

Dr. Glueck.

AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH

July 28, 1941.

Members of the Executive Committee:

Gentlemen:

Thus far I have heard from only a few of the Trustees in response to my circular letter of July 22. After sending it I received messages from Mrs. Pommerantz and from our Consul-General in Jerusalem. Both the Consul and Dr. Glueck have recommended the appointment of Mrs. Pommerantz, the Director's Secretary at the School, to manage the business affairs of the School for the present time at an increased salary. I have therefore, without waiting for your authorization, called her as follows:

"Hereby appoint you business manager at five pounds salary per week until further notice with responsible charge of property and authority to sign checks up to one hundred pounds."

I also cabled Barclay's Bank as follows:

"Until further notice honor checks Mrs. Pommerantz on account Amer. Sch. Or. Res. to 100 pounds total."

I informed the State Department of this action by wire, and wrote a letter giving more details.

Dr. Glueck has made another suggestion which seemed to me so obviously excellent that I took the liberty of acting upon it at once. I wrote to our Consul-General and the Secretary of State, authorizing the Consul-General to ask Dr. Magnes of Hebrew University and Mr. Miller of the Y.M.C.A. to form with him a local managing committee with power to act in all matters affecting the local affairs of our School. I asked him, with this committee if he forms it, to see whether any competent person now in Jerusalem, such as a member of the staff of the American University of Beirut, might be secured to take Dr. Fisher's place as Acting Director for the immediate future.

What more permanent step should be taken I shall not try to determine until I have heard from more of our Trustees. Meanwhile I have enquired of the State Department regarding the possibility of sending Dr. Engberg to Jerusalem if we decide that this should be done.

Meanwhile there is quite a different matter on which I need your immediate advice. The Provident Trust Company has been depositing \$125 per month of Dr. Fisher's salary to the credit of Mrs. Fisher. We should decide at once whether they should continue to deposit this or any amount for her, and whether we should undertake to pay her a regular annuity. Perhaps you will feel that we should consult all the Trustees on this question, or perhaps you will feel that we can decide it in the Executive Committee, at least for the rest of this year. I should like to be able to give the bank definite instructions by the 1st of August, if possible.

Please therefore reply immediately, addressing me at

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Candlewood Isle,
Danbury, Conn.

Sincerely yours,

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