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Internal Memorandum

Papers of George F. Baker

Postscript to memorandum of April 27, 1955

A letter received from Dr. Arthur Cole, head of the Baker Library, says that none of the Baker papers, with the exception of an official biography, are in the Baker Library. To the best of his belief they are still in the hands of the son's widow. That is Mrs. George F. Baker, 67 East 93rd Street.

I phoned Mr. Sheridan Logan of the George F. Baker Trust in an effort to reconcile this information with the data he had given Miss Burnett on April 27th. Apparently his statement that the George F. Baker papers were at Harvard was an assumption only. It was Mr. Baker who gave the Baker Library to Harvard, and that institution would seem to be the proper resting place for the papers, but apparently the family has not yet felt that the time had come to send the papers up there.

Mr. Logan was very suspicious of the cause of the inquiry and asked if we wanted the papers at the Federal Reserve Bank. I assured him that we did not and that the inquiry was solely for the purpose of finding out the location of the papers and the approximate size of the collection. We were not proposing to give this information to graduate students, but if anyone needed to look at the papers under the auspices of this Committee, it would be only a scholar of accepted ability. It was for his convenience that we were seeking the information.

This statement mollified Mr. Logan who then said that the family was trained in complete reticence by Mr. Baker senior, and that that tradition still continued. He thereupon stated that the papers of Mr. Baker which eventually go to Harvard would probably be three trunks full. The time of their sending is completely unknown.

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