great influence, and the support of your ripe and respected judgment, this endowment will be given us, and we can launch the greatest creative historical enterprise ever undertaken by an American University, or perhaps by any university, American or European. It will also solve at once the problem of support for Haskell museum, in which as you know, Mr. Hyerson takes a great interest, and in former years has promised support when the time came.

The only contribution by the university, involved in the project as I have outlined it, is some diminution in my residence period, due to my absence for a portion of each year in the Orient. Overagainst this is
It is necessary to note that if one does not prepare for the future, the past will not give solutions to present problems. To focus on the future, one must first lay the foundation of the principles of the present. The principles of the past are the basis of the principles of the future. If one fails to prepare for the future, one will fail to establish the foundation of the principles of the future.

It is important to recognize that the past is not the future. The past is a record of what has been done, while the future is a prospect of what can be done. If one fails to recognize the difference between the past and the future, one may fail to prepare for the future.

One must also recognize that the future is not the present. The future is a vision of what can be, while the present is a reality of what is. If one fails to recognize the difference between the present and the future, one may fail to prepare for the future.

It is not enough to prepare for the future, one must also prepare for the past. The past is a foundation for the future, while the future is a prospect of the past. If one fails to prepare for the past, one may fail to prepare for the future.

I am not suggesting that one should neglect the present. The present is a reality that must be faced. However, one must also recognize that the present is a record of the past and a prospect of the future. If one fails to recognize the present as a link between the past and the future, one may fail to prepare for the future.

In conclusion, one must prepare for the future, one must prepare for the past, and one must prepare for the present. Only by preparing for the future, the past, and the present, can one ensure a successful future.
the fact that the endowment would put the department in possession of additional income by which this gap in our schedule of courses could be filled. I trust therefore that no complications in this regard need be apprehended.

I leave the plan in your hands. I believe that it is not only fascinatingly attractive, as you, just returning from a journey in the Near East, are without doubt very conscious; but also sound and practicable, and so devised as to bring to the University of Chicago not only great collections to fill its Oriental Museum, but also great distinction as the centre and the agent in the creation of the historical archives, out of which the first comprehensive and complete history of the origins of civilization and the career of the first great civilized states. I am confident that such a plan, for which I have waited so many years, deserves and will receive your support; and at this juncture, I believe your support will be the deciding factor.

Very faithfully yours,

[Signature]
I have the plan in your hands. I believe that it is not only feasible but also important to address the concerns you've raised. The reservoir and surrounding areas need a comprehensive plan to ensure the security and sustainability of the region. We will work together to implement this plan, making sure that it meets the needs of all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
March 5, 1919.

Dear Dr. Judson:

Dr. Breasted has presented to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a plan for the organization of an Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. This is predicated upon the fact that the ancient lands of Western Asia have now, for the first time in history, been rendered safe and accessible to research and investigation. I presume you are familiar with his plan; if not, I have no doubt that he will be glad to furnish you with a copy of the memorandum. Mr. Rockefeller has asked me to investigate the matter.

The question would arise as to whether it might not properly be taken up by the General Education Board.

It seems to me of the utmost importance that these priceless records of antiquity should be preserved and made accessible to the scholars of the civilized nations. In fact I have wondered whether it would not be worth while to have this subject brought to the attention of the Peace Conference at Paris, so that in some way the opportunity of getting access to these records may be assured, no matter what the form of government of these countries may be.

Dr. Breasted asks for an endowment, but I am wondering whether it is desirable to begin with an endowment, or whether, if it shall seem wise to do anything about the matter, it could not be financed for the first few years by annual grants, until the proposition could be tested out and it could be determined whether a permanent endowment would be
New York

March 2, 1979

Dear Mr. Jansen,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your kind letter of June 1, and to inform you of the appointment of Mr. John G. Rockefeller III as Dean of the College.

I am sure you will agree with me that the appointment of a man of such wide experience and knowledge as Mr. Rockefeller will be of great benefit to the College. I have no doubt that his appointment will be widely welcomed by the students and faculty.

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desirable. We here would be greatly obliged if you could find time to write us your views on the whole subject.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.
We have missed the best opportunity if you could find time
guests.

...to write me your views on the more urgent

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President, University of Chicago

The University of Chicago

[Address]
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The plan, however, is a very sound one on the whole, and no one in the country is better qualified to carry it out than is Mr. C. E. B. Chicago, March 7, 1919.

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Yours of the 5th inst. is received.

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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 1969, and for the enclosed check. We appreciate your interest in our company. As we mentioned in our previous correspondence, we are currently in the process of expanding our operations and are seeking additional capital.

Your offer of $10,000 is very much appreciated. We understand the financial difficulties that many small companies face, and we are grateful for your support. We will use the funds to hire additional staff and purchase new equipment, which will enable us to increase our production and provide better services to our clients.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to facilitate this transaction. We are confident that with your backing, we will be able to achieve our goals and make your investment successful.

Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
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The University funds would hardly warrant at this time setting aside anything for this purpose, I regret to say. As you know, the University funds are designated pretty closely to specific purposes, and there are so many uncertainties in the financial situation that I think it advisable to trim pretty closely for the year to come.

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and the matter. I do not think that surprising can be
done by the Peace Conference. As a matter of fact, the Turkish Empire will no longer exist after the treaty of peace is signed. Those parts of its area which are comprised nearly, if not all, will be under the immediate direction of some of the civilized powers, and they will make it entirely possible to carry on investigations without difficulty. Now is the time, therefore, to move in the matter.

H. P. J.

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acceptance of some of the existing powers, and their will
continue to exist in a more or less independent manner. If their time
without this condition, how in the state of peace, we can agree to
more in the matter. It is for many reasons to accept

With best wishes,

Very truly,

[Signature]

H. B. B.
April 3, 1919.

Dear Dr. Judson:

Referring again to Dr. Breasted's plan for an Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, I should be interested to know whether, if the funds were provided for financing the project for say five years, as you suggested in your letter, the University would be willing to allow the work to be housed in the Haskell Oriental Museum, as Dr. Breasted suggests.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President Harry Pratt Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.
April 8, 1917

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Referring again to the proceedings of the school at Rochester, I am quite interested to know whether the funds were raised for financing the project for any fine work as you suggested in your letter to the University. You may do anything to allow the work to go forward to the highest extent.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President Erastus Root
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.
Chicago, April 10, 1919

Mr. Starr J. Murphy
26 Broadway, New York City

My dear Mr. Murphy:

Your favor of the 8th inst. is received. If the fund is provided for the Oriental Institute the University will gladly house the work in the Haskell Oriental Museum, and cooperate in any other way that may seem desirable. In this connection I may say that at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 8th inst. plans for the theology building were approved and the architect instructed to proceed at once with the working plans. At the earliest possible moment consistent with the cost of construction we shall proceed with that building. The completion of the theology building will at once free Haskell Oriental Museum entirely for oriental work, and by the time the Institute is ready to develop there will be ample room.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.
CONFERENCE APRIL 10, 1919

Mr. Stein & Company
560 Broadway
New York City

My dear Mr. Murphy:

Yours, etc.

[Signature]

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,
The University of Chicago
Haskell Oriental Museum

May 17, 1919

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago.

Dear President Judson:

In accordance with our conference of this morning, I understand that the official organization of the new Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago is to comprise a Director, Secretary, Research Staff, and Assistants; and that besides these the organization will also employ clerical help as it is found necessary, and such other assistance as the growing work may require.

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 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,

[Signature]

[Note: The signature is not clearly visible in the image provided.]
August 25, 1919

President Harry Pratt Judson,
Faculty Exchange.

Dear President Judson:

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

Very truly yours,

Secretary
Upon receipt of your letter

Mr. President

I am pleased to announce that all of the necessary preparations have been made for the opening of the International Exhibition, Union Telephones Co., to be held in Germany. I am pleased to announce that the International Exhibition will be held in Germany.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
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 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. Hembro, 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.

There is one other difficulty which I did not anticipate at all. It will be impossible to secure sufficient transport to carry our supplies from the Mediterranean to Mesopotamia and begin our expedition from the north and west. This means that we must go to Bombay as you did, or possibly utilize a transport directly around Arabia if there should happen to be one. They tell me we cannot do it, as things now are, in less than two months from Port Said.

Under these circumstances, I earnestly hope that you can help us to meet the new situation by allowing Dr. Luckenbill to teach only six weeks of the winter quarter, and thus get away in time to neutralize this unexpected delay in reaching the Euphrates; otherwise our time will be too brief to accomplish anything. There will be time so to adjust the work of the department, that he can finish the historical work I usually do in two quarters, in a quarter and a half.

In accordance with our last conversation I would also like to recommend the appointment of Prof. J. M. F. Smith to act as chairman of the department in my absence, or, such other arrangement be made as you approve.

I believe I have not told you that two of my graduate students on their own initiative, Bull and Edgerton, are soon to join the expedition. Of course they pay their own expenses, and I shall be able to carry on a good deal of graduate work with them, especially at Cairo, and elsewhere in Egypt. I hope that the university will be able to give them graduate credit.

Hoping very much that you can help us in the matter of Luckenbill's earlier departure, and with warm greetings to you and Mrs. Judson, I am

Very faithfully yours,

[Signature]

P.S. My address from now on will be care the American Consul, Cairo, Egypt.
October 3, 1919

The Autumn quarter has opened with unusually large registration in all schools and colleges. To date we have had all we could do to provide adequate instruction and class-room space.

I am enclosing herewith a letter I received the other day from one of our former local news of any interest. We saw her at the house students. I do not know whether he will come last evening, and shall hope to see her frequently across your lines or not, but I am sure you would be interested in his proposition.

I hope everything is going well with you.

Mrs. Breasted tells me something about your plans for going immediately to Jerusalem.

4 Farr's Bank,
4 Of course you understand that, as I told you London, England.
when you left, the University is back of you and you must see to it that nothing is lacking for the success of the expedition. Let me know at any time if you are short of funds.

By the way, if in the course of the work unusual opportunities occur for getting museum material, don't hesitate to do so, and if necessary, cable me for additional appropriations.
October 3, 1919

Dear Mr. Books:

I am attaching my review of your lecture to the

former. I am sure that you have a good
time at the lecture, and I am sure that your

speech on the topic is one of the most

enlightening and entertaining I have ever

attended. I hope that you will continue

writing on this subject and may I see your

next book.

I hope you enjoy your time with your

wife and your children.

With best wishes,

[Signature]
October 5, 1919

The Autumn Quarter has opened with unusually large registration in all schools and Colleges. To date we have had all we could do to provide adequate instruction and classroom space. Of course Mrs. Breasted has kept you posted on local news of any interest. We saw her at the house last evening, and shall hope to see her frequently while you are gone.

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Mr. James H. Breasted,
¾ Parr’s Bank,
4 Bartholomew Lane,

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The autumn character gone along with manliness

I hate asceticism in all colleges and colleges.

To hate me, why did we come go to mediate.
London. 6th October, 1919

President H.P. Judson,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear President Judson,

I wrote you a few days ago about the possibility of permitting Professor Luckenbill to leave Chicago for the Orient at the close of the first term of the Winter Quarter. Since then I have received a very kind letter from the Secretary to Lord Inchcape, Head of the P. and O. Line, assuring us of all possible help in securing passage from Egypt to Babylonia by water.

The situation, however, is worse than in war time, for the East Indian troops are now being returned to their home stations. There are besides eight thousand civilians on the waiting list applying for passages to India. In these circumstances we can only take what the Company offers and accept their dates without alteration. They think that early in February they would be able to give us a four berth state room and my difficulty is that Professor Luckenbill, if he meets the ship in Egypt on this date, would be obliged to leave Chicago by January 1st at the latest.

I am asking Professor J.M.P. Smith to confer with you as to the feasibility of his leaving, and I urgently hope that owing to the unsurmountable difficulties of getting him out if he cannot meet us at the time stated, an arrangement for the work of the department that would enable him to come out then, may be possible.

I have been held up in Great Britain by the railway strike and the limitations on the amount of baggage, besides other difficulties too numerous to mention, but I hope to leave here to-morrow for Paris and go thence to the steamship at Venice, sailing for Egypt on October 20th.

With kindest regards and much appreciation of your assistance in this difficulty,

I am, very faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Please address c/o H.E. The American Consul General, Cairo, Egypt.
I would now like to offer you the possibility of participating in the
International Seminar on Landscapes, which will be held in Paris from
March 1 to March 30. The seminar will conclude with a visit to various
sites of interest in the region of Paris, including the Château de
Versailles and the Louvre Museum.

I hope that you will be able to attend this important event and that
it will provide you with valuable insights into the rich cultural
heritage of France.

Please let me know your availability and any other questions or
concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Feb 16, 1919

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

My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Two years ago, after reading my Ancient Times with your children, I believe, Mrs. Rockefeller was kind enough to write me an appreciative letter, which I prize very highly. The career of early man, of which that book offers only a slight sketch, can now be written out in a much fuller form. The materials out of which we can recover and put together its lost chapters, lie scattered among the buried cities of the Near East. This whole region has just been delivered from Turkish misrule, and for the first time in history the birth-lands of religion and civilization lie open to unobstructed study and research. In the entire history of knowledge this is the greatest opportunity that has ever come for the study of man and his career.

In confronting such a situation as this, the individual historian, fettered by a program of university teaching, and without the funds or the time for work in the ancient world, is of course absolutely helpless. I am therefore taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a plan of work devised to meet this situation, and I should be very grateful for your judgment of it. If carried out, the plan would enable us to follow among early men just those processes in which you are so much interested at the present day. Let me explain.

You are today one of the great forces in making social, economic and industrial history. The very principles of justice and fair treatment which you are so admirably applying in your present day work, first grew up in the minds and hearts of men in that ancient world of the Near Orient around the eastern end of the Mediterranean. The noblest task in the study of man, is to recover the story of the human career, which culminated in the emergence of a religion of divine fatherhood and human brotherhood.

I earnestly hope that the enclosed plan may commend itself to your judgment as one worthy of the support of the General Education Board. I should be very grateful if you would give me your opinion of it, or give me the benefit of your suggestions regarding it. I know that you are burdened with many affairs, but I would deeply appreciate your cooperation.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) James H. Breasted.
The career I am considering as a future profession is that of a medical doctor. I have a strong interest in science and I believe that a career in medicine would allow me to combine my love of science with my desire to help others.

The course of study for becoming a doctor is quite extensive and includes both theoretical and practical components. I understand that medical school is a challenging experience and that it will require a significant commitment of time and effort. However, I am confident that I have the necessary dedication and determination to succeed.

I have already taken several courses in the sciences and have found them to be both challenging and rewarding. I am especially interested in the fields of biology and chemistry, and I am eager to continue my studies in these areas.

I believe that a career in medicine would provide me with a fulfilling and meaningful way to contribute to society. I am passionate about helping others and I am confident that I would be able to make a positive impact as a doctor.

I am excited about the prospect of pursuing a medical career and I am committed to doing whatever it takes to achieve my goals. I am willing to work hard and to make the sacrifices necessary to succeed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Date]
Dear Doctor Judson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to me from Professor Breasted, dated February 16th, and a copy of the memorandum which accompanied the letter; also a copy of a letter which I have just written Professor Breasted.

Mr. Murphy has written me of his correspondence with you on this subject, of your approval of the plan and of your suggestion that it would be better to finance the project for a trial period of five (5) years, at the end of which time the question of its endowment could be more wisely decided. I agree with you in this view, and in the belief that Professor Breasted's budget is too low. In other words, that he cannot secure the service and cover the expenses which the budget includes for the annual amount mentioned. I regard the project as one of great importance and one in which time may be a vital element.

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 contribute 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 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.

With this confidential understanding it would be possible for you to say to Professor Breasted in discussing the work and budget with him that the interest in the enterprise which I had expressed to you would make you feel free to ask me to add to the budget for which he has asked.
Dear Doctor Johnson:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to me from the

Dear President, Head Department, and a copy of the

Executive Secretary, American Medical Association,

which corresponds to the letter also a copy of a letter which I have

just written President Harvard.

My privilege to write you on this important subject of the future of the medical profession is such that I was bound to insist upon the

principle of the physician's right to a fair hearing or the right to

have his views and opinions carried to the government. I would

suggest that the American Medical Association should take up the

matter of the reduction of medical expenses, and press for

his views on the subject. In the meantime, I desire to

express my appreciation of the work you have done in this

matter.

While I am not able to make a personal appeal, I am

willing to give the matter my best consideration. I shall be glad to

consider your request to make a personal appeal. I shall be glad to

consider your request.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Hoping that the University may see fit to organize this work at as early a date as possible, and that the results which it may accomplish may be of genuine importance and value, I am,

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago, Illinois.
Letter to Provost J. L. Page 8

Hope that the University may see fit to organize this work as early as possible, and that the council may do so.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

President Chester Alan Newby
University of Chicago, Ill.
President Harry Pratt Judson,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear President Judson:-

In sending you this memorandum may I take occasion to thank you very much for your assurance in your letter from New York, that the oriental work will receive your support in making up the new budget. This support is deeply appreciated, and your assurance of it has already brought about important results.

In a conversation with Mr. Rosenwald last evening, he referred to the $10,000 annual budget some time ago suggested as sufficient for beginning the oriental work, and asked me if that amount would initiate the plan. I replied that it would.

He then said that if the University would take up the plan and appropriate what it could from the budget, his idea was that some from the outside would contribute the rest. He asked me if the University would do this.

Under the circumstances I took the liberty of quoting from your New York letter your assurance of support from the budget. In response Mr. Rosenwald made the following statement:

"If the University will do that, giving what it can from the budget, I will help. I am going away for several weeks, but if the University takes action during my absence, and will communicate it to me through my secretary, they will hear from me at once!"

I then asked: "Do you wish me to communicate your statement to President Judson?" He replied: "That is what I am saying it for".

As a direct result of your assurance of support, this conversation seemed to me of such importance, that a careful transcript of it should be reported to you at once. I therefore wrote it all down immediately after the conversation last night, and I send you the above copy for such action as you may determine.

May I mention that Mr. Rosenwald's reference to an annual budget of $10,000 was entirely voluntary on his part and on his initiative. Nor had I at any point in this conversation asked him for support or mentioned any sum of money. It would seem to be a just inference therefore that what he had in mind was to increase whatever the budget might be able to do by enough to make up an annual $10,000.
I might explain that Mr. Rosenwald has been interested since I spoke in Rabbi Hirsch's pulpit in Sinai Congregation one Sunday before your return to America. At a dinner at his house, when the subject of work in the Orient came up, I think he became much more interested.

May I add that the plan I have had in mind is simply a reduced form of a much larger enterprise, which I presented to you and of which you approved just before our entrance upon the war, as something for which the University might properly ask the support of the Rockefeller Foundation. As the war has doubtless made the larger plan less feasible, I have assumed that your approval of the larger plan applied also to the same enterprise in reduced form, and this may explain why I first ventured to mention it to Mr. Rosenwald long ago.

Very faithfully yours,

[Signature]

P.S. To make himself entirely clear Mr. Rosenwald has just explained over the telephone this morning, indicating more fully his meaning. He stated: "As you and I both know, the initiative in such a matter belongs with the President and with the University. Please explain to the President, that if he approves and desires to take up your plans, that I shall be interested to see how much it will cost, how much the University can contribute from the budget, and to see what I can do to help out".

[Signature]
I wish to explain that the Company has been interested since
it was incorporated, and have always been favorably impressed
by the work of the Chief Engineer and the reports of the
Chief Engineer's officers. I believe that the Company can
make a valuable contribution to the progress of the
industry, and I am satisfied that the Company is well
adjusted to the requirements of the industry.

I am glad to have the opportunity of presenting this
matter to you, and I hope that you will give it the
consideration it deserves.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S. To make this proposal effective, it is necessary
that the Company be fully
informed of the results of
the above-mentioned
investigation. The
Company must be
prepared to
make a
considerable
investment in
this project. The
Company must also
be prepared to
make a
good profit.

[Signature]
Attached to JDR, Jr. - HPJ, May 2, 1919, TLS, 2 pp. Cover letter lent to OI for Rockefeller-Breasted Exhibition, 12/74

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Attached to JDR, 7th - BMI, May 5, 1970, The

A brief, cover letter for OI for Rockette

Presentation Exhibition, 7/74

AMT
My dear Professor Breasted:

I owe you an apology for not having replied earlier to your letter of February 15th, enclosing a plan for the organization of an Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago. The pressure of many other things and absence from my office must be my excuse.

I am greatly interested in the project which you have in mind. Material of untold value is now available as it has never been before, changing conditions may lead to the destruction of some, if not much, of this material, therefore, I fully agree with you that the present opportunity should be availed of as fully as possible. In view of these facts and because I believe that none is better fitted to lead in this enterprise than yourself, I shall be happy to finance your project on the basis of the annual expense outlined for a period of five (5) years, through the University, in whose name and under whose direction it would I assume be your wish to have the enterprise carried out.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to President Judson on the subject.

Glad of the opportunity to become a partner with you and the University in this important undertaking and with every wish for its success, I am,

Very sincerely,

Professor James H Breasted,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.
May 1912

Pharmaceutics and Hygiene

I am very much interested in the work being done at the University of Chicago. I have been aware of the excellent work being done there and am anxious to have the opportunity to become a part of it. I am therefore attaching a letter of reference from Professor John M. Johnson, University of Chicago, which I hope will serve as an introduction to you.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]
May 2, 1919

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[Signature]

Professor James H. Breasted
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
May 2, 1918

My dear Professor Prestage:

I am now en route for the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, where I shall be present at the University of California, the President and many other officers and faculty members from the university. If you have any interest in the project which you have in mind, I am greatly interested in the progress which you have made in connection with the organization of the university, as I have been associated with it for many years. In view of these facts, I believe that the President and officers of the University of California, to whose name my name must be added, may be interested in the project. I am now en route for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, where I shall be present, and I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

Professor James H. Prestage
University of California
Gaines, Illinois
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With cordial regards, I am,

Chicago, May 7, 1919

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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.

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My dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 4th inst. I am extremely flattered by the expression of your confidence in my work. I have noted your suggestion and will make a note of it. I assure you that your confidence will receive the highest consideration at all times.

The attendance at your confidential letter will be left to the Board of Trustees at their meeting next week. I have already prepared a tentative outline of the subject matter and shall proceed immediately to complete the same. I am very much interested in the possibilities of the agreement and I am confident that as a result of the excellent position of the West Coast Camp a lucrative contract at the West Coast Camp can be secured.

Assurance I make you of the fact that I have no doubt of the success of the agreement.

With assurances of my very high regard,

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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
To the President of the University:

I am pleased to state that the Board of Trustees has expressed their appreciation of the work of the Department up to the date of the Budget for the year 1919.

With reference to the future, it is expected that the appropriations for the year 1920 will be sufficient to carry on the work of the Department in the manner in which it has been conducted for the past year. The Board has authorized the President to take such action as may be necessary to ensure the continued efficiency of the Department.

I am, therefore, recommending to the Board of Trustees that the appropriations for the year 1920 be increased to meet the requirements of the Department.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

President of the University.
compensation for the extra work in mathematics;—and he will of course be serving the Museum even while absent?

I enclose herewith a plan for the distribution of the staff of the Department of Oriental Languages for 1919 to 1922, arranged by subjects. It will be seen that with Dr. Luckenbill carrying Oriental History and Dr. Allen the earlier courses in Egyptian, I have suggested sufficient residence for myself to take care of the advanced Egyptian, and even some Oriental History. I hope this meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Enclosure.
I enclose herewith a copy for the distribution of the stuff.

I propose presenting a plan for the distribution of the stuff at the Department of Interior in accordance with the requirements as outlined in the blueprint. I have enclosed the department's letter on the subject to your attention. I hope this meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

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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.

John D. Rockefeller
Chicago, Sept. 1, 1914

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 26th, August, relating to Mr. Breasted's possible functions. I think it more than likely that none of these is quite so permanent and that available funds may be used to advantage under certain courses which may not be seriously. The more possible addition of Latin to the purpose, which I generally suggest, seems to me to be an admirable idea, and hence the turn for circumstances may warrant.

With sincere regards,

Yours,

Harry A. Jansen

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

26 Broadway

New York
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 D. Rockefeller Jr.

President Harry Pratt Judson,
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Chicago, Ill.