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June 22, 1944

Mr. Winfield W. Riefler,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
School of Economics and Politics,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Win:

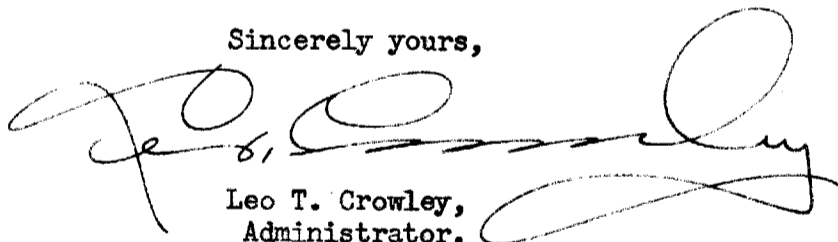
I want to apologize for the delay in answering your letter of the 17th which was caused by my absence from the city for several days.

I fully appreciate what it means to you to be away from the work of your institution for a long time and, also, the great sacrifice you have made in remaining in London as long as you have. You have done a very excellent job, and I am grateful for the cooperation you have given me and the fine contribution you have made toward the success of our program. Despite my great reluctance to have you leave us, under the circumstances I have no choice but to respect your wishes. However, I hope that you will try to remain in London as long as you can conveniently do so. In the meantime, I have talked to Bill Stone and I assume the matter of your successor will be discussed with you.

Again, I wish to assure you of my appreciation of the debt we owe you. If the rest of our organization caused me as little concern as our London office I would have few worries indeed.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leo T. Crowley", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Leo T. Crowley,
Administrator.

June 22, 1944.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director,
The Institute For Advanced Study,
School of Economics and Politics,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I have received a letter from Mr. Winfield Riefler in which he asks to be relieved of his duties in London in order that he may return to Princeton to take up his work with the Institute. He enclosed a copy of your recent letter to him.

The importance of Mr. Riefler returning to his duties at the Institute is thoroughly understandable especially in view of the contemplated extensions of its work. I should like to take this opportunity, however, to express my sincere appreciation of your generosity and that of your associates in making it possible for Mr. Riefler to remain with us as long as he has. He made a splendid record in London, one of which we may be very proud.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leo T. Crowley

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Leo T. Crowley,
Administrator.

June 17, 1944

Mr. Leo T. Crowley, Administrator
Foreign Economic Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Crowley:

I am enclosing a letter which I have just received from Dr. Frank Aydelotte, Director of the Institute for Advanced Study. In it he urges me very seriously to undertake to come back in September for the opening of the next term of the Institute. You are aware, of course, that my ability to accept my present post in London has been completely dependent upon the willingness of the Institute to give me leave for that work and also to support me in it.

When I saw you last week I spoke about the possibility of being relieved in the near future. I knew at that time that Dr. Aydelotte was pressing for my return, but I did not realize then how urgent he would be. I have found subsequently that the Institute is undertaking a rather detailed survey of its activities to date and is formulating plans that will govern its activities for a considerable period to come. It is quite important therefore from the point of view of my own continued relation to the Institute that I be here to participate in that formulation.

We agreed last week that the basic job which I went to London to do is now well under way and that the major moves in economic warfare which I have instituted or with which I have been intimately involved have now come to fruition. This summer, consequently, presents a more opportune occasion to be relieved than has occurred since my appointment.

In view of the above, I would greatly appreciate it if you would authorize me on my return to London to make definite and immediate plans to terminate my activities there on behalf of the Foreign Economic

Mr. Leo T. Crowley

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Administration. Mr. Douglas Foteat, who is my deputy, is very able and will be fully competent to carry on the Division of Economic Warfare, pending the appointment of a successor.

Sincerely yours,

Winfield W. Kiefler

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

June 17, 1944

The Hon. Winfield Riefler
Minister, American Embassy
London, England

Dear Win:

I am writing to urge you very seriously to consider whether the time has not arrived when you can with a good conscience return to your duties at the Institute. It has been a great satisfaction to me and to the trustees to make your services available to the Government and we are very proud when we hear, as we constantly do, tributes to the splendid job which you have done. The question I wish to raise is whether that job is not now far enough along so that it would be possible without weakening the war effort for you to leave another man in your place and return to your important work here.

As you know from our conference, our School of Economics is considering some important extensions of its work. We very much need your advice in the present stage of planning and your assistance in the realization of these plans. If you could return in September so as to be in at the beginning of these new developments, it would be a great advantage to the Institute and it would also give you the opportunity of making your contribution to plans which will determine the activities of the Institute for many years to come.

I can readily understand that you could have before you if you so desired a brilliant career in the Government service, either in the national or the international field. I have no doubt that many people will say to you that such work is more important than scholarship. I do not myself think that is true and my impression is that you would be in agreement with me on that subject. The decision is one, of course, which you yourself must make. If you could make it at this moment and return to the Institute next year, we should all of us look forward to the development of our plans in the School of Economics with greatly increased enthusiasm.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,



Frank Aydelotte

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