

Oct. 30, 1935.

Dear Burrows:

In the course of our conversations, Dr. Morgenstern has told me that after all he has received no communication of any kind from the American Schools with regard to our conversations in New York. I explained, and he understood that I was presenting the matter both for myself, and for you also so far as the actual facts are concerned. Naturally, I have not ventured to say anything with regard to whatever your own reactions may be ~~either~~ either personally or as President of the American Schools of Oriental Research. A large meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College took place yesterday. Dr. Morgenstern gave me to understand that the matter of an extended leave of absence in case the directorship of the American Schools were eventually to be offered me came up for discussion between him and several of the the most influential members of the Board of Governors. If I am not badly mistaken, the reaction of these members of our Board of Governors was not negative. I am wondering whether or not you might not now consider it advisable to write to Dr. Morgenstern yourself, and present to him your understanding of our conversations with Mr. Warburg and Dr. Adler in New York, and inquire, if you deem it advisable, as to whether or not it might be possible for me to secure a leave of absence from the HUC to accept the directorship if it were to be offered to me. I have told Dr. Morgenstern that in case such an offer eventualizes, I should like to secure a leave-of-absence for two, preferably three years.

With regard to another matter, that of the meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America which coincides with the meeting of the Schools in New York this coming December. It has occurred to me that it might be opportune for the Schools to take advantage of the opportunity thus offered, and at least let the membership of the Archaeological Institute become familiar with the nature of our Schools and the character of the work we do. This might partially be done, for instance, as it strikes me at the moment, by some of us, e.g. you, Kraeling, Speiser, myself, giving a symposium of talks, illustrated perhaps, on the recent activities of the Schools.

I sent off the corrected page proof and the Ms. of the Index to you yesterday. I assume you have found the larger copy of the map which I returned to you together with the original map packed in a tube.

Sincerely yours,

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*As to the possibility of my being considered for the directorship of the School, except to say that you had not considered me before because you didn't think I might be available.*