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MEMORANDUM O'B to J.M.

\$40,000 TO PROVIDE FOR AID TO THE KING'S LIBRARY,  
WINDSOR CASTLE, ENGLAND.

You and Dave will be interested in a long talk I have just had with Morshead, the King's Librarian at Windsor Castle. I explained the delay which was due to the fact that a letter sent in April did not reach you till some week or ten days after my arrival. I likewise explained the interest of the RF and of the Library of Congress in the matter of Diaries and other records at Windsor Castle which were previously discussed, and that funds were now available to assist in microfilming these records. I told Morshead we had hoped that McLeish would come over, but that this now seemed unlikely at least for sometime, but that I was prepared to enter into negotiations with him, in order to present to you a recommendation for funds to take care of his needs. It was a pleasure to learn from him that in the meantime he had spoken to the King and obtained funds from him for the copying of the Diaries of Queen Victoria and George V. He has a man now working on these, and they are well along. He is keenly interested in getting on with the work immediately, and particularly with the Diaries of George III and those which pertain to the revolutionary war, and to incidents in American history. I told him that the decision as to the disposition of the microfilmed copies could be arranged through the King's Library and the Library of Congress, or other American Library. I told him that McLeish had been given detailed information on the matter and was very much interested in doing all he could in connection with the reception and disposition of these private records.

Morshead asked me what sum the Foundation had <sup>to</sup> put at their disposal, and I told him that I could talk in terms of £5000, or possibly more, but would want from him a communication indicating the details, and he is going to send this to me directly. As soon as I receive all the details I shall forward them to you, and probably precede them with a cable for the release of funds as deemed necessary for Morshead's immediate needs.

Morshead is supervising the work himself, and informs me he will obtain the necessary technical help here in England to carry out the work. He is in touch with one of the Kodak firms, which is temporarily doing the work. I explained to him also our arrangements

with the Royal Society for providing both microfilming apparatus as well as 30 reading machines, in which he is much interested. He is of course in close touch with Esdaile, and I told him that I hoped to see Esdaile soon and have a talk with him about the general co-ordination of arrangements, in order to avoid overlapping and to utilize the available machines to their greatest advantage.

It is a very interesting experiment, and I am sure the grant will be a sound investment in providing important material for scholarly work.

O'B.