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Committee for Research in Problems of Sex

Memorandum for Mr. Rockefeller:

Attached is an application from Dr. Vernon Kellogg for a continuance of the grant that the Bureau of Social Hygiene has made to the Committee for Research in Problems of Sex. Dr. Kellogg asks for \$325,000, to be spread over a period of five years, making an average annual expenditure of \$65,000. This is practically the same as the amount they are now receiving, your last pledge made in July, 1925 for the three-year period ending June 30, 1928, having been \$200,000, that is, \$66,666. per year.

It has been difficult for the Bureau of Social Hygiene to decide what to recommend to you about this, since there is no one on the staff qualified to judge of such matters. I have talked with Dr. Cannon and Dr. Lillie and they have convinced me that very valuable work is being done, and that valuable results are likely to follow the continuance of the research. Dr. Davis believes in the work thoroughly, and hopes it may continue. Dr. Pearce said that he did not feel qualified to give a technical judgment in the matter, but he believed that the work was valuable, and that it was being conducted by first-class scientists.

Mr. Dunham told Dr. Kellogg that we could do nothing in the matter unless the National Research Council took full charge of the

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appropriation and the expenditure of the funds, and accepted full responsibility for the work. Dr. Kellogg had two conversations with Mr. Dunham and has had one with me, the result of it all being the attached letter. Mr. Fosdick and I have talked it over and are ready to recommend to you that you authorize the Bureau to make the pledge.

I believe it is important that the pledge should be for a five-year period, rather than for a shorter term, in order to enable them to get the best men to embark on the research in question, with the knowledge that they will have time enough to carry it through. Dr. Kellogg laid a great deal of stress on the importance of the five-year period.

The original application from the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Zinn, called for a very much larger sum of money. We told Dr. Kellogg that we did not want to influence him at all as to the amount of money to ask for, but we felt that the application would have more chance of favorable consideration if he should limit it to a sum which would cover only such work as he had absolutely no doubt about.

Under this application the Secretary of the Committee will be discontinued after one year. We have not been convinced that his work is valuable. >

Arthur Woods

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