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Mr. Joseph H. Willits
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My dear Mr. Willits:

Among the scholars we have had in mind as possible members of the Russian Institute when it is created are the following:

History

✓ Thomas P. Whitney

Now in charge of economic reporting, U.S.
Embassy, Moscow.

Economics

✓ W. W. Leontieff

Associate Professor of Economics, Harvard University, and Assistant Chief for Economic Intelligence, USSR Division, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C.

✓ Simon Kuznetz

In the light of Dr. Kuznetz' most recent plans, it hardly seems probable that he could be interested in becoming a member of a Russian Institute.

✓ Abram Bergson

Chief, Economic sub-Division, USSR Division, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C. Author of "Structure of Soviet Wages." (Bergson's technical competence approaches that of Leontieff; he is, however, less mature.)

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Government and Law

✓ ✓ John N. Hazard

Chief Liaison Officer, Russian Division (Lend-Lease), Foreign Economic Administration, Washington, D.C. Author of "Soviet Housing Law". Trained in Soviet as well as American law.

Literature

✓ This field has not been thoroughly explored. The name of E. J. Simmons has been suggested for our consideration.

Social Institutions

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✓ ✓ D. Fedotoff White, author of "The Red Army", would be our first choice. In view of his recent illness, however, it seems very unlikely that he could or should be persuaded to undertake this responsibility. It will probably be necessary, consequently, to groom a youngster for this field. ✓

Foreign Relations

✓ Philip Moseley

American Embassy, London.

O. J. Lissitzyn

Chief of a section, Political Sub-Division, USSR Division, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C. Author of "International Air Transport and National Policy".

In the absence of adequate financing we have not as yet officially approached any of the individuals named above, nor have we presented their names to the appropriate subject-matter departments at the University for consideration.

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Mr. Joseph H. Willits

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The three qualities we have been looking for are
(1) technical competence; (2) knowledge of the subject
matter in a particular part of the Russian field; and
(3) scholarly objectivity.

Very truly yours,

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