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THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES IN ATHENS  
Agora Museum

The Rockefeller Boards' appropriations  
1927 - 1937 (to be filed at front of most recent folder)

The American School of Classical Studies in Athens was incorporated in 1886, in the state of Massachusetts "to furnish to graduates of American universities and colleges, and to other qualified students an opportunity to study in Greece under suitable guidance, the antiquities, art, history, languages and literature of the country; to prosecute and to aid original research in these subjects; and to conduct explorations and excavation in classical lands." ("Regulations of the American School of Classical Studies," ASCSA Annual Report, 1946, p. 24.)

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The Rockefeller Boards made payments totalling \$661,349 to the American School in Athens: of this amount, the IEB gave \$503,000, and the RF \$158,349. These sums were in addition to the many personal contributions of both Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., who had long been interested in this work and had given funds earlier and concurrently with the Rockefeller Boards for endowment for the School, and for excavations of the Agora and at Eleusis carried on by the School.

The IEB was the first Rockefeller Board to make an appropriation. In 1927, \$500,000 was appropriated toward endowment, construction and equipment of a residence hall and a revolving publication fund; this was appropriated at the same time the IEB gave \$1,000,000 to the American Academy in Rome, and 14 years later than the first RF appropriation to the Rome Academy. Edward Capps, who was later appointed a temporary consultant to the RF and the GEB in the humanities, presented the Athens School request to the IEB, though originally, the request had been presented to the GEB. Counsel ruled however, that the GEB charter limited work within the continental limits of the United States. The chief objective of the IEB appropriation was to increase the facilities and

1. Appropriations totalled \$733,800, but only \$661,349 paid out as one appropriation is still outstanding and has been since 1937. Unsettled conditions have prevented payment. RF officers recently extended time for payment until 1952.

income of the school so that it could take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Greek Government to excavate the Agora. The second and final IEB appropriation was made in 1937 to continue excavation work at Eleusis, originally made possible by a personal gift of Mr. Rockefeller, Jr.

The Foundation made its first appropriation to the American School in Athens in 1929. Despite the fact that the RF withdrew from the field of archaeology in 1933, a few appropriations were made through 1937 to the American School in Athens; these were made to continue and conclude projects already underway.

Three RF appropriations totalling \$62,800 were made as term grants to the School for fellowships to provide younger scholars with field training and time for the preparation of research studies for publication. One appropriation was made in 1931 to build a museum at Lesbos, and another, as yet unpaid, in 1937 toward the cost of erecting a museum to house the objects recovered in the excavations of the Agora; a grant in aid in 1933 of \$3,000 was given to enable a continuation of work at Eleusis, begun by Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., and \$5,000 was set aside for a testimonial volume to Dr. Capps.

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