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Refugee Scholars*

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Dear Mr. Freeman:

I have read with complete agreement your letter of July 18th with regard to refugee scholars. The question needs to be fully reviewed before we get too thoroughly into it. The item that I submitted the other day, however, deals for the most part with non-Jewish scholars, and the "saturation point" which Dodds and Hopkins stressed at our meeting two years ago was in part, at least, due to certain inevitable anti-Semitic prejudices that sometimes arise even in the best of academic institutions. I am not saying that this was the whole of the matter, but I am quite sure that it was part of it.

Just at the moment, we are confronted with an emergency situation where a number - how many we do not know - of outstanding non-Jewish scholars in France, England, Spain and Portugal are in real personal danger; and our feeling here was that we would have to act quickly, if we acted at all. This feeling was confirmed by all those whom we consulted, both in New York and in Washington.

But your point is still valid. This matter needs complete review, and we shall have much more background and perspective

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when we get together as a board of trustees in December.

Sincerely yours,

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