Detail of Information

Professor Marc Bloch; 54 years of age; married, with six children between the ages of eleven and twenty. Professor Bloch was professor of economic and social history, first at the University of Strasbourg, and since 1956 at Paris. He was also on the staff of the Library of Contemporary International Documentation at Vincennes and was Vice-President of the Governing Board of the Centre d'Etudes de Politique Etrangere. Because of his Jewish origin he has lost his position in France and would appear to be in some danger. He is very anxious to come to the United States provided he could bring his family with him.

Professor Bloch has a recognized reputation as one of the leading European students of economic and social history. He has lectured in England and has written a number of books which have been published in England as well as in France. His contributions to the history of feudalism and of agriculture in France are among the most important of the historical studies published in France since 1900.

A number of the leading American professors of economic history, such as Professors Gay, Cole, Usher, Hamilton, Nef, and Gras, have strongly recommended that Professor Bloch be provided with an opportunity to continue his teaching and research in economic history in the United States. His reputation is such that there would appear to be no difficulty in finding suitable opportunities for him, and a grant in his favor by the Foundation therefore seems amply justified.
GRANT IN AID, NEW YORK

OBJECT: To permit the New School for Social Research to invite Prof. Marc Bloch to come to this country.

PERIOD: Two years beginning approximately December 1, 1940.

PAYMENT: As requested by the New School for Social Research

AMOUNT: $6,000

ACCOUNT: To be charged to RF 40101 leaving a balance of $51,175.00

Additional information – see attached page

A grant of $6,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to permit the New School for Social Research to invite Professor Marc Bloch to come to this country for a period of two years beginning approximately December 1, 1940, is hereby approved.

[Signatures]

APPROVED: December 12, 1940