

Put in Mr. Wm. Rosenwald's files *mw*

Trustees, Julius Rosenwald Fund.

April 30, 1928

Gentlemen:

I am happy to present herewith to the Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund certificate for twenty thousand shares of the stock of Sears Roebuck and Company.


When the Julius Rosenwald Fund was created and sums of money turned over, it was provided that the principal as well as the income might be spent from time to time at the discretion of the Trustees and it was my expectation from the beginning that the entire principal should be spent within a reasonable period of time. My experience is that Trustees controlling large funds are not only desirous of conserving principal but often favor adding to it from surplus income. I am not in sympathy with this policy of perpetuating endowments and believe that more good can be accomplished by expending funds as Trustees find opportunities for constructive work than by storing up large sums of money for long periods of time. By adopting a policy of using the Fund within this generation, we may avoid those tendencies toward bureaucracy and a formal or perfunctory attitude toward the work which almost inevitably develop in organizations which prolong their existence indefinitely. Coming generations can be relied upon to provide for their own needs as they arise.

In accepting the shares of stock now offered, I ask that the Trustees do so with the understanding that the entire fund in the hands of the Board both income and principal be expended within twenty-five years of the time of my death.

It gives me great pleasure to offer this additional fund at the time of the first meeting of the enlarged Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,


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August 13, 1928

Dear William:

Mr. Rosenwald has just received a letter from Mrs. Dugdale, of which the enclosed is a copy. He is prepared to go forward for another year on the basis of this report. Before sending a letter to Mrs. Dugdale, to that effect, I thought I would make sure whether or not you have had any correspondence with her since you and I exchanged letters. Unless you have any questions or reservations, or unless you have already written her, I shall send off a letter in Mr. Rosenwald's behalf, agreeing to payment for another year with the understanding that the whole matter will again be reconsidered before any obligations are assumed for a third year.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears, Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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November 6, 1928

Dear William: Your letter of November 2 has arrived and I have been brushing up on my calculus. We have not, however, received the previous letter to which you refer, nor the galley proofs on which I assume your specific suggestions are noted.

Without discussing differential equations, I agree that the important things for foundations to do often are in inverse ratio to the immediate relief given by them, and also in inverse ratio to popular interest. The history of most funds and philanthropies is that they start with the immediate and concrete and tend to find themselves more and more interested, as time goes on, in prevention and in the long-time effort.

I think there is nothing inconsistent with spending funds in a single generation, and at the same time spending it with a view to future benefits and particularly to the prevention of ills that by wise pre-vision need never materialize.

I await eagerly the arrival of the galley proofs.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MWS

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears, Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
PHILADELPHIA

November 5th, 1928

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
c/o Julius Rosenwald,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Embree:

My previous letter to you thanked you for the flattering courtesy you extended to me in sending the galley proofs of the Fund's report. As you know, I am in no way connected with the Fund, hence I am a little timid about offering any suggestions or criticisms. On the other hand, I take the greatest interest in its work; and in looking over the proofs, there are certain things which appear to me to be of such vital importance that I should like to suggest my ideas concerning them to you. Of course, you will feel perfectly free to make such changes as you see fit.

As you state in your letter, as far as the philosophy of philanthropy goes, you are "exposing surface" more than is customary in such cases. In the material I recognize much from your original docket; but if my memory is correct, you have improved this greatly. When we met in Chicago, I congratulated you on this excellent analysis, and especially on the method of attack on the different fields; and, as a result of our conversation, I am convinced that we are in fundamental agreement on these matters. A second, and even more enthusiastic occasion for congratulating you now presents itself, for the report is singularly clear and well written and compares ^{more than} favorably with the Rockefeller Foundation report which you enclosed.

All of the following material you would have to reword before using it in a report. It is neither as precise nor as thorough as I should like it to be.

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Corrected copy
of Nov. 2nd.

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To take up the requested suggestions as to changes in subject matter, I should say first of all that in reading over page one and the first half of page two of the galley proof (pages 5, 6 and 7 of the report), I gather the impression all the way through that your understanding of father's letter was that the present generation should be the ones to benefit by the expenditures of the Fund. My understanding, and I am sure father's intention, is that the Fund should be used during this generation. It may be used on a type of problem from which benefits can only accrue to future generations. I have marked all the way through changes which would make this portion read differently. The changes are not so much in the actual contents as in what they suggest to the reader. The emphasis should be on giving help during the present generation to the problems it is trying to solve, rather than on giving help to the present generation. At first sight, this may seem like a hair-splitting difference. My opinion is that its suggestive value to the reader, and especially to people directly connected with the Fund, would be enormous.

Before reading over your report, I jotted down the three or four points which to me were most important in the philosophy of philanthropy. You may, or may not, agree with them. The first one is the most difficult to explain.

In the realm of philanthropy, the most obvious benefits are those such as: feeding poor children, helping the sick, and in general alleviating present misery. One step higher in this thought leads one to methods of preventing illness and misery. The next step higher leads one to the study and invention of methods of prevention.

To me the most fundamental point in the philosophy of philanthropy is that it must be something which will have its effect throughout the generations to come and, the higher up this scale of refinement this effort is, the less will it bear fruit during the present generations, and yet the more valuable it will be. Of course, in any one case, the money ~~will~~^{must} be wisely spent; and in any one plane of this scale it must only be distributed after the most careful thought and study. One difficulty in the way is that the higher the plane, the more difficult it becomes to evaluate the various fields in that plane. All this is of the most highly abstruse nature.

Nevertheless, to my mind, it is of the most fundamental importance. The logical position of any person disagreeing with this is that the help should be given to this generation, which is of course most directly aided by alms. I must confess that a person taking this latter position has every bit as good an argument as the person taking the position I suggest. He simply says: "I am not interested in future generations", and nothing under heaven nor on earth can make him be interested in them.

Secondly, corollary of the first - since the raising of funds for immediate aid is usually the more appealing, it is advisable for a fund to give to work which has the least possible popular appeal. However, the most cogent reason for giving to less popular works (it being understood that, as far as can be discovered, other factors and considerations are equal) is that the more popular the work the greater chance it has of securing support elsewhere.

The third point I jotted down is that the function of a Fund is primarily to assist in the discovery and launching of new movements in the same fields of endeavor.

The fourth point is that the Fund is in a particularly advantageous position to do this, as it is freer from personal influence than is any individual.

Fifthly, most philanthropists tend to regard money given to work done in their own or nearby countries as of greater value than work done in more distant or less familiar countries. Naturally, in certain distant countries, it is impossible to do any work at all, due to the unsettled state of their political or social organizations. However, one of the greatest duties of the philanthropist who would be thorough, is to free himself from this geographical preference. To do so, he must exert a conscious intelligent effort, and achieve a truly international outlook. The first step in the elimination of any undesirable bias is the realization that such a bias exists.

Whether or not you wish to include these basic ideas in your report must be left to you and to the officers of the Fund.

To take the galley proofs and comment on the suggested corrections I have made:

- 1) A trivial suggestion to convey that the Fund is an integral part of Mr. Rosenwald's personal philanthropies, and not to give the impression that it is something apart.


- 2) I thought that this change would make the sentence easier to read.
- 3) A typographical error.
- 4) See general comment above.
- 5) An elaboration of the idea discussed under the heading: "Material Necessities" is the protection of the consumer against being imposed upon by something which appears to him at the time of purchase just as good. This is particularly necessary in businesses where the consumer is unable to change or in which he is infrequently engaged; e.g. the purchase of a house.
- 6) This might cause a feeling of resentment on the part of doctors and I would suggest saying "among those ills which most...."
- 7) To my mind, the most important work which can be done in co-operating with governments is to interest them in new fields. A splendid example of this is the work of the Fund in interesting the southern states in the rural schools. My point number three bears most directly on this paragraph of your report.

Again thanking you for the privilege which you have so kindly accorded me, and looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I am

Sincerely yours,



WR:CF



November 10, 1928

Dear William: The proof sheets arrived. The delay was occasioned by their going to Ellis Avenue.

I have taken advantage of practically all of your specific suggestions, but I am not trying to write into the report the more general philosophy which you outline in your letter. There will be many reports to come. I think in succeeding editions we may well emphasize special matters. In this one I am concentrating on (1) reorganization, (2) question of perpetuities, (3) background of work of other foundations, (4) summary of the efforts in Negro rural schools.

Your point concerning expenditures during this generation as contrasted with expenditures for this generation is very well taken. I have made the several changes suggested by you to shift the emphasis in this matter, and in addition I am adding a paragraph to this effect:

"This of course does not mean simply attention to current needs, without consideration of the effect upon the future. Efforts, for instance, in the prevention of disease actively carried out today may benefit coming generations even more than those now living; sound education, improvements in living conditions and additions to knowledge not only help the present generation but are the best inheritance to pass on to those who are to follow. Wise statesmanship will plan and act so that present efforts may have far reaching results."

This point is so sound that I think it well to make definite reference to it in such a paragraph as well as to correct the wording in the other statements. Thank you very much for your counsel and suggestions which are all very helpful.

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Mr. William Rosenwald - 2

11/10/28

I sent this report to about half-a-dozen people, including Mr. Vincent of the Rockefeller Foundation, and I am getting in interesting and valuable comments. Oddly enough, every man has fixed upon a different subject for his major attack. The result, I think, will be a much better statement than the one originally prepared.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MWS

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears, Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
PHILADELPHIA

January 4th, 1929

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Dear Mr. Embree:

Thank you for your preliminary draft of the letter you propose writing to Dr. Flexner. It rather surprised me, as it differed so from that which, according to my recollection, was our final understanding. Please read carefully the few suggestions below, as I have tried to touch on only one or two points which I think may determine the result. With one or two slight changes, I think we can come nearer to our mutual goal, namely: to interest father in European universities.

As you pointed out to me, the principal, unconscious attraction to father is his interest in Renee. Renee is principally interested in having him contribute to the University of Vienna, and as such a contribution would redound more to the credit of my family-in-law than would any other European contribution, father would, I think, be more inclined to give to it than he would to any other. Naturally, he would be the last to admit, even to himself, this influence.

You also suggested to me that the brothers Flexner rather underestimate the University of Vienna as compared with those of Germany, although, as I pointed out to you, these universities are not so urgently in need of help as is the one in Vienna, nor are they on the whole more deserving of assistance.

Your point, if I recall it correctly, was that it was a mistake to help Vienna, as the city is on the down grade. Later you seemed to agree with my suggestion that there was much to be said in favor of helping it just because Vienna is in a difficult position, as, although the city itself may

eventually lose its pre-war importance and prestige, the knowledge represented by the University of Vienna as a body will be passed on to the next generation, and thus not be lost.

For this reason, I am afraid that if you suggest Germany and Vienna in the same breath to Abraham Flexner, he will immediately recommend giving to the German universities. The influence mentioned above will be rendered inactive, and, in my opinion, there is little chance of success should things work out in this way. Merely striking out the words "and Germany" in the opening paragraph would prevent this chain of events, and it would also make the paragraph stronger and more accurate.

Secondly, I had no idea that you were to offer Mr. Flexner a fee for making a detailed study, I thought you were merely to request his offhand opinion. I am afraid that the formality of the detailed study will in the beginning tend to frighten father a little, although certainly one should be made at a later date, when he is more enthusiastically in accord with our ideas.

Thirdly, I wonder if you could not reword the letter so as to make it a little warmer, that is so as to encourage a friendly reply. This might be in part done by leaving out the last half of the third paragraph starting: "there are two types of things that we might do...", alternatives of which Mr. Flexner is surely aware. You might frame a sentence which in Court would be called "a leading question", that is, something in the general tone of: "Don't you think giving to the University of Vienna might be a wise thing for us to do at the present time?"

It would be impossible for me to tell you how much Renee and I appreciate your helping us in this matter, although I must say that at the same time we feel we are, to a certain extent, helping you. The breadth of view you have always manifested led us to confide in you as completely as we have done and to count on your sincere support in achieving the desired end.

We both send sincerest greetings to you and your family, and best wishes for the new Year.

Sincerely yours,

WR:CF



WILLIAM ROSENWALD
PHILADELPHIA

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December 4th, 1928

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Dear Alfred:

I have not yet had time to read the book by W. G. Rice, which you sent me; and I can only repeat, in answer to your letter of November 15th, what I have already told you - that I am not a very enthusiastic supporter of having father's biography written.

However, I am quite willing to do whatever you request me to do, together with the other children, in this respect, so please take my approval for granted in making any plans you wish. I shall always be delighted to look them over. One thing seems certain, and that is that some one who can devote his full time to the work would be preferable.

Yours,

Wm. Rosenwald

P. S. On the other hand,

Mr. Alfred K. Stern,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
Chicago, Illinois.

Edgar's point in his letter to you seemed to me to be well taken.

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~~Abraham Lincoln~~

January 7, 1929

Dear William: Thank you for your note of January 4. I have revised the letter in accordance with most of your suggestions. I could not bring myself to put in the "leading question" since as you know I still have some reservations concerning Vienna. I think the note as it stands covers the points that we both have in mind.

For your records I am enclosing a copy of the letter as it has gone out.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. William Rosenwald
Bears, Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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ELKINS PARK, PA.

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February 14, 1929

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Dear Mr. Embree:

Will you please inform me whether or not Mr. Wilbur C. Phillips, 18 East 41st Street, New York City, is the man who approached father with a scheme for protecting consumers, the files of which you showed me.

Thanking you in advance for your attention, I am

Yours very truly,



Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
925 South Homan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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February 18, 1929

Dear William: Wilbur C. Phillips is the man who presented to your father a scheme for organizing consumers. I happen to have known something about this man. He is full of brilliant ideas. Unfortunately it does not seem to me that his record is equally distinguished in execution.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MWS

~~Mr. William Rosenwald~~
8120 Cedar Road
Elkins Park
Pennsylvania

~~ERWIN R. EMBREE~~

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
4640 ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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March 4th, 1929

Dear Mr. Embree:

Thank you for your letter
of February 19th.

As always, I am agreeable
to any suggestion for biographer. It seems,
offhand, that David Lawrence is better than
any yet suggested, except for the one objection
you mention - his being a Jew.

Please count on my support for
whatever may be decided by the other members
of the family in this connection.

Sincerely,

Wm Rosenwald

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
925 South Homan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
4640 ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 5th, 1929

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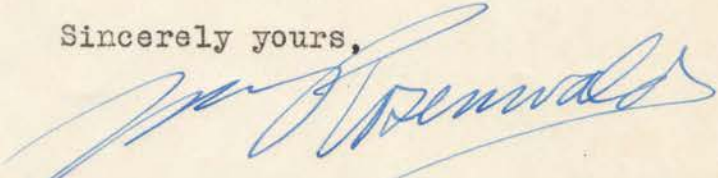
Dear Mr. Embree:

Thank you for your letter confirming my guess that Mr. Phillips is the man whose folder I had previously seen.

Mrs. Alexander M. Hadden writes to me enclosing a copy of a letter written to the Foundation, dated February 13th. I availed myself of the services of the Students' International Union in Geneva, when I was there in August and September 1925, and I found it doing an extremely useful piece of work: giving the students an opportunity to meet students of other nationalities, and making the student life in Geneva more agreeable and interesting.

I, myself, contribute to this organization, and if the Foundation is interested in encouraging this type of work, I can heartily recommend Students' International Union Inc. to them.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Foundation,
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 8, 1929.

Dear William: We have not been neglecting the Vienna professors in whom you are interested. In answer to my letter, we had some weeks ago the enclosed reply from Abraham Flexner. To this, after consulting with Mr. Rosenwald, we sent the following cable:

"WILL WRITE REGARDING LAST LETTER BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE INTEREST OURSELVES ONLY IN VERY EXCEPTIONAL CASES."

We have not had further word from Mr. Flexner. Copy of my following letter to Flexner is also enclosed.

It occurs to me that you may be interested in some of the topics that we are proposing to bring up before the Trustees at the May meeting. Hoping that you are, I am enclosing herewith tentative drafts concerning three items: (1) New School for Social Research, (2) Southern Fellowships in the Social Sciences, (3) Exceptional Colleges and Universities.

This third is not in docket form but is simply a preliminary memorandum which I have sent to your father and one or two others by way of getting the matter formulated in our minds. I shall be very glad to have any comments that you care to make on these papers.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:msg

Mr. William Rosenwald,
Sears, Roebuck and Company,
Philadelphia, Penn.

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
~~4640 ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD~~
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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August 19th, 1929

Dear Miss Sargent:

Please sign the carbon copy as
witness and have Miss Martin do likewise,
then mail in the enclosed envelope.

Wm. Rosenwald.

WR.

Miss Margaret Sargent,
Sears, Roebuck and Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

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112 WEST ADAMS STREET

CHICAGO

August 14, 1929

TELEPHONE RANDOLPH 0560

Mr. William Rosenwald,
c/o Sears-Roebuck & Company,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

We are returning beneficiary papers which you signed properly but overlooked the sheet underneath. Will you kindly sign this duplicate copy and return both of the papers to this office?

With kindest regards, we beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Stumes & Loeb
GENERAL AGENTS *by a.a.l.*

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November 25, 1929

Dear William: You will be interested to know, I am sure, that the trustees took very kindly to the memorandum on Program and Policies. While I know your desire to see the Fund engaged in even more recondite activities, I am sure this was the proper present step. They took the proposals hook, bait and sinker, and while they did not actually call for them, I think more may be offered them in the course of a year or so, with good expectation of finding their appetites whetted.

The specific votes adopted are the following:

RESOLVED That the trustees express an interest in mental hygiene, especially as it affects child growth and the training of personnel for the educational and medical applications of mental hygiene, and that the trustees express an interest in experiments and the development of new situations in education.

RESOLVED that the trustees express an interest in significant projects for improvement in the administration of government, in studies and demonstrations in the application of social science and in the promotion of the social sciences, especially in situations where the advancement might be expected to contribute helpfully to other programs of the Fund.

In addition, specific comments were made to a number of projects in these new fields, including the mental hygiene work in Toronto, the City Managers' Association and a third of a million to Swarthmore. This seems to me pretty good progress for a board which up to a year ago had done nothing but build rural schoolhouses with individual contributions ranging from \$200 to a maximum of \$2,000.


I am not forgetting your invitation to a philosophical and mathematical discussion in Philadelphia. I hereby wager ten dollars that I accept it within sixty days.

On the William Rosenwald Trustee Account #3, stocks have been purchased totalling about \$49,000. Detailed statement concerning this from the brokers will be sent in the near future, as also the life insurance policy, which is in the works.

ERE:MS

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears, Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Very truly yours,


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WILLIAM B. EMBREE

WILLIAM ROSENWALD
4640 ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD
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December 30th, 1929			

Dear Mr. Embree:

Thank you for your letter of November 25th. I shall gladly accept your bet, - I betting that you will not visit me before January 25th; \$10 stakes!

For my convenience, I would appreciate your doing all the trading on Trustee Account #3 through Stein, Alstrin & Co., as this will keep the accounts separated and save me the necessity of opening separate books. They are to hold all the stocks to the credit of that account. If any stocks have been delivered, please return them to Stein, Alstrin & Co., as collateral.

I noticed that in buying fifty shares of New York Central, you also bought the rights. Although I can understand your doing this, and the amount involved was insignificant, I trust you will appreciate that the account is ^{to} being used for purchases for strictly investment purposes, to be owned outright.

I am looking forward to reading the 1929 report of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. As far as I have gone, it seems to be very well written.

Pres. Bydelotte spoke very highly of it.

Sincerely,

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
Chicago, Illinois.

W. Rosenwald

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December 31, 1929

My dear William: I am hoping to be in the East for the most of next week. I am not sure that this will be a convenient time to you for our proposed leisurely discussion of Fund work. I shall telephone you from New York. If this is not a convenient season for you, I think we can arrange another meeting later in the month.

I am enclosing a statement from Stein, Alstrin showing the present condition of Trustee Account No. 3. The only change that I am planning in the account is the exercising of rights in the case of New York Central which will add five shares of the common stock of that company to the present holdings. All of the stocks, with the exception of Colorado Fuel and Iron, are, at the moment, lower than the prices at which they were bought. However, one has hopes of a more favorable market after the New Year.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. William Rosenwald
care of Sears, Roebuck and Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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March 15, 1930

Dear William: Your note of May 11 asked for an answer at my earliest convenience. I am making it fifteen minutes after your note reached my desk, which has allowed simply time for me to read it and to do a little thinking. Is this prompt enough?

I am all for the proposal to make it possible for the Fabian Society to give body to the ideas on international affairs of the left wing. I don't know Mitrany, but I do know a number of the other people referred to and they are just the ones that, to my mind, should have their day in court. Of course, we would not want international opinion to be dictated by them, but there is no danger of their position being over-emphasized. The danger is that it will not be taken into consideration nearly enough. I was at first frightened by the word "endowment" but I see what they are proposing is simply support for a five-year period. That seems to me just right. A perpetuity set up under such a group would be likely to become as wooden and stodgy as in any other case, but certainly these people can be trusted to do valuable things for at least five years.

I think this would be an excellent cause for you to put in whatever amount would be your share.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:MS

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears, Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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March 17, 1930

Dear William: I have just seen the news release of the N.A.A.C.P. reporting that your conditional gift has brought in pledges of \$5,445 a year for three years to that association. The recent report of President Aydelotte announced your gift of \$15,000, under remarkably generous terms, to Swarthmore. While a great many people will doubtless continue to criticize the fact that you do not give liberally to local charities, to my mind you are going about your philanthropy in a statesmanlike manner.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:DC

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears-Roebuck and Company
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

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March 31, 1930

My dear William: I am intrigued by the suggestion in your letter of March 26 that experiments might be conducted with a view to seeing whether protoplasm might be formed chemically. I am passing this on to a number of my friends in biology and chemistry. It would be a world-shaking event if anything came of such experiments. However unlikely they are to work out positively, it would seem well worth attempting.

Of course I have no objection to your showing to anyone my comments on your contribution.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears Roebuck and Company
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

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Executive Offices

7 Philadelphia, Pa.,
April 3rd, 1930

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
Department 702X,
Chicago Store.

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Dear Mr. Embree:

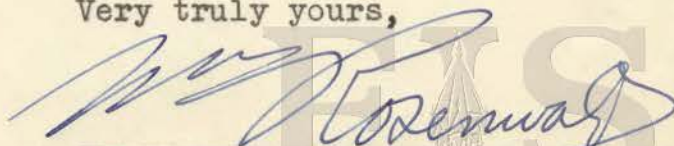
It would help me greatly if you could write to me and tell me if the Julius Rosenwald Fund has been giving away 90% of its income. In figuring this 90%, money paid out as taxes can be included in gifts. The exact paragraph of the income tax law which I have in mind follows:

"If, during the taxable year and each of the 10 preceding taxable years, the amount contributed in all the above cases combined plus the amount of income, war-profits, or excess-profits taxes paid during such year in respect of preceding taxable years exceeds 90% of the taxpayer's net income for each such year, as computed without the benefit of this article, the full amount of such contributions and gifts made within the taxable year is deductible. (See section 120)"

If the Julius Rosenwald Fund has not been giving away the proper money for the last ten years, for the last how many years has it been doing so?

Could you also please tell me if the Julius Rosenwald Fund pays income tax on its income?

Very truly yours,



William Rosenwald

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April 7, 1930

My dear William: In reply to your letter of April 3 I may report that the Julius Rosenwald Fund has been giving away more than 90% of its income during all the years of my acquaintance with it. At present, of course, we are giving away not only all of the income but a good deal of the principal each year. This Fund, incorporated as a charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois, is free of all taxes. For this reason exact records of the percentage of income actually dispersed were not kept during the early years. So far, however, as the period of careful accounting and auditing is concerned, every year shows dispensing of more than 90% of the income.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:DC

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears Roebuck and Company
Philadelphia
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=MERCY HOSPITAL WANTS ME TO ATTEND LAYING NURSES HOME CORNER

STONE STOP DO YOU RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE STOP IF CALLED UPON

TO SPEAK WHAT SHOULD I SAY STOP PLEASE WRITE THANKS=

WILLIAM ROSENWALD.
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April 9, 1930

Dear William: By all means attend the ceremonies at the Nurses' Home of Mercy Hospital. This is one of the best of the smaller Negro hospitals, though it is still in poor quarters and struggling along with inadequate funds. As you know, the Julius Rosenwald Fund gave \$35,000 toward the recent drive. I am hoping that the interest stirred up in Philadelphia at that time will mean increasing support from local sources for the institution. It has an excellent informal arrangement with the Phipps Clinic whereby Dr. Minton, chief of staff of Mercy Hospital, serves as one of the physicians of the clinic and whereby a number of nurses are taken for special training at the clinic in out-patient work in tuberculosis families.

If you are called upon to speak, I think it would be proper to make reference (1) to the distressing difference in the death rates of Negroes and whites in this country; (2) to the fact that an improvement in the general national death rate may most easily be had by reducing the mortality in this single group of the population, whose deaths are well above what should be allowed in any civilized country; (3) to the fact that Negro death and sickness can be influenced only as hospital facilities are built up for the race and as physicians and nurses from their own group are adequately trained for professional work; (4) to the fact that whites and Negroes have common interest in the reduction of sickness and thus a common interest in improving public health facilities for all.

I am enclosing a reprint of a paper which I prepared about two years ago on this general subject, which will give you some facts and some general background.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MS

Mr. William Rosenwald
Sears Roebuck & Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EDWIN H. EMBREE
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May 26, 1930

My dear William: Remembering your interest in the study of population problems, I am inclosing a bulletin of the International Union that you may care to look over. Do not trouble to return it.

As you may know, there is a Scripps Foundation for the study of population problems, the president of which is Dr. Warren S. Thompson. He and his associates are devoting themselves to a study of the subject from a number of angles. A recent small popular volume issued by Dr. Thompson is entitled "Danger Spots in World Population." If you find yourself interested you can easily obtain a copy through any book dealer.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Letter to ERE from Louis Dublin enclosing copy
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October 1, 1931

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Mr. Stern wanted you to
have the following name

and address:

Gittel Montague
579 Madison Avenue
New York City

(Importer of antique
jewelry and silver)

Very truly yours,

C. W. MATZ

Mr. William Rosenwald
~~Sears, Roebuck and Company~~
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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November 23rd, 1931.

Rosenwald Wm

Dear Sir Al:

I shall read with a great deal of interest the Summary Report of the Large Scale Operations Committee, which just arrived. Thank you for sending it.

The two men who came to see you in New York are:

George Wharton Pepper, Jr.,
1608 Walnut Street, Philadelphia

E. T. Kimmel,
10 South 18th Street, Philadelphia.

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Renee joins me in love to you and Fatima.

Yours

Bill

WR:CF

Mr. Alfred K. Stern,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
900 South Homan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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February 11, 1932

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: May I thank you in Mr.
 Stern's absence for the
article, "The Future of Building Construction,"
which you sent to him. It will be brought to
his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

C. H. MATZ

Secretary to
Mr. Stern

~~Mr. William Rosenwald~~
Sears, Roebuck and Company
Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Rosenwald - Wm

April 1, 1932

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I have written personally to
Mr. Gneist in response to his
letter to you stating that he will know by the time
he receives my note (from a letter addressed to Dr.
Sahn by Lessing Rosenwald) that the question of the
Berlin dental clinic is complicated by the death of
Mr. Rosenwald, and at best the whole matter will
have to be postponed for a long time.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:MLU

Mr. William Rosenwald
4640 Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Copy sent to him
Grand Hotel, Vienna 9/30/32

September 7, 1932

Dear William: When you are next in Chicago, with a little time on your hands, I should like to have another talk with you about the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

I hope that this fall you will be elected a trustee of the Fund, and that you will be willing to join our forces. We shall be at the beginning of a new phase of the Fund's activity, one which may be much more interesting than any we have been through before. The shrinking of our capital resources forced upon us a reduction of our appropriations to current support of institutions, and finally brought almost to termination all of our present programs. Our executive staff has been reduced to a minimum and our commitments, both actual and implied, are being rapidly closed out. Therefore, if and as our capital resources improve, we are free to contemplate new kinds of activity almost as if we were starting as a new foundation.

This is just the time when we need new minds in our councils and new ideas. It is just the time, therefore, at which I should like to see you come actively into our directing board.

About this and a number of ideas that are rumbling in my mind I want to talk with you at the first convenient opportunity.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MLU

ERWIN R. EMBREE

~~Mr. William Rosenwald~~
Sears, Roebuck and Company
Philadelphia

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DATE 9-30-32 **REMARKS** Sending Mr. William Rosenwald copies of letters sent early in the summer

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November 15, 1932

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I have the honor to inform you
that at a meeting of the members
of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, held November 12, you
were elected a member and trustee of the Fund to serve
until the annual meeting of 1935. You were also elected
a member of the committee to bring in nominations of new
members of the Fund and of its committees at the annual
meeting of 1935. The other members of the Nominating
Committee are Beardsley Ruml, and W. W. Alexander.

We are all delighted and honored
to have you serve with us.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBERT

ERE:MLU

Mr. William Rosenwald
Grand Hotel
Vienna, Austria

Jan 8 1933

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