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Dear William:

I was glad to get your interesting letter of Aug. 29. I have not yet received the financial report, but assume it is on its way or will be sent soon. The news about the School itself is most pleasant, particularly that the summer session was so profitable. I am distressed, however, when I think of all the time and energy Ruth must have expended while acting again as housekeeper of the School. It would have been nice if she could have devoted all of her time to her most immediate personal interests. However, her loss is our gain. I was particularly glad to hear that you are putting the School into tip-top physical shape before leaving at the end of December. The more you do now, the better it will be for the near future of the School.

I agree most thoroughly that the Summer School should be taken over by the School as a part of its organization and curriculum in the future. I am convinced that Moon could handle the organization and travel of the Summer School at least as well, if indeed not much more efficiently than Jackson. It would be quite a relief to our general treasury, if the Summer School receipts could provide for a large portion of Moon's salary. With the growth of our organization, his services are becoming more and more indispensable. On the other hand, the condition of our financial resources requires that we husband them most carefully, and that we reach out for every possible source of income. We have finally reached a financial impasse.

I spent most of last night, and all of this morning working over our finances, and I am alarmed. If Barton has explained the situation to me correctly, we can only allocate \$12,500 from the Rockefeller Foundation for our 1936-1937 budget, which I am now trying to prepare, and in 1937 proper we receive nothing from the Foundation. I have written to Burrows, urging what I recommended last December that immediate contact be made with the Rockefeller Foundation to see what can be done for the future. As it is, I find that I cannot prepare a budget to cover our normal restricted activities, even disregarding the appropriation of another \$7500 for Tepe Gavra in the 1936-7 budget to match the appropriation made in our last budget, and disregarding for the nonce the question of a reduction of Fisher's salary or of a pension, or of anything for him. There are only two ways out of the difficulty at the present, and I shall oppose both of them most strenuously. One is to include in the budget income from corporation and membership dues and from investments, which we have been putting into the endowment fund, and which is matched by a like sum from the Rockefeller Foundation. Thus if we used the approximately \$10,000 total income from these sources which we have

been diverting to the endowment fund, it would mean foregoing another \$10,000 from the Rockf. Foundation, which we could have at the end of 1936. The other way would be to dig into our capital. However, I am against that because with the nec. replacement of some of our holdings with bonds yielding less income than previously, our net income is going to be somewhat reduced anyway; and besides, I think we would have to secure the consent of the Rockefeller Foundation. If the worst comes to pass, and we ought to envisage such a situation, for the 1937-1938 budget the Schools will have a total income of about \$10,000 from all sources. If conditions continue to improve in this country, there may be some positive results from our Endowment Campaign, and the Rockefeller Foundation may possibly renew its grants to us. As treasurer, however, it is my business to watch the funds we have, and my motto is: "Auf das Beste hoffen, aber auf das Schlimmste gefasst sein".

Th JPOS XV,1-2 which has just come in is a grand issue. Sukenik's monograph is superb. Thanks for taking care of the Kilwa notes in the issue of the JPOS. An article on el-Hammeh, which was in page proof for the AJA almost a year ago, and then because of space or finances was not published, has just appeared in the last issue of the AJA in a botched form, because the plates had to be readapted to the present issue. They have sent me no reprints. I am glad to learn that the Bethel volume will be ready for the press soon, and that the Gibeah II, Ader, and Petra publications are on their way towards completion. I am now reading page proof for the Edom article. It was reassuring to read your comment on Alt's work Aus der 'Arabia II-IV in Bulletin 59. He is completely wrong with regard to the Roman origin of the carmanserais in the 'Arabah. His article appeared too late for me to answer him in the body of my Edom paper, but I did take issue with him in an Addendum. In connection with your review of Abel's Geographie... in the JPOS you will be interested to know that a close examination of all the biblical passages indicating that Seir-Edom is on the west side of the 'Arabah shows beyond all doubt that every one of them is ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ post-exilic in origin and has not Idumaea and not the preexilic Edom in mind. I have considered these passages in a lengthy footnote in the Edom article, and have dealt with them in more detail in a forthcoming article in the HUCA on The Western Boundary of Edom.

Helen is still in the General Hospital, and now earns fifty one cents a day. She comes home about three times a week for a couple of hours, and has every other week end off. Helen joins me in sending you and Ruth and the children and the rest of the School our warmest greetings.