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My dear Dr. Fosdick:

When I was in Bulgaria last fall with the Ethridge Mission, Professor Stoitschkov of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Sofia, asked me to deliver the enclosed letter to you.

9/4/45 I greatly regret that it was mislaid in the course of my travels, and it is with apologies that I am now sending it to you.

→ || May I suggest that, pending the restoration of normal conditions in Bulgaria, communications to that country be sent by pouch in care of the United States Mission in Sofia.

Very truly yours,

*Cyril E. Black*

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5/28/26 IEB appropriated \$115,000 for completion of bldgs of College of Agriculture and Forestry - Univ of Sofia

4/16/30 IEB - \$2,500 further improvements

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April 8, 1946

My dear Mr. Black:

Your letter of April 2 has been received in the absence of Mr. Fosdick from the city. It will be held for his attention upon his return to the office next week, and I know he will be deeply grateful to you for your courtesy in forwarding Professor Stoitshkov's letter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Fosdick

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Sept. 4-th, 1945.  
Sofia, Bulgaria.

Dear Sir,

I take the first opportunity of writing you as president of The Rockefeller Foundation, which here in Bulgaria we know is a real patron of the only highest scientific institute - The Sofia State University. For the successful development of this institute during the last quarter of a century we are much indebted to The Foundation. Thanks to the generous efforts of your predecessors our university had best specialists, most useful selections of books for the libraries of the faculties and best equipment of the laboratories of the faculty of agriculture. Completion of buildings of the latter too, was made possible after Foundation's large donations.

This is the reason that now, when war is ended and we are re-establishing communications with abroad, we feel obliged of giving you an account regarding the present state of the university.

Prior to the last war one of the causes for university's all around successes was the exchange of our scientific works with publications of U.S., Great Britain and the Continent. Unhappily war brought about our foreign relations and our scientific activity to almost a complete standstill. Lack of american and english literature and periodicals reflected especially unfavourable to the experimental work of the majority of the faculties. Such was the state of scientific affairs not in Bulgaria alone, but through out the Balkans and the Continent.

As war is over, we hoped that this deadly isolation of ours will end also and political toleration and peaceful work will follow at once almost. But soon conditions disappointed us all. Our experience shows us, that we may on full grounds maintain that the bolshevik type of "freedom" does not secure the simplest elements for human existence and in a still a lesser degree it encourages any one to make experimental and scientific work with enthusiasm. It became more than obvious that a system of dictatorship was succeeded by another system of authoritarianism. We were thrown even into a far more disastrous political and moral slavery and oppression than before. Communists abolished the most solid principles upon which our university existed and developed during its brief history. Many a one of our colleagues who neither had reached the retiring age, nor felt the strain of the work were discharged and deprived of any possibility to be useful to their nation. This happened only because they were not communist and because communists wanted and obtained their cathedras. They - the communists tried to scratch out the greatest monument in Bulgaria of international brotherhood and of christianity by indorsing the property of the buildings belonging to the faculty of agriculture to another faculty where communistic influence prevails. It regards to the same buildings, that The Rockefeller Foundation built and equipped 25 years ago. And as our insistant efforts proved futile to prevent these people of their disregard to Foundations will, Mr. Barns, political representative of U.S. had to interven and frustrate all their plans. But difficulties arise one after another, the main and most serious being how we to oppose

*The F.E.B. merely acted in finishing & equipping the building.*

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the attempts of communists partisans alone to have admission to the university.

I regret that after so many years of lack of communication with you, my first letter consists almost entirely of complaints. But I had to do so because it was my duty to give you a full picture of the present conditions in the Sofia University, many faculties of whose became centers of science and education thanks to Foundation's sacrifices.

I and all my colleagues realise the worth of all you have done for progress of science in Bulgaria, and beseech you make the Foundation be as kind a patron of ours in the future, as was in the past.

Very sincerely Yours:

*J. P. Stoitshkov*

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