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St. Margaret's Road,
R. F. D. 3,
Annapolis, Maryland.
c/o Lieut. L. W. Bailey.

October 20, 1934.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Historical Building,
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have just returned from Washington where I discussed with Dumas Malone the possibility of a position with the Dictionary of American Biography and made inquiries concerning the selection of the staff for the National Archives. As there is no prospect of any immediate change in the personnel of his staff, and, as his project is nearing completion, Mr. Malone advised me to make every effort possible to secure an appointment to Mr. Connor's staff. He also stated that, in his opinion, my candidacy would receive far more consideration if you would write Mr. Connor directly about my qualifications, as he, himself, paid much more attention to applicants recommended by his colleagues; that, as Mr. Connor would doubtless be swamped with applications, he would probably chose his staff from candidates so recommended; and that he had just written the new Archivist offering him such aid.

As I am particularly eager to secure a position in the National Archives, I should deem it a great favor and appreciate it very much if you would be so kind as to recommend my appointment to Mr. Connor.

While in Washington, I also called upon Dr. Jameson, who said that he thought Mr. Connor would begin making appointments very soon, as there was much work to be done even before the new building is ready for occupation in April. Consequently, I should like to complete my application as soon as possible, so that, if Mr. Connor should be interested in my candidacy and cared to interview me, I might arrange to see him before returning to Providence, as I shall be at the above address for at least the next three weeks.

I hope that your summer has been very successful, and that you have completed your book and secured the funds necessary for the continuance of the Survey.

Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Buck and to your staff.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Hope F. Kane.

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October 24, 1934

Br. Hope F. Kane
St. Margaret's Road, R.F.D.
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Miss Kane:

So many of my friends and acquaintances are hoping for jobs in the National Archives that I have decided not to volunteer any recommendations to Mr. Connor. If he should ask me for suggestions I should, of course, be glad to include your name in the list. Moreover, I have no objection to your giving him my name as a reference in case you decide to make application direct, and then if he is interested he will inquire of me and I can tell him about your qualifications.

We succeeded in having the Survey financed for another year but what will happen after that no one knows.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Walter H. Durfee & Co.
270 Washington Street,
Providence, R. I.
C/o E. C. Durfee
March 8, 1935.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Historical Building,
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Sometime ago I called at Mr. Chatelain's office in the hope of finding employment with the National Park Service. As he was away at the time, I did no more about the matter until I received a letter from him telling me to apply for a position. As I was still at Annapolis, I went to Washington to see him. He seemed favorably impressed by my historical training, and, as the position he had in mind for me was on his research staff at the Library of Congress, he suggested that I stay in Washington and spend the next day with the various members of his research staff, who were instructed to discuss with me the projects they were investigating. After having spent nearly the whole day with them, I again talked with Mr. Chatelain, who advised me to file a formal application and to have letters of recommendation sent to him immediately.

As he knew I would be writing to you, he asked to be remembered to you and told me to write you something of the projects they are investigating, in order to give you some idea of the position and because he knew you would be interested in the work he is doing. As you doubtless already know, the National Park Service is concerned with memorializing famous historical sites by dedicating them National Parks. These sites include famous battlefields and forts such as Yorktown and Fort McHenry, early routes of travel and emigration such as the Natchez Trace and the Oregon Trail, birthplaces of famous statesmen such as Wakefield, and relics of early occupations such as the Spanish missions of the Southwest and Florida. The research staff is engaged in investigating the history of the several sites which Congressmen and local historical organizations request be accepted as National Parks. Many of these requests are refused after a cursory investigation. However, once a site has been accepted as a National Park, further intensive research is carried on to ascertain as nearly as possible the exact nature of the site at the time the event or events which are being commemorated took place so that the site may be properly marked or correctly restored.

A few references to projects now being investigated will serve to illustrate how valuable a background my experience with the Travel Bibliography has given me for the type of research that is being done by the historical division of the National Park Service. For example, Mr. Chatelain is very proud of the work that has been done in connection with the marking of the Natchez Trace. I was very much pleased not only because I had

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a certain degree of familiarity with the site involved, but because I was able to refer the girl who had been investigating the site to some new material in the nature of a recently published diary of a Mexican Revolutionary agent who traveled over the Trace in 1811 and left a description of it, my knowledge of which I owed entirely to my work on the Travel Bibliography. Similar investigations are planned in connection with the marking of the Oregon Trail and the early routes of emigration to California and the Far West. The Travel Bibliography of course is particularly rich in first hand accounts of these emigration routes. Then too, I found the account of the researches being made into the history of the Spanish missions of the Southwest all the more interesting because of my knowledge of the activities of the missionaries, Garcés, Palou, and Serra, gained from their diaries in the Travel Bibliography. In fact, the more I learned of the projects in view, the more I regretted that the Bibliography is not available for use.

Research is also being carried on in connection with the Military National Parks which the National Park Service inherited from the War Department. Data is being collected at the present time on the troop movements of the Union and Confederate armies in the Civil War battles areas of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania. I believe that I have already written more than enough to indicate the nature of the position, for I know that you are already well acquainted with Mr. Chatelain's work. I am sure I should enjoy the work, and shall appreciate it very much if you will kindly recommend me to him.

I am taking this opportunity to send you some information for the Travel Bibliography which I collected during the Fall, while I was checking in the John Carter Brown Library a Bibliography of books on Canadian history in the Toronto Public Library which is being compiled by Miss Marie Tremaine of that institution, and which is in the process of publication. If you do not already know of it, you will want to, for the Survey and well as for the Travel Bibliography, because so much of the material in it pertains to the area about Pittsburgh and the Middle West. I am enclosing the information on separate cards so that it can be filed with the Travel Bibliography, as both these items are in the large filing box awaiting completion.

If you are still interested in procuring a copy of the detailed itinerary of Crèvecoeur's trip from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh in 1767, which appears in the 1787 edition of his Lettres, I shall be glad to make a transcript of it for you from the John Carter Brown copy of that work.

Please remember me to Mrs. Buck and to the members of your staff. Some of them may be interested in the following information about appointments to positions in the National Archives which I obtained from Mr. Connor's secretary. I was informed that after letters of recommendation concerning the applicants have been collected, interviews are to be held in Washington from April until July, an initial interview being held with a Mr. Harris. Those candidates whom he does not eliminate will then be interviewed by Mr. Connor, himself, and a few appointments will be made in July. Other appointments are to be

Dr. Buck

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made as the Archives are acquired and a larger staff is needed to care for them. Only a small number of appointments are planned for the first year, none being made in connection with the work of publication. I am still interested in a position in the Archives, and as I gave your name as a reference, you will doubtless be asked to write Mr. Connor a letter about me, if you have not already been asked to do so. However, as the chance of an Archival appointment in the near future seems very slight at the present moment, I am particularly eager to secure this position with the National Park Service, and shall appreciate very much any assistance which you may be able to give me.

While I was in Washington, I had occasion to use the Union Catalogs and looked up Mr. Kletsch. He was extremely nice to me and also wanted to be remembered to you, when the opportunity offered.

Sincerely yours,

Hope Frances Kane

Hope Frances Kane.

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Kane

March 18, 1935

Dr. Hope F. Kane
c/o W. C. Durfee
270 Washington Street
Providence, R. I.

Dear Miss Kane:

I read with interest your letter of March 8 and I have written a letter about you to Mr. Chatelain as requested. I hope that you succeed in obtaining the position and I believe that you will find it interesting work.

The notes for the Travel Bibliography are much appreciated and will be filed away for reference so that they will be available when I get back to work on the Bibliography. I was glad to be informed about the bibliography of Canadian history being compiled by the Toronto Public Library, and we will endeavor to get a copy of it for our library. We should, of course, be glad to have the itinerary of Crèvecoeur's trip from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh in 1767, but I hesitate to ask you to make a transcript of it for us. Perhaps, if it is not too expensive, we could get photostats of the pages involved.

I was interested in your information concerning plans for appointments in the National Archives. It is unquestionably a big job to build up a staff and get the wheels running, and I think that Dr. Connor is wise in moving slowly.

Things are running on here about as usual. Mr. Holbrook is now the director of the Society and that gives me more time for writing.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Herbert

MCCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

February 15, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck
Department of History
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Solon:

You have undoubtedly heard of the recent death of Ulrich B. Phillips of Yale University on January 21, 1934.

In view of his contributions and services to American scholarship in the field of American History, and his character as a man, it seems fitting that some type of memorial, I have in mind a volume of original essays, be prepared and dedicated to him. Will you join with me as a Committee of Arrangement, composed of students and friends, in the preparation and publication of such a memorial.

Having had charge of the arrangements for a similar memorial to Dana C. Munro several years ago, I am familiar with the necessary procedure and would be willing to handle the correspondence from my office.

Kathleen Bruce, of Hollins College; E. Merton Coulter, of the University of Georgia; Avery O. Craven, of the Huntington Library; Fred Landon, of the University of Western Ontario; Charles W. Ramsdell, of the University of Texas; and Dwight L. Dumond, of the University of Michigan, have agreed to join me in carrying out such a project. In addition to yourself I am also asking Dumas Malone, Editor of the Dictionary of American Biography; Ralph Gabriel, of Yale University; and Arthur C. Cole, of Western Reserve University.

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Herbert

HAK/RO

McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

February 17, 1934.

Dear Solon:-

Your letter of February 11, 1934 has been read with much interest.

I do not have accurate data on the situation at the University of Chicago at the moment, but I am taking steps to find out and will let you know.

At Urbana I had a long talk with Craven. As you probably know, twice within the last three years he has been given leave of absence from the University of Chicago to assist in the research and writing projects at the Huntington Library. The first year he received the same salary as he did at the University of Chicago. During this current year he is receiving an additional sum. At the present time he is editing for publication one of Turner's manuscripts. I believe it is a History of the United States which was nearly complete. Craven told me that he had been offered a permanent position at Huntington with a promise of receiving \$2500 more in salary than he was getting at the University of Chicago. Nevertheless, he said he was anxious to get back to teaching and he thought he would return to Chicago next fall even though it meant less money. If Craven does return and you are interested in the Huntington position you might find what you want there. The position evidently pays well. Possibly a hook-up with the University of Southern

California might be arranged- giving part time to each. I do not know Max Farrand but you probably know some way of approach which could be satisfactorily worked out. I may be able to do something through Craven. However I will not say anything to Craven until I have your permission.

I expect to have some correspondence with Gabriel at Yale about the Phillips Memorial and perhaps indirectly I may be able to get a line on the situation there.

Miss Kellogg told me at Urbana that Schafer is not at all well- he has had two very serious operations. It is possible if this ill health continues, that there may be an opening at the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

For several years I have been hoping that something might open up at the Chicago Historical Society, and I had thought of you particularly in that connection. They have a fine new building, but the combination of politics and business management in control seems to have jelled for the moment so that the situation there is as unsatisfactory as ever. That position in the hands of the right man would offer unusual opportunities and a great deal could be done with it.

I am sorry to learn about conditions at Pittsburgh, but such things happen. As you know you can count on me to help and to use discretion.

Will write again as soon as I have further information about the set up at Chicago. Give my regards to Elizabeth and the children.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert.

McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

February 19, 1934

Dear Solon:

After I wrote to you on Saturday, W. T. Hutchinson happened to come to the Library and I took advantage of the opportunity to inquire about the situation at the University of Chicago. I told him that I heard a rumor that they were going to add some one in American History to the Department and asked him what he knew about it. Hutchinson said that if so, he had heard nothing of it. In any case he doubted if it were true. He said that Craven was expected to return next year and it was planned that gradually he should take over Dodd's work and succeed him when he retired. Dodd took only a leave of absence when he accepted the position of Ambassador. His understanding with Roosevelt was that if the expense proved too great, Dodd could retire any time after a year. In that case he would return to the University. Whether or not Dodd will actually come back before the end of Roosevelt's first term, Hutchinson did not know. There is no sign of it at present, but the possibility exists. Under these circumstances Hutchinson was of the opinion that it was not likely there would be a new appointment in American History for some time. Hutchinson's position in the Department is about half way up, and he may or may not know plans which Bernadotte Schmidt, the present Head of the Department, has in mind. In any case I am sending the information along for whatever it is worth. I may have occasion to see Schmidt myself soon, and if he will talk I may find out something more.

In view of what Hutchinson told me I said nothing about you as it did not seem advisable at the moment. I will keep in touch with what is going on, and if I hear anything of interest will let you know.

Also I have heard that Dumond has been asked to go to Yale. It is not expected, of course, that he can fill Phillips' place, but I understand that Yale has been hit pretty hard financially, and they are probably getting him for a reasonable amount.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert.

February 21, 1934

Mr. Herbert Kellar,
679 Rush Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Herbert:

I shall, of course, be very glad to join with you in a committee of arrangements for a memorial to Phillips. I doubt if it will be possible for me to prepare an original essay for such a volume but I may be able to assist in other ways. I would suggest that you consider the possibility of including edited documentary material in the volume, as was done in the case of the Bolton memorial.

I wonder what is to be done with Phillips' extensive personal collection of manuscripts and newspaper files.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

P
Heller

MCCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

March 7, 1934

Dear Solon:

Answering your letter of February 21, 1934, I have written to Craven as you suggested and will let you know his response.

It is just possible that I may have to go to Washington within the next few weeks, and if so I will try to stop in Pittsburgh either going or returning and will have a talk with you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Herbert A. Heller

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Mr. Herbert A. Kellar,

679 Rush Street,

Chicago, Illinois

HISTORICAL BUILDING
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 13, 1934

Dear Herbert:

I am glad to know that there is a prospect of your stopping over in Pittsburgh. We shall be very glad to see you. Let me know, if possible, when to expect you.

Sincerely,

SJB:AM

McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

March 14, 1934

Dear Solon:

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Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter which I wrote to Craven and his reply.

It would appear that up to the present he has not made up his mind as to whether he wishes to stay at Huntington or to return to Chicago. He probably will not do so until he sees which position seems to offer the best opportunity for him. I do not believe for a moment that if Craven decides to come back to Chicago, Farrand is going to cease research work. In other words I really think there is a position there if it can be approached in a proper way. Under the circumstances, I presume the only thing to do is to sit tight until Craven reaches a decision. It is evident he cannot fill both positions and when he does decide there would seem to be an opportunity open either at Chicago or at Huntington.

What is your reaction about this?

Regards to Elizabeth and the children.

Sincerely,

Herbert.

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McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

April 4, 1934

Kellar
Mr. Solon J. Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Solon:

Pressure of business at the Library in March caused me to temporarily divert activities from the proposed memorial volume in honor of Ulrich B. Phillips, but I now have my docket clear and am ready to go ahead.

The General Committee of Arrangement, all the members of whom have agreed to serve, consists of Kathleen Bruce of Hollins College, Avery O. Craven of the Huntington Library, E. Merton Coulter of the University of Georgia, Fred Landon of the University of Western Ontario, Charles W. Ramsdell of the University of Texas, Dwight L. Dumond of the University of Michigan, Solon J. Buck of the University of Pittsburgh, Dumas Malone of the Dictionary of American Biography, Arthur C. Cole of Western Reserve University, Ralph H. Gabriel of Yale University, and Herbert A. Kellar of the McCormick Historical Association.

Because of the desirability of concentrating activities of the Committee at one place, the need to have an executive head for the work, and the facilities which are available here, I will be glad, provided it is agreeable to the other members, to perform the function of Chairman.

Judging from experience in connection with the memorial volume dedicated to Dana C. Munro, I would suggest the following as a good general order of procedure for the Committee:

1. Assemble a list of Graduate Students and Friends, both professional and lay, who might be interested in the volume.
2. Prepare a circular letter to send to the individuals on the list and also a selected group of institutions, soliciting funds, in the form of advance subscriptions, to the volume.
3. Request the preparation of original essays and documents for the volume.

4. Make an arrangement with a Publisher. (In the case of the Munro volume this was done by guaranteeing a minimum of 200 advance subscriptions.)
5. Select an Editor.
6. Collect essays and documents and turn them over to the Editor.
7. Prepare an index when Editor has finished his work and the Publisher has set the manuscript in type.
8. Pay Publisher for subscribed volumes.
9. Distribute subscribed volumes.

The expenses of the Committee itself, chiefly covering the cost of printing circular letters, paper, postage, and mailing volumes to subscribers, were defrayed for the Munro volume by special donations made by members of the Committee and this plan could again be followed. Of course it is understood that membership on the Phillips Committee entails no obligation whatever in this respect; counsel and assistance from the individual members in connection with the preparation and publication of the volume constituting what is most needed and desired. However, I have no doubt that among the several members there will be sufficient voluntary contribution to cover the expenses of the Committee work. If not, then the money can probably be obtained elsewhere.

In the meantime, in order to save delay while awaiting your reaction to the above suggestions, I am writing to the Secretaries of the Departments of History at Wisconsin, Tulane, Michigan, Yale and other institutions in which Phillips taught, requesting the names and present addresses (where possible) of his graduate students, which lists can be supplemented later with the assistance of Mrs. Phillips, who is much interested in the project, and the individual members of the Committee.

In addition to comment on the above general plans, will you kindly send any suggestions which occur to you about a publisher. More later.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert A. Keller

Ulrich B. Phillips Memorial Committee

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 10, 1934

Mr. Herbert A. Kellar,
679 Rush Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Herbert:

From your letter of April 4th I judge that you know just what to do and how to do it with reference to the proposed memorial volume in honor of Ulrich B. Phillips. I fully approve of all that you have done and propose to do and I shall be glad to make a contribution toward the expenses of the committee. As I have no idea what those expenses will be, I should prefer to have you indicate what you consider would be a reasonable sum for me to contribute.

The only suggestion I have to offer is that, if possible, the material in the book be limited to a somewhat restricted field, such as: the South in American History; and that the book be given some such title. Such a volume would, I think, have a greater appeal to scholars and librarians than would a miscellaneous collection of essays on all sorts of subjects. I should think that the Yale University Press or Little, Brown & Company, who, I believe, published Phillips' last book, would be appropriate publishers.

I am still hoping to see you in Pittsburgh before long. I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the MVHA this year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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MCCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

April 12, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Solon:

Thanks for your letter of April 10.
Your approval is appreciated. Will let you know
later about the expense contribution. It won't
be large.

The suggestion about restricting the
content of the book to a limited field, such as
the South in American History, agrees with my
own ideas on this subject.

I believe that either Yale University
Press or Little Brown and Company would be good
publishers.

My trip East still hangs fire, but
will go through I imagine before very long now,
and when it does I will be seeing you.

I am sorry about the M.V.H.A. I wish
you were going.

Regards to the Buck family.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Kellar

HAK/RO

McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

April 20, 1934

Dear Solon:

I am glad to have the information about Leland and Farrand in connection with the position at the Huntington Library. If there is a position open, I think you will have the inside track by having the contact established in this way.

I agree with you that Craven's decision is important in this respect.

In view of your information about the situation at Yale, I believe my information about Dumond going there would seem to be premature. He might possibly be going there for a short time.

Will keep you advised of news of interest to you if it comes my way.

With kind regards to you and the family, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Herbert.

McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

July 23, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Solon:

I do not understand why R. D. W. Connor should be the choice of the Executive Officers of the American Historical Association. Connor is a good man of course, but if they are looking for somebody from North Carolina, in my opinion, Newsome is a better man than Connor. Further, neither of these men has the qualifications which you possess. I do not know, of course, but I have a suspicion that Dr. Jameson and some others are playing politics in this matter. Of course, under the circumstances I will carry out your suggestion and make no further efforts for you in this direction. Also, I will hold the information about Connor confidential.

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Gates* / I am wondering whether you are not taking the recommendation of the Executive Officers of the American Historical Association too seriously. As long as you take no active part in it yourself, I can see no particular harm in your friends urging your appointment. In this connection I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Charles M. Gates, who is taking Miss Grace Nute's place at the Minnesota Historical Society while she is in Europe. I believe a good deal could be done by your friends, if they were to write directly to the President or those close to him. For example, I know Donald Richberg personally, and also he is a Phi Gamm - and there are others.

Let me know your reaction. I will do nothing until I hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Herbert [G. Kellar]

HAK/RO

Chicago, Illinois
August 21, 1939.

Dear Solon,

After reading your letter of August 8
I realized better why you felt as you did about
the Archives situation and will be glad -
that is do nothing. I can't help hoping
however that through some kind Providence
the mantle falls on you anyway. You are
certainly head and shoulders above either
Lunnis or others mentioned for the position.
Have you heard anything further? Nothing
more has come this way.

How is your book coming. Are you
getting any time to work on it. I hope so.

Give my best regards to Eliza.
Beth and the children and tell the one with
whom we went to the fall game (forget his
name for the moment alas) that the next time
I come to see his Daddy and Mother
that another fall game is included.
Herbert.

P.S. Remember Mrs. Rogers!
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July 10, 1935

Dr. Herbert A. Kellar
679 Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Herbert:

The President has at last got around to sending the appointment to the Senate, and I suppose it will be confirmed in due time. I have no idea how long it will take or when I shall be moving to Washington. At any rate, the family will remain here until September first. The news of the appointment was in the papers here last night, so the lid is off.

Krey is teaching in the summer session here at present and is staying with us. We are enjoying his society very much.

I trust that your trip to Richmond was a successful one and that you acquitted yourself creditably as ambassador from the Dukes of Chicago. I hope that the next time you come east, we will be able to entertain you in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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McCORMICK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
679 RUSH STREET
CHICAGO

July 23, 1935

Mr. Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Solon:

These days I am practically commuting to Virginia. On my return from the last trip I found your letter of July 10. I trust the appointment will be duly confirmed, and that the position will be far more satisfactory than the last.

Give my best to Augie. He is always good company.

Lucile and I drove to Virginia, by way of Ohio and West Virginia, on the last trip, trying out our new Ford, and taking advantage of the Fourth of July holiday and week end. It was a fine trip with the weather delightfully cool. We wish we had some of it here now.

Regards to Elizabeth and the children,

Sincerely,

Herbert.

HAK:MS

8 1923-16th Street NW
Washington DC
July 29 1935

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Dear Mr. Buck,

This is a letter of mixed motives, as you will see. First, I was surprised and pleased to read in the paper a few days ago that you had been appointed Director of Publications of the Archives Department. I had had no previous knowledge that there was even a possibility of it. I had been told you and Mrs. Buck weren't too happy in Pittsburgh, so I was glad to know you were to have this fine opportunity to get away.

Now as to the baser motive. As you may, or may not, know I have been here in Washington since March, one of the thousands of "permanents-indefinite" Civil Service appointees. I was appointed as a file clerk in the Treasury Dept., Loans and Currency Div., Public Debt Account & Audit section. As long as the H O L C work continues, which is supposed to be for about a year, we are supposed to be all right, but of course we are all trying to find permanent places as soon as we have been here six months when our probationary period is up and we are eligible to transfer.

I have been thinking of writing to the Archivist to see if there were a chance for me there, but I lost his name and have been waiting to get it from the Shippees. - was going to mention Mr. Shippees' name and also that, for a very short time, I had worked at the Minnesota State Historical Society under you. I shall still write to him, but I wonder if you, too, will keep me in mind if there should be an opening that

you think I am qualified to fill. I have had considerable experience organizing files as well as filing, and I thought perhaps my history training might be of some value.

In any case I shall be glad to see you and Mrs. Buck when you come to Washington. Mrs. Shippe tells me the family will probably not come until September, but if you should come sooner and should have the time I'd be glad to have you get in touch with me. If I can be of any service in any way in helping locate living quarters, or in any other way, I should be only too glad to have you let me know. My knowledge of the city is rather sketchy as yet, as I haven't my car here and haven't been able to get around as much as I otherwise might.

According to present plans Elizabeth Shippe and her Aunt Bess will drive my car here the latter part of August, so the lack of it will be remedied soon. Elizabeth expects to visit in New England and a friend in New Jersey and then come to spend a few days here before we drive back to Minneapolis the first part of October. I'll not have many days leave coming by then, but my sister expects to be married Oct. 9 and I want to be there for the wedding.

I will surely be pleased to have another family in Washington whom I know, although I haven't been lonesome, particularly. I am looking forward to seeing you all here.

Sincerely

Phyllis Kraus

Mrs. Buck, the English teacher, should not read this too critically.

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

August 5, 1935

Miss Phyllis Kraus
1923 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Kraus:

I was surprised to learn from your letter of July 29 that you are in Washington. Mrs. Buck and I were there last Monday and Tuesday and succeeded in renting a house in Chevy Chase near Rock Creek. It is on Twenty-eighth Street, I believe, not far from the Military Road, but I do not remember the number. We are planning to move to Washington on September first.

All appointments in the National Archives are handled by a personnel department, and the members of the staff are not allowed to give out any information concerning prospective positions or appointments. I would suggest that you write to Dr. R. D. W. Connor, archivist of the United States, and ask for an application blank. One will be sent to you and when you fill it out you may, if you wish, give my name as a reference. Then if it develops that a position is to be filled for which you appear to be qualified, I will doubtless be asked for a statement concerning you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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May, 1935

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear Steve: - That was certainly good news and I hope everything goes through without a hitch. At any rate I shall wait until I hear publicly before sending official congratulations both to you - and to Connor.

According to present plans I shall be at Pittsburg alone. Anything you can do to help me find comfortable quarters will be appreciated. My wants are, as you know, simple - prefer a shower bath, would like to be able to play golf at least three times a week. Will be sorry not to see more of you and your family but hope to arrive before you leave.

Sester & Ted both seem elated at your prospects even though it involves pulling up your belt buckle a notch or two. Both seem to think it is the work you love best to do and with the Connors looking after the political fences you won't have to worry about that end of matters. And besides you will be at the very center of things. Elizabeth will enjoy that too.

Please give my regards to all your family as well as yourself - from all of us.

Sincerely
A. P. K.

May 28, 1935

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh (13), Pa.

Professor A. C. Krey
History Department
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear A. C.:

I have delayed writing to you in the hope that I could write something definite about the Washington proposition. The red tape seems to be interminable, however, and the appointment has not yet been confirmed. It has been endorsed by both the senators from Pennsylvania and was, I suppose, sent to the President by Connor over a week ago. Whether or not the President has acted and it is now in the Senate, I do not know. I do not anticipate any further difficulties but the delay is somewhat embarrassing.

When I first heard that you were coming here, I planned to offer you a room at our house, which is only a few blocks from the campus. Then when it appeared that we would probably be leaving July first, that was out of the question, of course, and I began making inquiries about other possibilities. It now develops, however, that our lease cannot be cancelled until September first and therefore the family will remain here until that date. That makes it possible for me to offer you the use of my personal quarters, which I believe you would find very convenient. I have a large study on the second floor, with lots of ventilation, with a bathroom opening off from it, which is equipped with a shower. There is also a balcony opening off from it where, as we have no mosquitoes, I frequently work in the evening. I use a bedroom opening off from the study and also from the hall, but it may be that we would need that if Mrs. Hawthorn is here during the summer. In that case we could set up a bed for you in the study, as there is plenty of room there and the room is provided with two closets.

I am somewhat puzzled to know what I ought to charge you for these accommodations, provided, of course, you want them. When I was making inquiries about accommodations elsewhere I was offered a furnished one-room apartment with kitchenette and bath in the Fairfax, a residential hotel not far from the University, at fifty dollars a month. That seemed to me very high. The lowest rates I learned of are at Webster Hall, a good hotel near-by where one can get a room at nine dollars a week. Doubtless you could get satisfactory accommodations in the suburbs for considerably less, but they would not be convenient unless you have your car with you. All in all, it seems to me that forty-five dollars would be a fair rate for the six weeks period. In case you bring your car, there would be room for it in my garage. Also, if you would like to have breakfast at the house, that could doubtless be arranged at a modest rate.

You will probably want to eat your lunches in the new Faculty Club rooms in the Cathedral of Learning, which are to be opened in a week or two. You will find there the most pleasant companionship in this community, in my opinion. If, however, you prefer the society of administrative officers to ordinary faculty members, John Oliver will doubtless be glad to arrange for you to eat lunch at the round table at the University Club. Dinner will not be served at the Faculty Club, but there are a number of good restaurants in the vicinity.

I have neglected to make inquiries concerning arrangements for playing golf, but I will do so in the near future and will write you again. I know a number of avid golf players in the faculty who are familiar with the advantages of all the clubs.

As the Summer Session does not begin until July second I may be gone before you arrive, but if so, I shall probably be ^{back} once or twice during the term. Elizabeth joins me in sending best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 31, 1935

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh (13), Pa.

Dear Steve:

That is better luck than I had hoped for. If I am not too much of a burden to the family, I should be most happy to accept the offer of a room at your home. If I am too much of a burden, I could be ejected.

I am sorry that the wheels of government grind so exceedingly slow, but I suppose that is to be expected. I do not anticipate any difficulties, and the Senate will probably have acted by the time you get this letter, even though the Supreme Court decision on the N.R.A. has caused a lot of scurrying around at Washington.

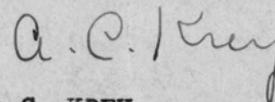
The problem of golf can doubtless be settled after I get there. I judge golf is not being played much by the faculty.

We have had a spell of beautiful weather, a little cooler than we have been accustomed to the past several years, but otherwise almost perfect.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you all about June 30th.

With best wishes and regards,

Sincerely yours,



A.C. KREY

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4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
June 5, 1935.

Professor A. C. Krey,
Department of History,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear A. C.:

If you are coming by train let us know, if possible, when to expect you and one or the other of us will meet you. In case of any slip-up, however, you can call the house from the station, Schenly 5071. In case you drive, inquire for the Schenley High School at the corner of Center and Bigelow Boulevard. Our house is across Bigelow from the High School in the angle between the two streets.

I think a good many members of the faculty play golf. At least I hear them talking about it a good deal, and in fact there was a faculty golf tournament just the other day. I have talked with some of them about your desire to play, and the consensus of opinion is that unless you have a car available you will find it difficult to get to any of the good courses. As you suggest, I think you had better postpone the solution of this problem until you get here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:H

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

June 24, 1935

Professor A. C. Krey
Department of History
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear A. C.:

Just a note to let you know that I shall probably be here for some time after July first. The nomination, with several others for the Archives, has been held up by the President for nearly a month -- nobody seems to know what -- but probably as a result of the pressure of business. We will have a room available for you, however, and you will still have access to the shower bath.

Let me know if possible just when to expect you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Ruck

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Mr. A. F. Kuhlman
University of Chicago Libraries
Chicago, Ill.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SURVEY
Pittsburgh (13), Pa. April 8, 1935

Dear Mr. Kuhlman:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your paper entitled "Are We Ready to Preserve Newspapers on Film? A Symposium." I have read it with great interest and am glad to have the information and suggestions that it contains. I trust that your guide to the collection of miscellaneous materials is making progress.

Sincerely yours,

Olson J. Buck

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December 24, 1934

Mr. Herbert P. Zimmerman, Vice President
The Lakeside Press
350 East Twenty-second Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the annual Christmas volume issued by the Lakeside Press: The Narrative of the Adventures of Zenas Leonard. This volume is of a special interest to me because of the author's connection with western Pennsylvania and of the fact that the original was published in Clearfield. I am very glad to have the opportunity of adding it to my collection of the Lakeside classics.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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March 8th. 1934

Dear Dr. Buck ,

At the suggestion of Mr. Herbert Kellar I am sending to you a short appreciation of the late Professor Phillips which I wrote for the London (Ont.) Free Press and which appeared in the issue of February 27th.

Sincerely yours ,

Fred Landon

Librarian.

March 16, 1934

Mr. Fred Landon, Librarian,
University of Western Ontario,
London, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mr. Landon:

I was, indeed, very glad to have the opportunity of reading your appreciation of Professor U. B. Phillips and of preserving it in my files. It seems to me that you have made a most excellent appraisal of the man and his contribution. My acquaintance with Phillips began when he was a young instructor and I a student at the University of Wisconsin and I kept in touch with him more or less from that time on. I have vivid recollections of a delightful evening at his house in Ann Arbor during a meeting of the AHA there and, also, of contacts with him at Jameson's Convivium Historicum in Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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February 18, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Society of
Western Pennsylvania
Bigelow Blvd. and Parkman Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

With the somewhat vain hope of obtaining a position for next year, I am planning to register with the Fisk Teachers' Agency in Chicago, with the Ohio-Midland Teachers' Agency in Columbus, and with the bureau at the University of Minnesota. May I present your name as a reference? I should like very much to remain in historical society work, but since such positions are rare, it seems best to attempt to secure a teaching position.

Best wishes to you and Mrs. Buck.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Larsen

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February 25, 1935

Mr. Arthur Larsen
Minnesota Historical Society
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Arthur:

I have no objection, of course, to your using my name as a reference, and I shall be glad to write concerning you if I receive any requests. I hope that your letter does not mean that any serious difficulty has developed at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Elizabeth joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Selma.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Ohio Midland Teachers Agency
Fred H. Hamm, Manager
330 Chamber of Commerce
Columbus, Ohio

(Reference for) Arthur J. Larsen, of St. Paul, Minn.

I have known Mr. Larsen as a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota and as the assistant in charge of the newspaper collection of the Minnesota Historical Society, of which I was the superintendent. I am uncertain whether or not he has had any experience in teaching. He has a very attractive personality, is intelligent, and I should expect him to be a successful teacher. I take pleasure in recommending him.

March 22, 1935

Director, Western Penna. Historical Survey

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FISK TEACHERS AGENCY

28 East Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Ill.

Mar. 28, 1935

Arthur Larsen

Gentlemen:

I have known Mr. Larsen for about seven years; first as a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota, and later as the assistant in charge of the newspaper collection of the Minnesota Historical Society, of which I was the superintendent. I am uncertain whether or not he has had any experience in teaching, but I should expect him to make a successful teacher. His scholarship is excellent, he has an attractive personality, and, would, I believe, be likely to take an active part in the life of any community in which he might be engaged as a teacher.

Solon J. Buck

Historical Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Director, Western Pennsylvania
Historical Survey, and professor of history,
University of Pittsburgh

April 1, 1935

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April 4, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Society of Western
Pennsylvania
Bigelow Boulevard and Parkman Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing a blank from the Bureau of Recommendations of the University of Minnesota. I should appreciate your filling it out and returning it to the bureau.

I have not yet thanked you for your letter of February 25. I am grateful for the privilege of using your name as a reference. I assure you that my registering with these agencies does not mean that any difficulty has arisen at the historical society. On the contrary, I think things have gone very smoothly the past few months, and I shall regret leaving here.

It is, however, inconceivable for me to remain here indefinitely in my present capacity. I feel that a teaching position would pay me a considerably greater salary, while giving me as much, or more, time to devote to my thesis. I should like nothing better than to remain in historical society work -- here or elsewhere. The number of such positions is very limited, however, and if the opportunity for obtaining an administrative or research position in some historical society ever does arise, I do not believe that the teaching experience would prove a hindrance. Taking all things into consideration, I feel that it would be well for me to gain the teaching experience.

Selma and I had anticipated seeing you at Cincinnati this spring, but I am afraid that we shall not be able to make the trip at that time.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Larsen

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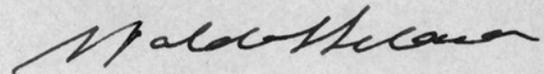
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PERSONAL

Dear Buck:

I have written a note to Farrand, intimating that you might be available for such a position as he seems to be trying to fill at the Huntington. Since he knows you so well, I have not thought it necessary to expatiate on your qualities. Besides, that would take a long time and fill much paper, as well as being superfluous.

Very sincerely yours,



Waldo G. Leland.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 22, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

I have received a somewhat strange request from the Buhl Foundation and, as that is the agency from which most of the funds that support our Survey come, I naturally want to comply to the best of my ability. I am asked for the names and information about from three to five men "generally conceded to rank highest in the field of history, whether living in this country or abroad; they should be men widely recognized both as teachers and as contributors to their field of knowledge; they should be men whose presence on programs attracts enthusiastic attendance on the part of their professional colleagues; and they must speak and write fluent English."

I can, of course, select the names of a number of historians residing in this country who possess these qualifications, although I should hesitate to say that those I selected are "generally conceded to rank highest." I do not know enough about the European historians, however, to pick any of them and, consequently, I am appealing to you for assistance. Would you be willing to give me the names of two or three historians residing in England or on the continent who would meet the above specifications and, if possible, suggest where I can conveniently get information about them? I am supposed to tell why they are of foremost rank and what they have done to earn the respect which they command.

I have no idea what is the purpose of this inquiry but I understand that similar data is being collected for all fields. If I knew the purpose, I could probably give the desired information more intelligently, but it would not be tactful for me to inquire.

If you can help me out in this matter, the favor will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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26th March 1934.

Dear Buck:

Below you will find a list of British and European scholars who I think answer the qualifications. The great difficulty has been to confine myself to those who speak and write fluent English, since that excludes a few of the very best. The greater number of European scholars, at least in history, read English without difficulty, and some of them can write it after a fashion and can understand it if it is spoken slowly and distinctly, but they have little facility in speaking it themselves and cannot by any stretch of the imagination be described as having a fluent use of it.

HALVDAN KOHT, Professor of History in the University of Oslo, recently Chairman of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, recognized as one of the leading Scandinavian historians. He has been in this country, and speaks and writes English with perfect ease, although his spoken English has a slight accent.

PAUL PELLIOT, Professor of Sinological Studies in the Collège de France. One of the leading authorities in the world on Chinese and Far Eastern history, although his interest in that field is very broad, including literature, archaeology, etc., and is not confined to history in any narrow sense. He speaks English perfectly, and has been in this country on several occasions.

H. T. COLENBRANDER, Professor in the University of Leyden. One of the leading Dutch historians. Speaks English very well.

OSCAR DE HALECKI, Professor in the University of Warsaw. One of the leading Polish historians, whose interest is in general history, method, philosophy of history, etc. He speaks English extraordinarily well, and was for a time secretary of the Committee on Intellectual Coöperation of the League of Nations.

RAFAEL ALTAMIRA, Professor in the University of Madrid. He is also a member of the International Court of Justice at The Hague. He has been a great deal in South America and also in North America. He is one of the most distinguished of European historians, but his health is not very good, and I doubt if he would be able to come to this country except under the most favorable circumstances.

GEORGE MACAULAY TREVELYAN, Professor in Trinity College, Cambridge. He is a delightful speaker, and his writings are known to almost everybody.

Very sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland
Waldo G. Leland,

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 28, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 26th. It gives me exactly the information that I needed to enable me to reply fully and intelligently to the inquiry from the Buhl Foundation.

This inquiry and your reply impress upon me the fact that my knowledge of European historians is much more limited than it should be. I suspect, however, that the same is true of most American professors of history and, especially, of those whose field is American history. Of the six whom you named, three were wholly unknown to me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Dear Buck:

Just a note to say that I ran into Max Farrand in New York on Tuesday, when we both breezed into the Century Club at the same time. We sat down and had a good chat together during the course of which I said that if, by any chance, he was looking for an additional member of his staff, it might interest him to know that you might conceivably be available.

I explained that the opportunities at Pittsburgh seemed to be rather more restricted than you had anticipated when you went there, and that I thought you might be induced to leave if a suitable occasion presented itself. He seemed really interested and took out his note-book and made a memorandum of the matter. I told him that he would find a letter from me when he got back to California, since I had written during his absence in England. He will be back at the Huntington in a few days, I think.

It is not surprising that you should not have a long list of European historians at your finger-tips. If I had not knocked about among them for many years I should know very few of them. As it is, all those whom I mentioned I know very well, and some of them are exceedingly good friends. That has not affected my judgment, I think.

My only regret is that some of the very best had to be left out because they cannot use English sufficiently. In that respect one might perhaps take a chance on Marcel Handelsman of the University of Warsaw. He can use English, but not fluently. Still, I think that if he had to he would work up quite a sufficient speaking knowledge. He is perhaps the ablest of the Polish historians, though Halecki (of the old aristocracy) is more polished and in some respects a more brilliant thinker.

One of the best of all would be Aage Friis of Copenhagen, but he simply cannot speak English, and at his age cannot learn. I might also have mentioned C. K. Webster of the London School of Economics, but he has been professor at Harvard on half time over a period of years, and is so well known here that he would be no novelty. A. F. Pollard, retired, honorary director of the Institute of Historical Research in London, is also a very good man, and makes a fine impression. Powicke, regius professor at Oxford, successor of Sir Charles Firth, is one of the best of the English professors and scholars in the field of medieval history, and is president of the Royal Historical Society, but he is a shrinking little man who can give an excellent talk or read a magnificent paper, but has no front.

Dr. Buck--2--March 30, 1934.

Now that you have started me going, I am apt to keep on. I am sorry not to be able to mention any Italian, largely on account of the language requirement, but also because the present regime does not encourage the best type of scholarship (for Heaven's sake don't quote me!). In Austria, the great man is Alfons Dopsch, but he has no English. Pribram is very well known here and speaks English well, but he has much less authority at home than abroad. The great Belgian is Pirenne, who can speak a certain kind of English, but certainly not a fluent kind. He has a wonderful personality. If he spoke in French no one would understand him who was not accustomed to his manner of speaking, which is terrifically rapid, with half the words swallowed.

Etc., etc.

As ever, yours,

Maxwell Anderson

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter of the first.

I hope that something may come of the California affair.
If I hear of anything else I shall be sure to let you know.

Articles of the sort you suggest would be excellent, and
once in a great while the Review has had something of the kind.
But they need to be written by some one who knows the subject-
matter better than I do. My acquaintance is more with the persons.
Also, as you have guessed, I could not find time even if I had the
necessary knowledge.

As ever, yours,



Waldo G. Leland.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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May 11, 15, 25

Iceland, Waldo G.

See AAA S.

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Dear Buck:

So far as the archive situation is concerned, I think that *it* is well in hand. The important thing is to get legislation passed in this session so that the practical problems connected with the installation of the archives in the new building may receive adequate consideration before the installation actually takes place. Dr. Jameson and Dr. Putnam, who are watching the legislative end of the matter very carefully, think that a satisfactory act will be passed this session.

I have carefully examined the bills in question. They all seem to me reasonably satisfactory, except that the bill introduced by Senator McKellar contains a provision which would seem to make the transfer of records mandatory upon requisition by the Archivist. It is important that this provision should be disposed of if any legislation at this session is to be possible. To retain it in a bill would certainly kill the bill in the House. Furthermore, it does not seem to me a proper sort of provision. The transfer of archives has got to be with the consent and good will of their present custodians. The proper sort of an Archivist would have no difficulty in securing all the records that he wants to take care of.

If you can get Monday evening for your session, I think you would do better than to hold it on Monday afternoon, unless you think that the impending festivities would keep people away. I am rather inclined to think that you would do just as well to organize a program composed chiefly of local talent. I should not cater too much to the engineers, for I doubt if they will contribute in any important way to the audience. Of course if you can get some important figure in the engineering world on the program, that would help, but I do not know of any engineers who have had much interest in the historical backgrounds of their art. The late General Parsons was a conspicuous exception. He did much valuable and original work on engineering in the Middle Ages.

If I were you, I think I should write very frankly to E. B. Wilson about the situation that is shaping itself up. He is the one member of the Council who is really anxious to have the historical sciences adequately represented in the program of the meetings, and if he thinks that you are getting a raw deal he will raise something of a rumpus in the Executive Committee. If in the end you are unable to secure satisfactory treatment, I think that there will be ample justification for proposing that the historical and philological sciences should withdraw altogether from the AAAS. I was on the point of urging

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this last winter after my experiences at Atlantic City and in Boston,
but was persuaded by Wilson to hold off.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Waldo G. Leland".

Waldo G. Leland.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Historical Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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May 29, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

I am glad to learn from your letter of May 28 that the archives situation appears to be well in hand. I quite agree with you that it is important that legislation should be passed at this session. I have heard a report to the effect that it is probable that none of the bills will get through and that the President will then set up a temporary organization. It seems to me that this would be unfortunate, as a temporary organization could not function as effectively as a permanent one. The only one of the bills that I have seen is the so-called "Bloom Bill." This seems to me to be reasonably satisfactory, but, from what Dr. Martin writes me, I gather that he is violently opposed to it and wants the archives administration to occupy an independent position comparable to that of the Library of Congress. It seems to me that the primary business of the archives department will be to serve the various branches of government in a record-keeping capacity and that the interests of scholarships, important though they are, ought to be secondary. I should think that a department would be more likely to co-operate with an archives division over which it had some modicum of supervision than with an entirely independent institution. I fully agree with you that the transfer of records should not be made mandatory, at least, at the outset. My experience in Minnesota showed me that it is an easy matter to get departments to surrender materials which they are not actually using. Since I am necessarily out of touch with what is actually going on in Washington, I have hesitated to express any opinions on the subject and I should not have interested myself in it at all had it not been for the request from Dr. Martin that I take the matter up with our Pennsylvania senators.

Thank you for your suggestions about the A.A.A.S. program. I shall write to Mr. Wilson in the near future. I am inclined to think that our meeting will be more successful on Monday than it would have been along with the crowded program of the previous week, and I shall go ahead with the arrangements. I believe that we can get up a creditable program and get together a good-sized audience, although I doubt if we will make any tremendous impression upon the Association. On the whole, I am inclined to doubt whether there is any real benefit in having a section of the Association devoted to the historical and philological sciences, particularly as the annual meeting of the American Historical Association regularly conflicts with the principal meeting of the A.A.A.S.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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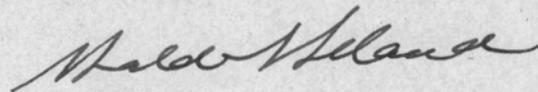
Dear Buck:

As you probably have noticed, the Library Committee of the Senate has reported an archives bill, which is printed in parallel columns with the House bill in an issue of the Record of last week.

The Senate bill, although it omits the unsatisfactory provision which Dr. Martin has been advocating, giving the archives administration actual authority to require the deposit of archives, contains some other features which are less satisfactory, and provides, for example, that appointments with a salary of \$5000 or more shall be made with the consent of the Senate, which makes most of the positions immediately subordinate to the archivist political jobs. This would greatly increase the difficulties of the archivist's position. Furthermore, the salary of the archivist is reduced from \$10,000 to \$8000, which seems to me inadequate in view of the responsibility of the position and the great amount of work that will be involved.

The two bills will probably now be considered in conference, and some compromise will doubtless emerge, but I do not know what will result.

Very sincerely yours,



Waldo G. Leland.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
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4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 12, 1934

Dr. Waldo G. Leland,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

Thank you very much for the information in your letter of June 11 about the archives situation. I quite agree with you that it would be unfortunate to have all appointments with a salary of \$5000 or more subject to the consent of the Senate. It would be better, it seems to me, to have them made subject to Civil Service rules, if it is not possible to give the archivist a free hand.

You may have heard that Pittsburgh's omnibus dean, L. P. Sieg, who has been dean of the college and the graduate school and acting dean of the college of education, has resigned to become president of the University of Washington at Seattle. The Chancellor has astonished everybody by sending letters to all members of the college faculty asking for suggestions for the dean of the college; and as a consequence there is a great buzzing hereabouts. Most of the conversation seems to take it for granted that a local man will be selected but I should think that it would be advisable to bring in some one from outside. If you happen to know of a person who is both a scholar and an executive, liberal but discreet, who would make a good dean for the University and would consider such a position, I should be glad to pass the suggestion on to the Chancellor. I imagine that the salary will be a good one. Whether or not the other deanships will continue to be combined with that of the college, I do not know.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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26 June 1934

[Written in rough draft at
Newton Lower Falls, Mass.,
June 24th; typed at Washing-
ton, June 26, 1934.

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter of June 12,
forwarded to me in Massachusetts.

Thank you also for the compliment of asking
for suggestions as to the vacant deanship, or should
I say deanery, at Pittsburgh. I fear that I have no
useful suggestions to make. I have formed a very high
opinion of Donald Young who is Secretary for Fellow-
ships and Grants of the SSRC. He has a broad outlook,
administrative ability, and is able to administer his
present job without making enemies, and that is no
small matter. He comes from Philadelphia and would
not think of Pittsburgh as being too far away.

Another possibility might be Robert Lester,
assistant to Dr. Keppel of the Carnegie Corporation.
He might not be available, but I have come to have a
very high opinion of him. His own field is English
but in these Foundation Jobs one's own boundaries are
quickly obliterated.

Very sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland
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8th August 1934

[Written in rough draft in Massachu-
setts; typed in Washington]

Dear Buck:

I did not mean to let your letter of July 17 go so long without reply, but I have had personal complications in the form of illness in the family, and my correspondence has suffered severely.

I can understand your concern over the situation in the matter of the appointment of a Dean of the Arts College; it is shared by many others, I judge. As for the Archives job, it seemed important to agree on someone who might be regarded as politically available, as well as having the necessary qualifications. Connor seemed to combine availability and qualification. Of course it is still most uncertain that he can be put over - there are several very active candidates, some of whom have excellent qualifications, and some of whom have none.

Your attitude in the matter is high-minded and thoroughly unselfish, and you may be sure that those who are trying to steer the situation - among whom I am not - warmly appreciate it. If an attractive place could be found for you in the Archives administration, I should be delighted, and you may be sure that I should not hesitate to press the matter strongly if the opportunity to do so should present itself. If Connor is appointed, I am sure that there will be an opportunity.

As for the sessions of the AAAS, you have my sincere and personal sympathy. I know something of the difficulties that you are encountering. I had hoped to see E. B. Wilson here in Cambridge, but he does not seem to be here now, or if he is I have not encountered him.

What Ward meant about a lecture on Monday evening probably was a lecture arranged for by Section L. It would have to be a pretty big attraction - hardly less than Tugwell himself. Wallace was at the Boston meeting. It is not impossible that you might persuade Tugwell. I don't know him, but many of our mutual friends do - Evarts Greene, for example. Breasted would be an attraction if he would come, and perhaps James Harvey Robinson would. You really are in a position to offer a very interesting opportunity to a full-sized person. I think of John Dewey, who was at Boston but who gave no general address. He is apt to be disappointing, however, as I speaker, I should imagine. Dodds of Princeton might be considered, or Tyler Dennett, who is a little in the public eye just now. I judge that he could give an excellent address on Pacific foreign policy. The greatest service that Section L can

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render is to make the other sections a little historically minded. I don't suppose that Dodd, assuming that he comes from Berlin, as I think he will, could be counted on - but as I ramble along in this way, thinking out loud, I wonder if he would not make a hit and draw a big audience. You could ask him for some of his philosophy of history, which he has been expounding to the Germans.

But I realize that - first, these suggestions are made at random; second, you may not care for them; and third, the whole affair may be settled by now.

Most sincerely yours,

Waldo G. Leland

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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January 16, 1935

Dr. Waldo G. Leland
American Council of Learned Societies
907 Fifteenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:

As you were responsible for making me chairman of Section L of the A.A.A.S., you may be interested in a report of the meeting. A copy of the program is enclosed herewith. The forenoon program was arranged by Mayer without consulting me. Karpinski did not appear, but the other two read their papers, which impressed me as excellent, to an audience of seven or eight people. For the afternoon program, however, which I had arranged, we had an audience of about eighty. This was accomplished, however, by advertising it to the members of the Historical Society as a joint meeting of the Society with the two sections of the A.A.A.S. The papers on the whole were very good, although the one on the electrical industry was rather too technical for the audience.

I am very much inclined to question the value of Section L, although I suppose that, when the History of Science Society meets with the Association and when the sessions are held during the first week, a larger attendance of A.A.A.S. members may be obtained. Even so, however, the co-operation of local historical agencies should be obtained.

I hope that you will find time to read the "Selections from the Journal of Lucien C. Boynton" in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society for October, 1933, which I suppose you will receive in the near future. The material is not especially significant but it is distinctly entertaining. The original journal, which runs to about five hundred pages has been in my possession for some twenty-five years. I have often thought of preparing it for publication in book form but have never had time to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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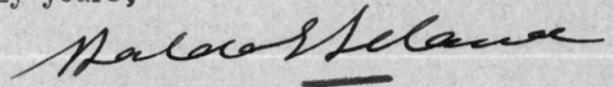
Dear Buck:

First of all, before apologizing for this tardy reply to your letter of January 16, let me tell you how much pleasure I am deriving from the Journal of Lucian C. Boynton. The Proceedings came in just the other day, and I have a copy on my desk and pick it up every little while. I am especially impressed with his entry of June 24: "I have heard four sermons today, and I hope I may derive some profit from them."

I am interested to receive your impressions of the meetings of the AAAS. I congratulate you on the audience that you got out for the afternoon program. I hardly know what to think about Section L. I have often felt, as you do, that it had better be discontinued. I should be less inclined to think so if I thought it did any good to the other members of the AAAS who ought to be interested in history, but who are not. I hardly feel that it does. However, I suppose that the Association will maintain it, and at least this good comes out of it: that each year the retiring Vice-President of Section L reads an address on some subject in history or philology which is shortly thereafter printed in Science, thus diluting the contents of that journal by one- one-thousandth of one per cent.

Are you going to give your retiring address this summer or next winter, and have you chosen your subject yet?

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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B. J. Loewenberg
29 Hampstead Hill Gardens
London N.W. 3, England

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh (13), Pa. November 15, 1934

Dear Mr. Loewenberg:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your paper entitled "Efforts of the South to Encourage Immigration, 1865-1900." I have examined it with such interest and I am glad to have the pamphlet for my files.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 26, 1935

Dr. B. J. Loewenberg
23 Gleason Street
Dorchester, Mass.

My dear Dr. Loewenberg:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy
of your article, "The Controversy Over Evolution in New England."
I have examined it with much interest and am very glad to have
it for my collection.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Prof. Albert H. Lybyer,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Ill.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. January 3, 1934

Dear Mr. Lybyer:

It was kind of you to write me so careful an explanation of the travel situation. The difficulty—involved in getting to Urbana from here was only one of a number of reasons that finally decided me against making the trip. I was very sorry to have to miss seeing my old friends in Urbana and the University of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

Letter of 12/18/33 which this answers is in 1933 file.