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Dear Nelson:

Your letter and one from John Wilson came in the same mail. As I have just written him, I communicated with the Executive Committee at once, and I now have sufficient votes to say that your appointment on the terms you propose is assured. As regards the title, I think your suggestion that you be appointed as Field Director of both schools is best.

The only trouble with calling you Acting Director of the Jerusalem School is that it would not be applicable if we can send Bob out at the same time or later. I should like very much to do this, and he definitely wants it. He feels strongly, and I think quite rightly, that his letter to John Wilson created an impression quite contrary to what he intended, and that it would be entirely unfair to him to send you out to his job, since he is under appointment as director of the school and has been willing all along to go to his post if we judged it advisable. He recognizes fully that what he could do would not compare with what you can do, and he is above any petty personal envy, but he feels, and I agree, that if it is possible for you to do archeological work in the Near East it is possible for him too. In fact, I should think you might be able to make good use of his assistance yourself.

The Pacific School of Religion wired me asking whether I could pinch-hit in your place, and I have agreed to do so. I can't give them the sort of thing you would have given them, but I am going to speak on the social significance of archeology, a theme which has interested me for a long time and which seems to me a real question now, when the production of even what we used to consider necessities is being curtailed in favor of the nation's primary job. I'm not sure I know the answer completely.

To come back to your appointment, it would be simpler, as I have said to John Wilson, if we did not have to make any payments before July 1, but that is not an insuperable problem in view of the Warburg Fund. The only point we are in honor bound to guard is the use of our funds for the purposes for which they were given. But of course if we lost this war we might never again be able to do archeological work in the Near East at all. What I proposed to the Executive Committee was that we give you a salary of \$3000 with authority to use the Jerusalem School funds for archeological work. Counting your own vote and mine, with all those from ^{whom} I have heard so far, we have a good majority, and I don't expect any negative votes from the rest of the committee. I am raising the question with Wilson whether we could expect any help regarding travel expenses for you and Bob.

Sincerely,

