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Refugee Scholars*

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New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fosdick:

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As requested in yours of the 17th, I am
checking the docket item concerning refugee scholars and am
returning it herewith.

I think we need to review the whole question
before we are too deeply committed. This is not because we do
not want to help these scholars, but rather because we may be
called upon to find some better method than we have heretofore
employed. Of course, in the case of non-Jewish scholars and
scientists, some of the objections raised in the United States
will not occur.

On the other hand, you may remember that we
were warned two years ago by Dodds and others that the satura-
tion point in the reception of these scholars at American uni-
versities was about reached. We were told that the difficulty
was not so much because they were Jews as because their ap-
pointment at full professorial rank seemed to close the way of
promotion for resident scholars of minor rank.

I do not know how serious this is outside the
sciences, but I do think we need to make a thorough study of
the placement of these scholars before we commit ourselves fully
to evacuating them from Europe and placing them in the United
States. Where their immediate safety is concerned, we must
act now and plan later, but certainly in acting we should not
make long commitments of any sort.

Faithfully yours,

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Enclosure