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Dear William:

I have your letters of October 7 and 21 and the accounts which accompanied them. You are leaving the Jerusalem School in a remarkably fine physical and financial condition. I shall incorporate all of your suggestions in my remarks on the financial condition of the Schools at the December meeting of the Schools. I am a bit dubious about reducing the grant to the Jerusalem School from \$2500 to \$2000, however. The former sum is already rather low, and I am afraid that the difference might be diverted to purposes which are certainly no more important, and to projects which are perhaps even now too ambitious. I refer to the \$7500 appropriation for the Tepe Gawra dig made in the 1935-6 budget, which was to be matched with a similar amount in the 1936-7 budget. I consider Tepe Gawra a most important matter, and am as anxious as any one for the excavations there to be brought to a scientifically satisfactory end, but I do not want to see the Schools crippled or moral obligations such as we have to Fisher completely sacrificed, and I agree with you that if possible the scholarships should be restored. (The Nies Fund nets us less than \$2, two dollars a year, now). You know, by the way, that \$3000 of the 1935-6 Tepe Gawra appropriation has been turned over for work this winter at Tepe Gawra, although the original idea was to save it all for one final dig next year. As a matter of fact, however, all of these remarks with regard to the 1936-7 budget appropriations amount at the present moment to so much speculation, as I informed you in my last letter.

Since then, however, there have been a number of interesting developments, which have somewhat altered the situation, and which also affect me personally. In response to an urgent telegram from Burrows, I went to New York about two and half weeks ago, to meet him and Cyrus Adler at the latter's office, for the purpose of interviewing Warburg in connection with the School finances. Burrows has probably written to you about all of this, and I have purposely refrained from writing to you sooner, because I thought it would be just as well for you to hear from him first. We saw Warburg. To make a long story short, Warburg offered to give the Schools a considerable sum of money, about \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars - an approximate sum which he mentioned rather generally) if certain conditions were fulfilled. They were that whatever money he and Mrs. Warburg might give must be spent within say ten years or so, and secondly that the new director of the Jerusalem School must be acceptable to him. In that connection

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he mentioned my own name several times, Burrows and I left then, Adler and Warburg staying at the Harmonie Club where we had met him, to participate in another meeting. The possibility of my returning to the Jerusalem School was thus precipitately brought up, and it would be untrue if I were to say that I wasn't tremendously stirred, and that I am not deeply interested. It had never occurred to me that I might get another extended leave-of-absence from the Hebrew Union College. Burrows and I talked the matter over, and I left saying that my availability depended upon Dr. Morgenstern, and with both of us saying we did not know if the Board of Trustees would care to accept any gift with strings attached to it such as Mr. Warburg insisted on. I returned to Cincinnati with fear and trembling in my heart, because according to conversations I had had with Dr. Morgenstern last year, I felt that he would be adamant ~~xxx~~ and under no circumstances recommend that I be given another leave-of-absence in case the directorship of the Jerusalem School were eventually to be offered me. To my delight and amazement he not only did not reject the idea forthwith, but said that he would give it careful consideration. Last week he called me in again, and said that in view of the availability of Julius Lewi for the near future, he was inclined to recommend to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College that in case the directorship of the Jerusalem School is offered me I be granted a leave-of-absence for three years, and be promoted at the end of this year to a full professorship. It would give Lewi an opportunity to settle quietly for several years during which an opening in Assyriology might offer itself somewhere, and would enable me to serve the Jerusalem School if the opportunity were to be offered me. It happened that there was an HUC Board of Governors meeting at just this time when Dr. Morgenstern and I were having our initial conversations, and I believe that Dr. Rosenau had a great deal to do with the assurance given to Dr. Morgenstern that the trustees would receive favorably such a suggestion from him. That is how the matter stands now. If the position is offered me, I should love to go. Helen finishes her internship in June, and there would be no question of separation between us.

I have just been requested by Moon to go to Chicago and interview Mr. Patten. So I have written to Patten and to Sellers, and will go up as soon or if such an interview can be arranged. Dr. Morgenstern and I are going to tackle some Cincinnati people for contributions to the endowment.

With heartiest greetings to you and Ruth,

I am, as ever, sincerely yours,

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