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During the last two years the Committee has appropriated \$40,000 annually for the work of Alfred C. Kinsey and colleagues at Indiana University. This sum, which was about half the total budget of the Committee, was designated by the Rockefeller Foundation to be used by the Committee at its discretion in support of the Kinsey work. In other words, the Committee has had at its disposal \$40,000 for general appropriation to other projects, and \$40,000 or as much thereof as the Committee might think proper to appropriate for the Kinsey work.

The Committee is aware that the royalties from the first volume of the series of Kinsey reports have been very large, amounting to approximately \$200,000. This money goes entirely to the incorporated Institute for Sex Research which has been set up by Dr. Kinsey and his group at Indiana University. I have discussed at length with Dr. Kinsey the wisest use of the royalty fund. He proposes to hold the money as capital, applying the income to the expenses of his work. This seems to me a sensible plan. If, as he expects, other large royalties accrue from subsequent volumes of the series, an endowment fund may be accumulated which will provide some measure of security for the long-term project.

Meanwhile public attention to Kinsey's studies has made further demands upon his group. For example, the interest of courts, law enforcement officers, police psychiatrists and philanthropic organizations working with the police and the courts has put a great deal of pressure on Dr. Kinsey to work along lines called for by them. In this field and in other, different fields of sex behavior, moreover, the publication of his book has suddenly opened access to previously unavailable groups of subjects. He can therefore profitably undertake some expansion of his work and staff. It seems wise to the Committee under these circumstances that for the next 2 or 3 years a sum of \$40,000 should be kept available for appropriation to this project, thus permitting Dr. Kinsey to work out his plans for financial support in the future without immediate drain upon his royalty fund.