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Committee on Fellowship Awards
American Association of University Women
1634 Eye St. N.W.
Washington, 6, D.C.

Dear Madam:

Professor Phoebe Morrison of Barnard College has asked me to give you my views on the project she has proposed to your committee.

I have known Professor Morrison since 1943 when we worked together in OSS. From the outset I have been struck by her professional abilities and her unusual gift to communicate her vast knowledge effectively to others.

My own teaching experience during the last three years has brought home to me the problem how difficult it is to teach all the ramifications of constitutional law and administration of justice to a an audience without specialized legal training. None of the material available at present quite fulfills the purpose. I, therefore, think, that Professor Morrison's project, of which I have been privileged to peruse both outline and initial chapter, will be a definite and welcome contribution to the teaching in the constitutional and political field.

I sincerely hope your organization will be able to sponsor this most promising project.

Sincerely yours,

(Otto Kirchheimer)
Professor of Political Science.

Dear Phoebe,

Thanks for your note, i just came back from Europe showing the family around. I wrecked my brain but my memory for names is not very good and my grade lists are at the office, there is nothing at the New School but there are some good students at the Russian Institute. As you are naturally in a hurry and as i will probably not be in NY before registration, I will clip the first part of your letter and send it to Dallin at the Russian Institute and ask him to contact you directly or ask the student who he wants to recommend to contact you. If that does not work for one reason or another we can still search for the ^{names}~~names~~ of the A students on my lists who specialise in the Russian field on Sept 23.

another problem: do you still have a copy of the age old OSS study on German criminal procedure? I promised to write 60 pages on the Spiegel affair until Jan 1, and the ^{OSS} study would help me to get the right procedural terms, remember you spent considerable time and effort to transcribe the German terms into corresponding American notions. I can't find the paper anymore.

Hope to see you soon and talk to you at

length

400 West 119th St.
New York 27, N.Y.
1 April 1960

My dear Otto:

This letter has been on my conscience for some time, but has remained unwritten for the usual variety of reasons. Tonight, however, my colleague has to go to a meeting so that we are starting for the country later than usual, and hence ---.

Mr. Peardon tells me that you are to come to Columbia to lecture vice Lindsay Rogers the second semester. I'm pleased that "they" have at last waked up to the state of the nation, and done the right thing. Now that you have the foot in the door.....? Although I cannot imagine that Columbia would be as free with leaves as the New School. And I'm not sure how I'd like Dave Truman for a boss, and it looks very much as if he were keeping a firm hand on the reins.

You will be amused to learn that for a variety of reasons Barnard produced my full professorship this spring - at the usual time of announcing promotions. I was told pretty plainly that Yale came through with the appropriate remarks as to my capacities - the Law School, I gather. For myself, this does not sweeten the administrative cup which is mine. And all I can say is that I have put my mind to it and the department is beginning to pull as a unit - but God, what a messy personnel situation, which remains to be cured.

My materials from last year worked quite well. I know pretty much the week spots, the spots which must be expanded, etc. Now I have to drive myself so that I can teach at least the first semester out of the mimeoed materials next year. This will be a considerable chore because the temptation is to play when in the country on the week-end and it will be worse this summer.

Let me thank you also for the reprint - which I had already read in the regular issue. Otto, I must say that for the first time I was disappointed - always before I've never had the feeling that I could call you short on materials - e.g., the Swiss report on their asylum policy would have been better damnation than the German documents. Perhaps I was too interested and too ready to expect you to do for me what you did on the East German thing (which incidentally my students lapped up - going to the Law School to read it). Or perhaps I'm just getting peculiar in my old age.

What are your plans for the summer? I expect to be down in Washington about the second week in June and would love to have a session with you. After that, back to Connecticut and the stint in the Yale Law Library.

All the best to you and Ann.

Rocke

Our household is now complete for two spinisters: we have a miniature dachshund, who vibrates between NYC and Connecticut with us. Four months and a bit now with all the problems that age implies.

PHOEBE MORRISON
Goose Hill Road
Chester, Connecticut

16 September 1963

Dear Otto:

Thank you for your prompt reaction to my appeal for personnel. Perhaps now Dallin will come across (I had approached him, too). There is an element of University politics in this too, as we had let Henry Krisch out. He had been teaching some Russian stuff, the seminar and another course for us, while writing his dissertation. Miss Park is pushing us to get rid of people who do not finish their dissertations promptly - so we had in effect to let both Mrs. Emerson who should have gone under University rules and Henry go. I should have kept Henry another year (I think that he would not have finished the dissertation even then) but I was outvoted. As far as Henry is concerned, this jar may make him finish off now - but we are behind the eight ball with some people on that side of the road.

I'm sorry that I cannot help you out with that OSS job - I never had a copy. Have you thought of looking at LC - and even at Butler for it? I think that it may have been declassified.

My teaching assistant who is in the process of hunting a dissertation topic is being attracted by the idea of doing something on the prosecutor. I hope she can stack it up, as she is a competent researcher and is not afraid to stand up and be counted. Furthermore, she can write. I've been intrigued by the chain of command between the AG and the local prosecutor, the relation between the prosecutor and the police (administrative) and his wide discretion - and she has been infected, I hope. One of my students did a competent undergraduate job for our undergraduate Journal on ethics and the prosecutor - which encouraged me to egg Marian (the teaching assistant) onto the topic. When the outline comes up for departmental approval of topic, I hope that it will merit your approval. God knows that there is little or nothing on the topic! So that is one hurdle cleared.

You will probably have Barnard undergraduates when you take over Joe Rothschild's course; perhaps even some of my advisees. It will be amusing to hear what you think of them. And you certainly are going to have Barnard products in your graduate course, because I'm telling all History and Gov majors interested in European affairs that it is a must.

See you soon - and thanks again.

