

December 13, 1959

Dear Otto and Anne:

We are glad you had a good year up on the mountain. Thanks for cutting off the water etc.

As a Christmas dividend, I am enclosing a check for \$12 which represents Bob Wilson's contribution to the electricity bill (for the juice used by his pump).

I trust you'll let us know in due time whether you'd like to keep the house next year. We ~~will~~

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expect to start our home leave at the end of June, and should like to spend some of this time - perhaps 3-4 weeks altogether - on the mountain. For example, 2 weeks at the beginning of our leave, and 1-2 weeks at the end. We should, of course, make an appropriate adjustment in the season's rent.

The rest of our leave we are planning to devote to that long-postponed drive across the USA. Very appropriately, since this is "Visit the USA Year", as I have had occasion to remind my European colleagues on the OEEC Committee on Tourism. As the US Representative on that Committee, it is one of my chores here to encourage the Europeans to come and see the US. (No more fingerprinting, either. We need the money!) How can I speak with the necessary

conviction about the marvels of
Yellowstone Park without having seen
it myself? So you see what home
leave is good for.

Hope everything is well with you -
wish you all a merry X-mas!

Fred & Elly

P.S. We are planning to go to Berlin
for New Year's - hope to see George Muller,
Paul Hertz, etc.

April 21, 1962

Dear Otto and Ann:

I just noticed that I neglected to answer your letter of February 10 and I apologize. I was glad to hear that you would be interested in renting the mountain place again this summer. \$ 400 is OK if I don't have to make any investments. Please let me know definitely because May is almost here and it would otherwise be high time to make alternative arrangements.

I'll be in Germany in May on a speaking tour of Chambers of Commerce and the like to explain the mysteries of US foreign trade policies. We'll be here in Paris until September-October - next assignment still unknown. We'll probably be vacationing in August but give us a ring in any case if you should come through Paris.

Hope to hear from you soon. Best regards, also from Elly, to both of you

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P.S. The mystery of the telephone bill has been cleared up. The rules of the telephone company do not permit suspended service for more than a year - so they disconnect and then resume service for a month and then suspend it again - total cost \$ 8.- No wonder AT&T shares are sky-high!

May 11, 1962

Dear Fred:

Many thanks for your letter. As it turns out now, I shall be in Europe all through August and September and the family does not want to go up there without me, that is to say, it is 100 % available for your other prospects for August and September. We shall relinquish it July 31. I take it for granted that my check of \$ 200 which you already received, will cover this period. If you should not be back by then we shall winterize the place middle of October, as usual. We have started to ausmisten; we hope the place will be livable for whomever you choose for August and September

Best regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'OK' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Villars, Jan. 16, 1964

Dear Otto:

Unfortunately the following thing went wrong about my seeing you in Zuerich or talking to you on the phone that Sunday. We were away from Saturday morning before the mail came until Sunday noon and had had thought this would be no risk, because I expected to hear from you by phone if at all, and had left instructions with the girl to get a phone number from you when you called, and had called here a number of times to find out if you. You didn't, and instead when we returned I found a letter here, without Absender which she had of course not opened. Otherwise I ~~made~~ might still have made it to Zuerich.

When I talked to you on the phone I already had grave misgivings about having accepted the New School so hastily. (How this happened is something for a psychoanalyst to find out: I have given up long since. I think the fact that the letter arrived just an hour or so before I had to take off on my long trip to Strasbourg definitely had something to do with it. By the time I got to Str. I was ~~a~~ ready sorry, but didn't know what to do. After they kept me waiting for three months I should have had more sense than to succumb to their request for a cabled answer.)

Now something has happened that makes me really sorry:

effective Sept Today I had a cable from the Dean at American Univ. in which he tells me that I have been promoted & if I can stay will be a full professor with \$10,250 annually beginning this Sept. (i.e., only \$250 less than NS and over \$2,000 increase. (I am making a point of the financial angle, in addition to the promotion, to underline to you what an effort they are making.)

The important point is that this is not just the result of my telling them about my appointment at NS. Already before I wrote to them I had had a confidential note from a friend of mine on the Faculty Relations Committee telling me the Dean had sent them a memo requesting my promotion -- although it was then not clear what the date would be. This happened before AU knew anything about the NS.

Thus it is clear that NS made the offer on a false assumption: In his letter White pointed out he was offering me an assoc. because I was also an assoc. at AU, which was by then only technically but not substantially true, only I didn't know it yet and (being afraid to demand a promotion from AU because of my total absence this year and 1/2 absence in the future) accepted on that basis.

I have just written to White and Hula telling them all this and asking them a) if in view of this false assumption behind the making and acceptance of the assoc. offer (and since I would be a full prof. ~~if~~ half a year before coming to NS, so that

at AU it is practically a step down in rank), the rank can be raised; b) if this cannot be done, whether NS would offer to release me from my obligation so that I can go to AU as a full prof.; c) if they can't do this either, I would not break an agreement once I have made it and would go to NS as an assoc. But I left no doubt that I would be unhappy about this because I just do not prefer being an assoc. at NS to being a full at AU.

I think this is the best I can do in a thoroughly bad situation: If had just turned the full prof. at AU down, I know I would have been too dissatisfied in the future. If they decide to hold me to the agreement, I will also be dissatisfied but will abide by it -- in a sense it would be deserved punishment for being so hasty. But I should not really guess that they will, it doesn't make too much sense to acquire a new faculty member under such circumstances. You may not think there is much difference between being released by them under such conditions and just pulling out. But I think there is some: I am not breaking the commitment unilaterally, but telling them I will go through with it if they insist. After what I have heard from you by mail and on the phone, I assume, of course, that alternative a), full rank at NS, is out and that they will not change their minds on this. Therefore I now speculate and hope for the second best alternative, i.e. being let go in peace.

I don't want to spend much time explaining how badly I feel about this both vis-à-vis them and you. I will do this when next I see you. Actually I feel ~~much~~ worse towards you than towards them. With them, although they have been extraordinarily kind and decent, I have at least the small rationalization that they overdid it just a little bit when they first let me wait three months, then made an offer on a basis which had not been discussed at all in the spring (even though they were then quite as aware of the paucity of publications as in the fall), and then wanted such a fast answer. But this in no way mitigates my fault in answering without thinking the matter through and exploring alternatives. So I want you to know that I think the fault is all mine.

Now I have a minor favor to ask: The PSQ has not published my review as expected and I don't suppose they will. This is their good right because I did not abide by their terms of reference. But I don't think it is right of them to acknowledge receipt of it and then neither return it nor tell me that they are not publishing it. Could you call them sometime on the phone when you are in Fayerweather, ask them whether they intend to publish it, and when you get the "no" answer, ask them in my behalf to be so kind as to tell me so in writing and return it to me? (Actually I am by no means unhappy: the more reviews I read, the more dissatisfied I am with mine.)

I have finally finished my lecture for Berlin on Feb. 7, on the Conseil d'Etat and the Cour de Sureté de l'Etat, etc. For the last 12 hours I have set typing it which is almost the worst, I know near half through. Grosser is right in what he told you, but my point is not what was finally done, but what the Govt. tried to do before they gave in to the storm of protest.

Tommy is not well right now in that his arthritis has entered one of its active phases again. However in this active phase he is far, far better than he had been in any of these phases in Washington.

We have fine weather but no snow here; the first time in 43 years there has been no snow here at this time!

Best regards to all,

Fred

P.S. If I anticipated being at the N.S. long enough to be promoted, my attitude might be different. But you said this would only become possible were I in there on a 2-semester basis -- and this is extremely unlikely.

January 16, 64

Dear Fred:

I am very sorry I was not able to see you but I had only 40 minutes in Zuerich between planes. I had hoped you would call me once more in Stuttgart. Meanwhile I had an anxious phone call from Hula who is in distress as they are without answers to their letters. I dont want to interfere in your affairs, especially if your hesitations go in the direction of whether you want to come back here at all, in which case I have obviously no advice to offer. But if you want to keep a foot in the US business the New School seems to be the correct vantage point. Above all, dont keep the poor man any longer in suspense, the academic year is advancing and he has to come up with an appointment.

Had a short talk with Grosser about the Conseil d'etat changes. He seems to have some inside information and knows persons involved and feels things are not as bad as they look to the outside. May be you want to do a little personal research and trip him up in Paris.

Let me hear from you -

The best to all of you -