Nassau Point, Peconic L.I. September 6th, 1939

Professor Edward M. Earle Coreys N.Y.

Dear Colleague:

Thank you very much for sending me
the copy of your letter to Veblen of September 4th.
I confess not to be quite of your opinion that we
should try to enforce the cooperation of the faculty in this election of the new Director. In this
time of tension it might happen that some of the Trustees might be antagonistic to such a procedure which
is not provided for in the present statutes. The only
thing we should try is to prepare as many trustees as
possible. You mentioned the fact that Maass, Leidesdorf
and Hardin are not quite in the position to accomplish
this effectively. So we should try to find inofficial
contacts with other Trustees. I believe, that Miss Goldman
for instance could help in this respect. If such contact
would be possible we should ask them to propose that the
faculty should be consulted before the nomination of the
new Director becomes final.

I confess to feel better since France and England have resisted the continuous threats of Germany - despite the terrible things which must happen there in the near future. It is now evident that the moral degeneration of Europe is not so complete as it seemed in the last years.

With my best thanks,

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A. Binstein.

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