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May 14, 1938

Dr. Walter Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Walter:

I was very glad to hear from you and learn that you plan to come to Washington on May 20 and 21. We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will plan to stay with us while you are here. I believe Mary is sending you an invitation so I won't go into detail. If I can help you any in arranging interviews with Dr. Zook, Dr. Studebaker or other educators here in Washington, please let me know.

I suggested to Max Schneebeli in a letter which I wrote him today that he try to arrange to come down with you. We would like nothing better than to have you both as our guests. I suggest that when you arrive you come directly to the office. We can then make plans for the day and the evening. I shall appreciate knowing what time you will arrive if you know in advance.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

KH:L

May 26, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
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Dear Ken:

Let me thank you and Mary, first of all, for the perfectly delightful time you gave me in Washington. I came back a new man, and I only hope that it won't be long before I see you again. Your home in Bethesda is perfectly grand.

At the same time I want to congratulate you on Chapter Six of your book. It is really excellent. There are hardly any modifications to make. I have marked a few passages on Pages 3 - 10 - 23 - 32 - 36 - 44 and 50 and make the following suggestions:

- Page 3: I do not remember that the National Socialists were against work camps. The opponents of the camps were largely to be found in the old type left-wing parties.
- Page 10: I hope you will forgive my facetiousness, but the sentence I have marked does sound as if "Berlin was bedecked with thousands of red, white, and black swastika flags and banners" because you drove to the new headquarters of the German Labor Service.
- Page 23: Is it actually correct that the camps are usually located seven or eight kilometers from the work projects?
- Page 32: "for the National group" seems a somewhat inadequate translation. I expect what you have in mind is the "Volkesgemeinschaft" which is best translated by "national community".
- Page 36: "Erblehre des Menschen" is best translated "Theories of Human Heridity" and not "Traditions of Mankind", which means something quite different. Also, I suggest that you leave out in your footnote mention of the series in which the various books appeared, or, if you put them in, put them in for all the books you mention.

Mr. Kenneth Holland

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May 26, 1938

Page 44: Generally speaking, German universities do not have what is known in America as "graduate work". Some faculties, such as a medical faculty, require practice years, or internships. What is called "graduate work" in this country is, in German universities, usually achieved during the undergraduate period.

Page 50: I suggest that you end your chapter on a more general note, leaving out the reference to Czechoslovakia. It is, after all, certain that by the time the book is published that paragraph will be out-of-date. It might be better to make a general reference to Germany's designs on the whole of southeastern and eastern Europe.

As you can see, all of these are quite minor changes and I want to congratulate you again on the excellence of your chapter.

With all good wishes to you and Mary,

Yours as ever,

WMK/d

May 27, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ken:

I have had no luck in finding an acceptable secretary for the Cornell Conference amongst the Smith graduates. Thus I am handing the bucket over to you. Did you see Miss Hardy?

Have you been able to talk to Dr. Marsh about a possible research secretary for Geneva? I was not able to raise the question with Dr. Zook.

Finally, I wonder whether you have been able to do anything for Mr. Wezel, whose curriculum vitae I left with you. I would be awfully pleased if something could be done. I am sure there is a need for the type of work he can do.

This is written in the devil of a hurry. Examinations are on, and I am about dead with fatigue.

Yours as ever

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Mr. Walter M. Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

Your letter of May 27 has been received. I have talked with Dr. Marsh, Dr. Zook and Dr. Rainey and thus far I haven't made much progress so far as a secretary for the Cornell Conference or for the Geneva office. I still have hopes though. It seems to me we should be able to locate some one who would be delighted to take on these jobs. It is possible that I may recommend Mr. Murdock Martin, the man that I mentioned to you when you were here in Washington. In a recent letter he states that he was never considered for the position of secretary of the I.S.S.

I have talked with several people concerning Mr. Adrian P. Wezel and find that the head gardener of Dumbarton Oaks, a large estate here in Washington, recently died. From all I know the position has never been filled. I suggest that Mr. Wezel write them immediately inclosing his curriculum vitae.

Just as soon as I am able to obtain more definite word concerning the secretaries I shall be glad to send it on to you. I shall be attending the Progressive Education Association meeting in Detroit, Michigan next week and may be able to line up someone there.

In preparing the chapter on the labor service in Austria we find that one organization that was active in the early days was called Caritas Socialis. We have not been able to agree on a suitable translation for the name of this organization. Would you be kind enough to suggest one to us?

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Walter Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Walter:

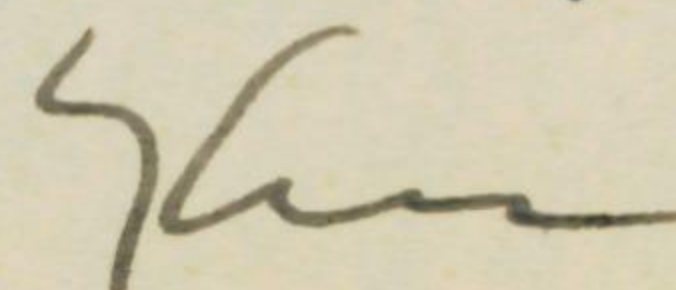
Thank you for your letter of June 17. I am glad to hear that Mr. Wezel has been able to obtain a position in Boston. While the job at Dumbarton Oaks would have been a first-class one, I had no assurance that he would be able to obtain it.

As yet I have not been able to locate any one who seems qualified to act as secretary of the American branch of the International Student Service. I talked with several people at the Progressive Education Association conference and was able to recommend someone to Max Schneebeli as a possible person to work in Geneva as secretary of the section on university research. I have not heard from Max whether or not he finally decided on any one. I should also like to discuss with you, when you are here in Washington, one or two other people whom I have in mind who might be qualified.

I am sure you must be very pleased over the proposed trip to the Expert's Commission in Paris. Mary and I, of course, hope to see you if you do come to Washington early in July to collect some material. My brother and his family and my mother will be with us over the fourth of July so that our house will be rather full at that time. I shall also be away on July 11, 12, and 13, and again on the 18th, 19th, and 20th. I hope you will be able to arrange your trip so that you can be here on other days than those mentioned.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

KH:L

June 27, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ken:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 23rd, which I received here at Lincoln University. I'm certainly planning to come to Washington in July, and I shall take good care to arrive at a time which will be convenient to you. For the moment I still do not know my schedule at Pendle Hill.

In great haste,

Yours as ever,

Walter Kotschnig

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Walter M. Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

September 8, 1938
dictated September 2.

Mrs. Mary Holland
c/o American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mary:

Thank you everyso much for your note from Stone Harbor. It was a great disappointment to me that we did not meet in Washington. I do hope, however, that I shall have better luck next time. As a matter of fact, it is quite possible that I shall get a chance to visit Washington again around September 18 or 19. Elined and my mother will probably accompany me in which case they will likely stay with some friends in Fairfax, Virginia. I myself should be overjoyed if I could investigate the further progress of your lawn.

This is only a hectic note written during a short visit to Northampton. With summer school, attendance at the World Youth Congress at Vassar, a visit to the Gaspé and another one to Martha's Vineyard, I have had an exceedingly hectic summer and found a whale of correspondence upon my return.

I do hope that we shall be able to have a good pow-wow together in the near future.

With all good wishes to you and to Ken,

Yours as ever,

WMK/d

September 23, 1938

Mrs. Kenneth Holland
Hillmead Road
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mary,

You do write delightful letters, and I am most grateful for your last one. It is perfectly grand of you to invite the whole Kotschnig tribe. Unfortunately, I had again to change my plans, and I haven't the faintest idea at present when I shall be able to get to Washington. School has started again, and I shall be more than busy until October 25th when I am to embark for Europe. Things won't be much better after my return on November 15th. However, I will turn up sometime before Christmas. The lure of another evening with you and Ken is too great.

Yes, I have heard Ed over the radio off and on. I always get a thrill out of it when I hear his voice, but I wish he had more cheerful news to tell. As I see it, not only France and England but civilization as such has abdicated in Europe. However, I must not start on that subject or you will think I have become an old grouch.

With all good wishes to you and Ken,

Yours as ever,

Walter M. Kotschnig

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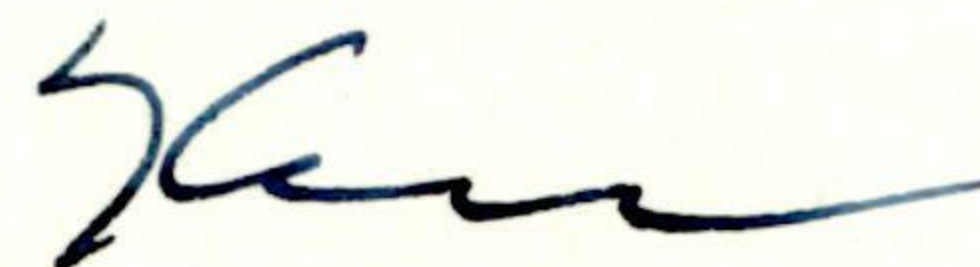
Dear Walter:

You will be interested to know that Dr. Richard Gothe is here in the United States now and expects to become an American citizen. I have been able to provide employment for him until the twentieth of January when I hope to get a large allocation from the General Education Board to develop demonstration camps in connection with both the CCC and the NYA. He hopes to see you on one of his trips visiting the various centers.

Before I am able to provide him with permanent employment it is necessary for me to get some letters of recommendation. If it is not too much trouble, I should appreciate a statement from you concerning his abilities. Personally I am very well impressed with him and hope very much to be able to assist him in adjusting to American life.

During the past week we had the pleasure of entertaining Ed and Janet Murrow. They were able to obtain a little time off and so come to visit us. We all wish that your work had brought you to Washington at the same time. We had a grand time together and both Ed and Janet seem to be in fine health. We were sorry that you had to give up your plan to visit Washington last Spring. If you do come, remember that we shall be glad to have you stay with us. We expect to be in Lexington, Massachusetts for Christmas. If you are in that vicinity by all means look us up. The address is 2117 Massachusetts Avenue. Mary's mother's name is Mrs. Catherine Kimball.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

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January 6, 1939

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

I was delighted to have your letter of December 20. I wish we could get together more frequently. I should have like to be with you at the time when you entertained Ed and Janet Murrow. I do not know what has happened to the two of them, but I have not heard from them in over a year in spite of the fact that I have written to them several times. Worst of all, Janet paid a visit to Mt. Holyoke the other day without ever saying "Boo". I only heard about it after she had gone. If you can help me to solve the mystery, I should be grateful.

I could not get away at Christmas to visit you at Lexington, much as I should have liked to do so, as I had guests all through Christmas. Nor do I know exactly when I shall be able to get to Washington -- it is all very bad --

Are you going to be at the NEA meeting in Cleveland? I have to submit two papers there.

It is indeed good news to hear that Dr. Richard Gothe has come to this country and that you have been able to provide employment for him. Although I have not had any contact with him for many years, I have always been wondering what became of him. I hope that the enclosed letter of recommendation will be of some use.

With all good wishes to Mary and yourself,

Yours as ever,

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HOMER P. RAINEY

Mr. Walter M. Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

Your letter of January 10 recommending Mr. Max Kohnstamm to me has been received. I look forward to meeting him and hope that he will get in touch with me soon after his arrival.

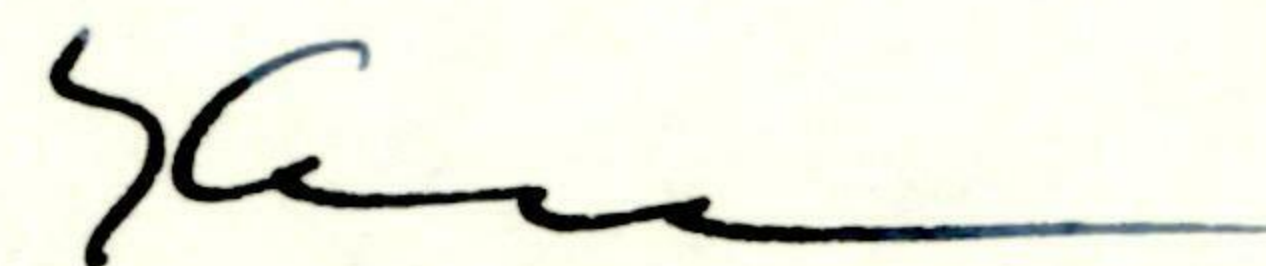
I have also received your previous letter concerning Dr. Gothe. As I said, I hope very much that it will be possible for us to assist him in finding employment, but I doubt that we will have a place for him on our staff.

So far as Ed and Janet are concerned I think they are just so busy travelling about that they don't get a chance to write or see people as they would like to. Janet probably just had a short time in Mt. Holyoke and after attempting to get in touch with you left without leaving word. They spoke of you in very friendly terms when they were here so I don't think you need to feel that they have changed in their attitude toward you at all. I believe it would be hard for you to realize how occupied they have been since they have been here in the United States, except when they came South for a short vacation.

Mary will be in Northampton for the alumni meetings in February and looks forward to seeing you at that time.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

KH:L

February 21, 1939

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ken,

As I consider the C.C.C. camps to represent one of the most important educational experiments in recent American history, I have asked one of my graduate students to prepare a paper on the educational aspects of the C.C.C. camps. She did not find very much on them in our library, and I should therefore be most grateful

a) if you could send me a bibliography covering the more important printed material on the subject,

b) if in addition you could send me any material which either isn't generally available or of which you have such a stock that you could easily part with it. Incidentally, when is your magnum opus going to appear? I am sure it is going to meet a very real need.

I am really distressed that I didn't get a chance to see Mary when she was up here last week. This is just my luck: I would fall ill just at a time when we have such an illustrious visitor on the campus. I am still very much under the weather as a result of an attack of grippe. Please do tell Mary that the next time she comes to Northampton she must stay with us. We shall try to make up by the warmth of our reception for the inadequacies of our guest room.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

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December 7, 1940

Director

Floyd W. Reeves

Dr. Walter Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

I was very disappointed not to get a chance to talk with you when I was in New York at the conference on November 1st. Much to my surprise I saw you in the audience with Mary. Then, when I looked for you afterwards, Mary said you had to go back to Northampton. I know the speech was nothing to brag about but I had no idea it would drive you back to the wilds of Massachusetts in such a hurry. I hope that by this time you have recovered and that the next time it will be possible for me really to see you.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

KH:L

December 16, 1940

Mr. Kenneth Holland
726 Jackson Place
Washington D.C.

Dear Ken,

I too was very sorry that we did not get together at the conference on November 1. I wanted very badly to tell you how much I appreciated your talk. It was one of the best I have heard in a long while, and I mean it.

I do hope, however, to see you one of these days, either in New York or in Washington. Are you coming to the I.S.S. Conference at the New Jersey College for Women? It would be a really good thing if you could make it. I should like to discuss with you our plans for a meeting of leaders of work camps, which would probably be held at Trude's place in New Milford. I have suggested that you should chair that meeting.

With all good wishes to both Mary and yourself,

Yours as ever,

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December 18, 1940

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Dr. Walter Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

You will find enclosed a statement adopted by the American Youth Commission at its last meeting concerning the Civilian Conservation Corps. I thought you might be interested in receiving an advance copy.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

KH:L

February 1, 1941

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
726 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ken,

I have never thanked you for the advance copy of the statement on the C.C.C. Somehow or other I seem to be more rushed than ever. However, I was most grateful to receive the statement, which I read with the greatest of interest. I am fully in accord with your main conclusions.

Next Thursday I am to represent, together with Dr. Davis, Smith College at the meeting of the National Committee on Education and Defense. I also expect to look in on the A.Y.C. meeting, and I shall probably remain in Washington until Saturday afternoon. I hope that this will give us the opportunity for a really good talk. There are various matters pertaining to work camps which I am hoping to discuss with you. I have reserved a room at the Mayflower, and I shall get into contact with you early on Thursday.

Enclosed I am sending you an article of mine which has just appeared in the Harvard Educational Review.

With all good wishes to Mary and yourself,

Yours as ever,

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February 24, 1941

Dr. Walter Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Walter:

I am sending you under separate cover a pamphlet on WORK CAMPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH and a reprint on WORK CAMPS AND EDUCATION which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Associate Director

KH:L

February 26, 1941

Mrs. Kenneth Holland
Hillmead Road
Bethesda, Md.

Dear Mary,

Thank you ever so much for your note. Don't worry about the talk we had about the alumnae project. I believe we understand each other perfectly.

I was certainly delighted to see you and Ken again. I only wish we could meet more often. I hope you or Ken will keep me posted about your future plans. Whatever happens, I am looking forward to seeing you in Boston next July.

This is a very dull little note but I caught the bug (grippe) and I haven't been the same since.

With affectionate good wishes to both of you,

Yours as ever,

From the
Holland Infant Commission
Washington, D.C.

Robert Ullrich

CONCERNING AN IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 21. -- Completion of a nine-month construction project making possible the establishment of the Holland Infant Commission was announced today by Mary and Kenneth Holland, director and assistant director of the new research organization. The master of ceremonies at the inauguration of the Commission was Dr. Prentiss Willson ably assisted by Nurse Jacqueline Wheeler.

In no way will this venture compete with the activities of the American Youth Commission, with which Mr. Holland is associated since the Infant Commission will concentrate, at least for a time, on a boy under one year of age.

Preliminary study revealed the following personnel data on the subject of intensive study:

Name: Kenneth Kimball Holland

Born: 12:55 p.m., April 21

Height (if stood up): 20 3/4 inches

Weight: 7 pounds, 6 ounces

Eyes: Dark blue

Hair: Brown

Employment Status: Out of a job (but providing employment for a host of others).

Habits: Heavy drinker

Disposition: Cheerfully sleepy

"This is a challenging assignment," said the directors in a formal statement. "It has long been suspected that unemployment and illiteracy are more widespread in the age group one year and under than in any other."

In an off-the-record interview the members of the Holland family commented as follows - Mother: "Confidentially, I'm glad it's a boy." Father: "He's marvelous. You can be sure the subject of this study is no ordinary child." Dutch, the family dog: "It's about time, How empty life has been for me, a shepherd collie, without even one little lamb. I want a flock."

A large and constantly increasing advisory committee has supervised pre-service training, according to the announcement, but all who are interested may consider themselves appointed and duly authorized to act as guidance officials in the in-service training now beginning. Suggestions are needed immediately by the assistant director on how to hold the infant and how to make him stop yawning every time he sees his Father.

The supplies and equipment for the study during the first year, as selected by the Father, will include; one electric train with all the gadgets, one bicycle, one scooter, one sled, one pony and cart, one outboard motor and one strip down racer.

Headquarters have been established temporarily at Columbia Hospital for Women but by May 5 will be moved to Holland's Hangover, Booze Creek, Bethesda, Maryland.

April 29, 1941

Mr. Kenneth Holland
Holland Infant Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken,

The Committee on Evaluation of the Holland Infant Commission has been in session today and has requested me as chairman, treasurer, and secretary of the organization to convey to you as the founder of the Holland Infant Commission and to your most active collaborator the warmest congratulations. In evaluating your work the Committee came to the unanimous conclusion that of all the construction projects which have come to our notice this is to be commended most highly. We are confident that an outstanding successful achievement in your first project will induce you to a rapid expansion of your activities.

As Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary of our Committee I hope that I may soon have the privilege of congratulating you master builders in person and to inspect your accomplishment. This is another way of saying I expect to attend the meeting of the American Council on Friday and Saturday. In this connection, I wonder whether in exchange for an expert's advice on how to hold a baby you could possibly provide a bed for me. I have tried several hotels in Washington only to be told that I ought to double up with some other educator, which is a predicament too ghastly to behold. If it should be inconvenient for you to receive your lesson in Betheseda, (i.e. if Mary is home before the fifth, as you indicated in your report) I should be most grateful if you would ferret out a room for me in Washington. I plan to arrive on Friday morning and to proceed directly to the Mayflower. I shall have to leave again on Saturday afternoon. ^{Could} you please drop me a line at the Biltmore Hotel where I shall be this coming Thursday? With affectionate good wishes to you, Mary, and Kenneth Kimball.

Yours as ever

Walter M. Kotschnig

May 31, 1941

Mrs. Kenneth Holland
Hillmead Road
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mary,

It was perfectly charming--as usual-- to send me your little note. It made me thoroughly ashamed because I realized that I had never thanked you and Ken for your hospitality. It was perfectly grand to have seen you again, and I was more than impressed with the product of the Holland Infant Commission.

I take it that you will spend at least some time this summer with your mother in Lexington. I do hope that you will give us a chance of at least one evening together. From July 7 to August 16. we shall be at 44 Juniper Road, Belmont, Mass. I am in possession of a secret prescription for a potent potion which is guaranteed to banish all sorrows. If you or Ken have any sorrows, be sure to turn to me! With affectionate good wishes to the three of you.

Ever sincerely yours

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 13, 1941

Dear Walter:

As you undoubtedly know, the Office of the Coordinator contributed some \$6,000 to the Experiment in International Living last year to make it possible for students from Harvard, Yale and Princeton to go to Latin America.

For the current fiscal year, as I understand it, Mr. Watt has requested the sum of about \$30,000. I have been asked to make recommendations concerning this request. Since I believe you know Donald Watt quite well and have been active in some phases of the Experiment in International Living, I wonder if you would be willing to give me your frank judgment of Donald Watt and your recommendation concerning this request.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Director, Education Section

Dr. Walter Kotschnig
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

October 24, 1941

Mr. Kenneth Holland
Director of Education Section
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Commerce Department Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken,

I am somewhat slow in replying to your letter of October 13 regarding the Experiment in International Living. I wanted to get the opinion of one or two other people before replying to you.

In the light of past knowledge and recent information I hold that Mr. Watt certainly deserves some real support for his work. I think he certainly has the knack of gaining the confidence of young people, and he, better than anybody else I know, has succeeded in establishing close personal relations with foreign and American students. On the other hand I feel that this personal character of his work which is its main merit might easily get lost if his activities are enlarged too rapidly. I therefore feel that a contribution of from six thousand (\$6,000.00) to ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars might be preferable to a larger sum.

I was delighted to hear from you again. How do you like your new job? I wish Washington were not so far from Northampton. Just now I have no prospects of a visit to the capital, but I shall pass through Washington early in March, when I have to speak in some colleges in Virginia.

With all good wishes to you and your family, I am

Yours as ever,

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 8, 1941

Dr. Walter M. Kotschnig
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Walter:

During the meetings of the American Committee on Intellectual Cooperation in Havana, Cuba recently, I discussed at some length with Dr. Kandel the possibilities in the World Federation of Education Associations.

Dr. Kandel feels that this organization has very few possibilities and that it would not be desirable for the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs to assist ~~them~~ financially. He suggested, however, that I should write to you for your reaction. Will you be kind enough to let me know how you feel about this organization at your convenience?

Mary joins me in sending best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Director, Education Section

December 13, 1941

Mr. Kenneth Holland, Director, Education Section
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Commerce Department Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ken,

I fully agree with Kandel in his evaluation of the World Federation of Education Associations. As Assistant Editor of their magazine, World Education, I have had ample opportunity to acquaint myself with the activities and the methods of that organization. Neither their program and still less the way they handle it is up to scratch. Their influence with teachers seems to be negligible as perhaps best shown by the fact that they were never able to work up any circulation whatsoever for their own magazine. I can think of a dozen organizations in a better position to promote Inter-American relations.

I do hope that I may see you before long. I am chafing under the fact that in my present position there is so little I can do to help win this war. If you know of a job that requires the kind of training I have had plus ~~active~~ ^{active} devotion, let me know!

With all good wishes to you and Mary, I am

Yours as ever,

WMK:B

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 23, 1941

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter of December 13 and the information on the World Federation of Education Associations.

I wish I could tell you of a position that is open that would utilize your very excellent training and ability. I shall keep you informed and hope to be able to write you at a later date.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Kenneth Holland
Director, Education Section

Mr. Walter M. Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

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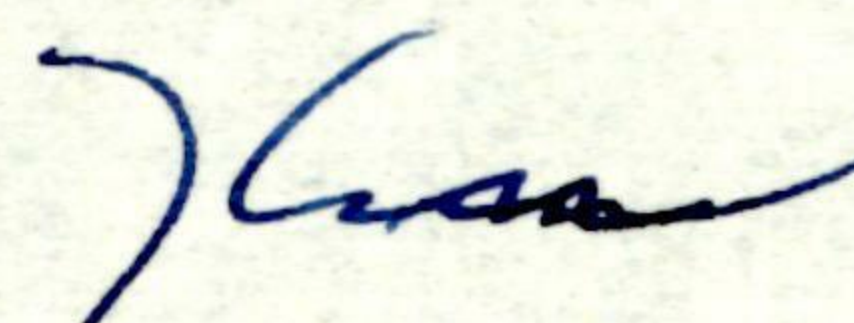
Dr. Walter Kotschnig
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Walter,

Will you please have your secretary send me the address of Pobereski? I should like to discuss the work of my section with him at his convenience.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland
Director, Education Section

February 8, 1942

Mr. Kenneth Holland, Director
Educational Section
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Commerce Department Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken,

Pobereski now goes under the name of Michel Pobers and lives at the Hotel Volney, Madison and 71st Street, New York, N. Y. I know that he will love to see you.

My naturalization proceedings are getting on very satisfactorily. I ought to have my American citizenship papers within the next three months. If, in addition, you can get me a good job in Washington, I shall be all set to win the war. With all good wishes to both of you.

Yours as ever,

Walter M. Kotschnig

March 20, 1942

Mr. Kenneth Holland
Division of Education
Coordinator of International Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken,

In recent weeks we have received at Smith College a number of applications for graduate fellowships from girls in Haiti who have obtained teachers' certificates there. Unfortunately, we cannot do anything about these applications, as their studies in Haiti are in no way equivalent to liberal arts studies in this country. What the girls really need are opportunities for doing undergraduate work in teacher training institutions or in liberal arts colleges in the United States.

I wonder if your Division can do anything about this. It seems to me that we have got here an opportunity which ought not to be missed. Several of the applicants who sent in their first papers to Smith are members of the first families of Haiti. If you are interested, I can let you have further particulars.

Yours as ever,

WRK:B

May 11, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

I see from the papers that Postmaster Farley has ruled that you may not be sent through the mails because you contain obscene matter. I should never have thought that of you.

I am at present planning to pay a much postponed visit to Washington at the end of next week. According to present plans, I hope to arrive there early Friday morning, May 20, and stay until the early afternoon of May 21.

I do hope that you will be in Washington at that time and that I shall see a great deal both of you and of Mary. There are a thousand and one things that I want to discuss with you.

I should very much appreciate it if you could drop me a line to tell me if you will be there.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

WMK/d

Mr. Kenneth Holland

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May 26, 1938

Page 44: Generally speaking, German universities do not have what is known in America as "graduate work". Some faculties, such as a medical faculty, require practice years, or internships. What is called "graduate work" in this country is, in German universities, usually achieved during the undergraduate period.

Page 50: I suggest that you end your chapter on a more general note, leaving out the reference to Czechoslovakia. It is, after all, certain that by the time the book is published that paragraph will be out-of-date. It might be better to make a general reference to Germany's designs on the whole of southeastern and eastern Europe.

As you can see, all of these are quite minor changes and I want to congratulate you again on the excellence of your chapter.

With all good wishes to you and Mary,

Yours as ever,

WMK/d

May 26, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Let me thank you and Mary, first of all, for the perfectly delightful time you gave me in Washington. I came back a new man, and I only hope that it won't be long before I see you again. Your home in Bethesda is perfectly grand.

At the same time I want to congratulate you on Chapter Six of your book. It is really excellent. There are hardly any modifications to make. I have marked a few passages on Pages 3 - 10 - 23 - 32 - 36 - 44 and 50 and make the following suggestions:

Page 3: I do not remember that the National Socialists were against work camps. The opponents of the camps were largely to be found in the old type left-wing parties.

Page 10: I hope you will forgive my facetiousness, but the sentence I have marked does sound as if "Berlin was bedecked with thousands of red, white, and black swastika flags and banners" because you drove to the new headquarters of the German Labor Service.

Page 23: Is it actually correct that the camps are usually located seven or eight kilometers from the work projects?

Page 32: "for the National group" seems a somewhat inadequate translation. I expect what you have in mind is the "Volkesgemeinschaft" which is best translated by "national community".

Page 36: "Erblehre des Menschen" is best translated "Theories of Human Heridity" and not "Traditions of Mankind", which means something quite different. Also, I suggest that you leave out in your footnote mention of the series in which the various books appeared, or, if you put them in, put them in for all the books you mention.

May 17, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 14. It is perfectly grand of you to invite me to stay with you and I shall, of course, be delighted to do so. I am not quite sure yet, and I won't know until Thursday evening, at what time I shall arrive in Washington, but I expect to get there some time between 8 and 9:00 a.m. Following your suggestion, I shall proceed directly to your office from the station.

I have already written to Dr. Zook, Dr. Studebaker, Dr. Chambers and to Mr. Messersmith of the State Department whom I am particularly anxious to see. I also want to see some of the people in the N.E.A.

Considering that there are so many people to see, I believe that it would be best if I started from your office as soon as possible after my arrival. Most of the people I have mentioned have already told me that they would be glad to see me, but no definite hours have been set.

Enormously looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you and Mary again,

Yours as ever,

WMK/d

P.S. I would be grateful if you would tell Dr. Zook, Chambers, and possibly Studebaker that I am definitely coming on Friday and that I shall communicate with them or their secretaries early on Friday. WMK

June 17, 1938

Mr. Kenneth Holland
American Youth Commission
744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken over Mr. Wezel. I am glad to say that he has just secured a job, somewhere near Boston.

The other day, we had a very good meeting with Dr. Day of New York. It was the best meeting of the American International Student Service Committee I have yet attended. On the other hand, we are still without a secretary, at least, as far as I know. If you have anyone in mind, please be sure to write to Spivack before June 29, when he leaves for Europe. We want someone to hold the fort while Spivack is absent.

I am not sure about the proper translation of "Caritas Socialis". As far as I know, it is identical with "Caritas Verband", which is one of the oldest Catholic service organizations in Austria. I suggest that you drop the Latin title, and explain either in the text, or in a foot-note, that it is the general title of the Catholic Social Service Organization.

I have just received a letter from Dr. Shotwell, promising me the necessary funds which will enable me to attend the meeting of the Expert's Commission in Paris, early in November. Under these circumstances, I shall in all probability turn up in Washington early in July to get some material for my memorandum on the "Occupational Outlook Service" which I am to submit to the Paris meeting. I do hope that I shall find you and Mary in Washington at that time.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

WMK/d

Hillmead Road
Bethesda, Md
May 17, 1941

Dear Walter,

It was so nice seeing
you in the hospital and being able
to chat with you for a few
minutes. I wish the visit could
have been longer—

Then you were so sweet to
send me those gorgeous flowers.
The combination of dark burgundy
& white snapdragons was exquisite.

Say, you never did give me
any advice on "how to hold the
baby." How about it.

Ken & I saw Truda & Jackash
here in Washington the other night.

Well, many thanks, Walter, for
the flowers. Give my best to Elvied.

As ever
Mary Holland

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Hillmead Road
Bethesda, Md

Dear Walter,

This note is to correct
a wrong impression I left with
you last Friday. You remember
I said Mrs. Cook, Pres. of the
Alumni Ass., had called one
of the projects 'for aiding Britain

a nutritional Project. Well, upon checking with our local president I found it was a Public Health Project which fits in better with your description of the actual details. However I am still correct in saying no further information on it was available. I've already written President Davis as I dislike misquoting somebody else & want to admit my mistake before it does any damage.

You missed a good speech Saturday morning. Jack McNeel is an excellent talker, and although I didn't agree with all he said, I

must admit he has leadership
qualities & seems to have quite
a grasp on the group. When I
left, Joe Lash had not succeeded
in making himself heard, in
spite of his efforts!

It was real nice seeing you
and I did enjoy meeting
President Davis ever so much.

Be sure & let us know if
you plan to be in Washington
this Spring. The Smith Club would
like to know as well as the Hollands.
Give my best regards to Elzard.

Sincerely,
Mary Holland

Hillmead Road
Bethesda, Md
Sept. 19, 1958

Dear Walter,

Your nice letter of September eighth just reached my hands this evening! So in the future please realize I have a somewhat absent-minded husband and should you for any reason be writing to the domestic part of the family just address the letter to our Maryland "Hangover".

Sincerely, though, Walter,

It's ever so glad to hear
that there is another
Washington Trip in the air
and I hope this note of
mine reaches you in time
before you have to tell
you that both Ken + I
would be most pleased to
have you with us here
during your sojourn. Can't
Clued and your mother
visit with us, too? Really,
we have plenty of room and
we'd love to have them.
So do extend our invitation
to them.

Have you heard Ed
over the radio recently?
He do - practically every

evening, and it seems
good to hear his voice
again.

Well, best regards 'til we
see you all here in
Washington. Just let us
know when. —

Sincerely

Mary Halland

Stone Harbor N.J.

Aug. 25, 1938

Dear Walter,

At this late date I'm writing you to tell you Ken and I were so sorry we couldn't be in Washington when you all came down. I was really so disappointed because I was looking forward to meeting Chuck and seeing you again.

But such is life, I guess. Here you were coming to Washington and we going

to Northampton and Amherst
at the same time.

I had a grand "old home"
week when I was up there
while Kee attended the
Conference in Amherst. We
saw the Christians and
Rena tells me she and
Clived see a lot of each
other. I think that's grand.

At first Kee and I were
hoping that since Dr. Zook
was in the hospital you
might decide to postpone
your visit to Washington.
Then we would have been
there when you finally
came. However, upon
our return Dr. Shank
said you had already
come and gone.

The other day we received
a card from Garrett who is
enjoying his holidays in
Italy.

Have you heard from
Ed or May recently. I
believe Ken has but I
just haven't gotten around
to seeing the letters yet.

We are here on the
Jersey Coast for Ken's
vacation and enjoying
our stay quite a lot.

Upon our return my
folks are visiting us
until about September
fifteenth. But after that
date we are quite free
and shall be looking
forward to seeing you
and Ethel in Washington.

Bestest regards from
Ken and myself. Sincerely
Mary H.

K.H.

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COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Gladly accept invitation please wire time & place
of meeting; K.H.*

Dear Walter:

On June 19 and 20 the Division of Cultural Relations of the Department of State is calling a meeting of their Advisory Council to discuss various aspects of their program. Incidentally, this Committee also advises this office in connection with its cultural activities. Charles Thomson, Director of the Division of Cultural Relations of the Department of State, has asked me if you would be willing to attend the meeting of the Committee on June 19 to discuss the general subject: "How can we train students in the United States who are both citizens of this country and nationals of other countries to work on the relief reconstruction and rehabilitation programs following this war?"

The Division of Cultural Relations has no funds to pay the travel expenses of an individual coming to Washington, nor do they have honoraria for discussion leaders. I thought perhaps you might be planning to come to Washington on other business, and could make this meeting. I shall appreciate your letting me know at your earliest convenience whether or not it would be possible for you to come.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Holland, Director
Division of Science and Education

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Room 595

Dr. Walter Kotschnig
Professor of Comparative Education
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

June 29, 1942

Mr. Kenneth Holland, Chief
Division of Education
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ken,

This is a very belated note to thank you and Mary again for your very kind hospitality. I wanted to write to you before, but I had to attend a number of meetings in New York which upset all of my plans. I am profoundly grateful to you for having it made possible for me to meet with the Advisory Committee of the Division of Cultural Relations of the State Department. Since my return I have had a very nice letter from Charles Thomson. I hope that I shall be able to keep in contact with the Division.

By this very mail I received a copy of your book on the C.C.C. It looks very impressive and I am looking forward to reading it. With renewed thanks to you and Mary and with all good wishes.

Yours as ever,

Walter M. Kotschnig

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 8, 1943

Mr. Walter Kotschnig
58 Kensington Avenue
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kotschnig:

Mr. Holland would be delighted to see you at 11 o'clock on Friday. Unfortunately, he had already made appointments for lunch. I spoke with Dickie Fosdick yesterday and we decided that a whole day of work in this crowded town would be enough for you. So, unless you're engaged, would you have lunch with us? You know how to get in touch with Dickie so can call her when you get to town or tell us when you arrive here. We shall hope you will be free.

In case you've not visited this Office lately, you have to go to the center entrance on 14th Street to get the required visitor's pass. They will give you the room number.

Sincerely,

Sue

Sue Lobenstine

Economic and Social Council
Eleventh Session

Geneva, Switzerland
July 24, 1950

Dear Ken:

We are in the thick of the work of the Economic and Social Council. Friday we had a high powered session with Torres Bodet. The attitude toward UNESCO has been much more friendly at this session of the Council than it has been the previous sessions. The one thing I am sorry about is that you are not able to be with us.

The other day I received a letter from Dr. Iwao F. Ayusawa, an old Japanese friend of mine whom I learned to admire back in the 20's and 30's when he held a top Japanese position in the International Labor Organization. He is now working with UNESCO, chiefly in Japan. Incidentally, he is one of the warmest friends the United States has in Japan, and he had a very difficult time in Tokyo during the war. He, himself, has had most of his higher education in America, and he is a Gold Medalist of Columbia. He has a son, Jun, who grew with my own children, and who is now in the States. I quote from Iwao's letter:

"Jun, our boy, spent his second year in America at Guilford College, Guilford, N.C., after he had a year at Haverford, my alma mater. He is passing the summer back at Haverford at the home of Mrs. Julia C. Collins (757 College Avenue, Haverford, Pa.). He is a graduate of Tokyo (Imperial) University and has a Japanese degree from that university which corresponds to B.A. in America. Jun is awfully anxious to stay on another year in America to do post graduate work at any university where he can obtain a scholarship covering room and board beside tuition. His subject is political science. It would be ideal if he could do the study in Washington, D.C. Do you happen to know of a university in or around Washington where he might be granted the privilege of studying with a scholarship?"

Mr. Kenneth Holland, Director,
Institute of International Education,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, New York.

Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do for him here to help the boy in his search for a further fellowship. It is for this reason that I confidently turn to you. I am sure that anything you can do for the boy would serve a really worthy cause.

Looking forward to seeing you again early in the fall,

Yours, as ever,

Walter Kotschnig
Deputy Representative

November 28, 1950

Dear Ken:

I greatly enjoyed seeing you again the other day, and hope that your new job will bring you to Washington fairly frequently. Please let me know when you are ready to visit your old haunts.

Attached I am sending you a letter with enclosures which I received from Dr. Philip Idenburg, an old Dutch friend of mine who is Director of the Office of Statistics of The Netherlands and presently the Chairman of the Fiscal Commission of the United Nations. As you will see from this correspondence, he is trying to get a fellowship for his daughter which would enable her to study at an American school of social work; apparently she failed to be selected for the one fellowship which the Institute is offering in this field for Dutch nationals.

I have the greatest respect for Idenburg, and I know the outstanding qualifications of numerous members of his family. For this reason I should be most grateful if the Institute could explore possibilities of getting Miss Idenburg a fellowship somewhere. If you think it advisable, I should be glad to write myself to Smith College, which runs a summer school for social work, if I am not mistaken.

With many thanks in advance for anything you can do, and with best wishes,

As ever,

Walter Kotschnig
Director, Office of United Nations
Economic and Social Affairs

P. S. Will you please return the attached correspondence to me when you are through with it?

Enclosures: Correspondence, as above.

Mr. Kenneth Holland, President,
Institute of International Education,
2 West 45th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Dr. Walter M. Kotschnig, Director
Office of U.N. Economic and Social Affairs
Department of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Walter:

I am sure you will be glad to know that the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation at its meeting on April 10 approved in principle the establishment of a close working relationship with the Institute in the Foundation's activities in the field of international exchange of persons. The agreement will probably state that the Institute will be the agent of the Ford Foundation on all exchange of persons programs.

We will be having discussions in the coming weeks with officers of the Foundation in regard to the exact services which the Institute will be asked to render to the Ford Foundation, and the financial support which the Foundation will give to the Institute to expand and improve present programs and to inaugurate new projects. Our information indicates that the Board of the Ford Foundation approved a maximum of \$500,000 for the development and expansion of the Institute this year. They also earmarked \$400,000 for exchange of persons projects during the next few months, of which \$225,000 has been appropriated for the following: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Foreign Student Summer Project; the American Chemical Society to bring chemists from abroad to the International Chemical Conclave in New York City this September; and to the National 4-H Foundation of America for its International Farm Youth Exchange Project. All of this must, of course, be confirmed in writing before any public announcement can be made.

I certainly hope that you can attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 14, since we will urgently need the counsel of each member in the discussion of plans for the forthcoming developments.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Holland
President

April 21, 1951

Dear Ken:

As indicated in the enclosed card, I do hope to be able to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 14. My only trouble is that I may have to go that week to Mexico.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you most warmly on the deal you have made with the Ford Foundation. This is really an outstanding achievement and ought to give the Institute, under your leadership, the resources which it is better fitted to use than any other organization I know.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Walter Kotschnig
Director, Office of United Nations
Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Kenneth Holland,
President, Institute of
International Education,
2 West 45th Street,
New York 19, New York.

February 4, 1952.

Mr. Kenneth Holland, President
Institute of International Education
2 West 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Ken:

Greetings from Rangoon! I have been here now for close to three weeks and I am sincerely looking forward to a first class blizzard in the States. I expect to be back in Washington by February 16.

On my way to Rangoon I paid a brief visit to my home town in Austria. While there, I was approached by the local doctor who told me that his son, Gustav Baumgartner, had applied for a scholarship to the U.S. and had been put on the list of those which the Austrian Committee passed on to New York. Baumgartner apparently gave my name as a reference. I have known the boy for quite some time and I honestly think he would greatly benefit from a stay in the States. He is intelligent, adaptable and representative of what is best in Austria. Thus, as far as I am concerned, I very much hope that he can get a fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing you before long, I am,

Yours as ever,

Walter M. Kotschnig

April 22, 1952

Dear Ken:

Congratulations on the 32nd Annual Report of the Institute. It is a perfectly swell job.

There are one or two minor matters I should like to raise, neither of which have anything to do with my being a Trustee of the Institute.

While in Rangoon I dropped you a line regarding a Mr. Gustav Paumgartner, an Austrian student who had applied for a fellowship from 1952-1953. I wrote to you at that time since he had apparently given me as a reference and since I was afraid any such request for such a reference on your part might not reach me while I was galavanting around Southeast Asia. I wonder whether you received that letter, particularly since postal employees in Burma who lick off one airmail stamp a day can double their income which adds an element of considerable insecurity to the safe delivery of letters from that part of the world. At any rate I would like to repeat what I said earlier, i.e. that I have known the Paumgartner boy for a good many years. As a matter of fact, he is the son of the family Doctor of my people in Neumarkt Steiermark. He is a thoroughly intelligent and attractive boy who I am sure would greatly benefit if he received a fellowship, and who would be a credit to his country. Have the selections for the coming year already been made?

My own son John will be in Europe this summer and plans to be in Paris from about June 8 to July 7. During that period he is supposed to work hard at his French since he has to pass a language examination as a Senior in Cornell this fall. Could you please have someone in your office let me know whether there are any straight language courses he could take during that period? I have little hope that there is anything of that kind but it is always worth trying.

With the best of good wishes,

Yours as ever,

Walter Kotschnig
Director, Office of United Nations
Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Kenneth Holland,
Institute of International Education,
2 West 45th Street,
New York 19, New York.