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Dear Professor Thompson:

President Spencer while in New York continued conversations with us in regard to the initiation of the oceanographic work at the University of Washington. It seemed to us all that it would be of interest and value to you to be able to travel for a time and see organizations and men in Europe and America who are devoted to oceanography, just at this time when you are making your plans for organization. Certainly these plans would be vastly dependent upon the scientific program which you decide to adopt.

The Rockefeller Foundation is very glad to offer to you a travel grant of an amount not to exceed \$2500 to defray travel expenses for this purpose. The financial arrangements will be carried on through our Accounting Department and I am asking Mr. H.M. Gillette, Assistant Comptroller, to write you on the subject. It is our understanding that your visits will extend over a period not exceeding five months and that you expect to start the travel approximately June 1, 1930.

I certainly hope that you will be able to do this travel and that your trip may be pleasant as well as profitable. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you in the matter. We should be glad to make arrangements for your transatlantic passage if you desire this. Mr. Floyd Lyle would attend to these arrangements and I would suggest, if you care to have him do so, that you let him know by wire. The transatlantic travel is so heavy in the

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summer that there is often difficulty in securing reservations.

I think you will find it advisable to call at our Paris office for discussion of the scientific aspects of your visits in Europe, and I am sure that the Paris office will be very happy to assist you with travel arrangements or in any way you may desire. Professor Lauder W. Jones is in charge of the natural sciences for us at the Paris office and I shall write him in regard to your projected visit. The address of the Paris office of the Foundation is 20 Rue de La Baume.

Sincerely yours,

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