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DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Mr. W. T. Middlebrook,
Comptroller,
University of Minnesota.

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REMARKS:

Dear Mr. Middlebrook:

In pursuance of our conversation of yesterday in regard to the necessary arrangements for supplying statements for visa purposes for Dr. Robert Meyer of Berlin, I should like to present the following information:

The appointment of Dr. Robert Meyer as Clinical Associate Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics has been recommended by me, approved by Dean H. S. Diehl and President Ford, and passed by the Board of Regents. The circumstances included the arrangement that special funds were to be obtained from outside the University of Minnesota.

The funds as presently available are as follows: The Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Physicians, New York City, have guaranteed \$1,500.00 a year for two years. They cannot make commitments for longer periods, but have personally assured us that they are by no means limiting their interest to this period.

Dr. I. Rubin of New York City has guaranteed us \$2,000.00 immediately and has agreed to take equal responsibility with the others to be mentioned for the permanent support of Dr. Meyer. Dr. Rubin is well able to do this.

Dr. Meyer has already been offered the special lectureship at the International Cancer Congress in September, which is worth about \$500.00, and the President of the American Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians has agreed to use his influence to obtain their lectureship which is worth a similar amount.

The American Gynecological Society, the senior group in this field, took up the matter unofficially last week at their meeting at which I was present. They have unofficially given us assurance of their support and advised that we go ahead with the project. Dr. Arthur Curtis, one of the senior Gynecologists of Chicago, has agreed to act as Treasurer and the members of the Society are being canvassed for individual donations at once.

Several other offers of support are now being made secure. Since we have a two year program clearly defined,

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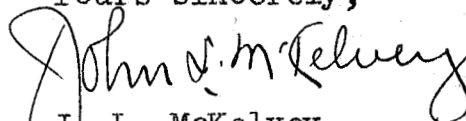
these do not require consideration.

So far as the longer term is concerned, Dr. N. J. Eastman, Professor of Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins, Dr. J. M. Hundley, Professor of Gynecology at the University of Maryland, Dr. H. F. Traut of Cornell, Dr. I. Rubin of New York City and I have agreed amongst ourselves to be responsible for Dr. Meyer's support.

I trust that this is satisfactory and that it will allow you to inform Dr. H. S. Diehl to that effect so that we may proceed at once with the details of bringing Dr. Meyer to this country.

I am now in process of arranging to get funds from the above sources turned over to the University of Minnesota.

Yours sincerely,



J. L. McKelvey
Head, Obstetrics and Gynecology

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DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Dr. Robert Meyer,
Schluterstrasse 27,
Charlottenberg 4,
Berlin, Germany.

Sehr geehrter Herr Professor:

Please excuse me if I write this in English. I can make myself more certainly clear in English than in German.

I wish to offer you a position in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Minnesota. This carries with it the rank of Clinical Associate Professor and a salary of U. S. \$3,000.00 per year. An official letter from Dr. H. S. Diehl, Dean of Medical Sciences, confirming the offer, is enclosed.

There is what you would consider a small, but an active service in the University Hospital and I have set aside a small laboratory for you here. Two other teaching units, the Minneapolis General Hospital and the Ancker Hospital of St. Paul are associated. The Department of Pathology at the University, under the headship of Dr. E. T. Bell, is an excellent one. So far as material and associates are concerned, I think that the situation is satisfactory. You would no doubt have quickly added to our material, reference material from the various departments in this country. Small, but I think ample funds can be obtained for the support of your work. Library facilities are complete.

Part of the available salary will be made up of special lectureships and I should like to have you consider the U. S. \$3,000.00 as including these. This will be more than ample for your expenses here. Dr. Traut and I have discussed the details at length and I think that you can trust us to act in your best interests.

I am hoping that you will spend your major time in Minneapolis, but it is already evident that you will be in great demand in this country. We already have requests from a number of Universities for short visits and I would urge that you allow us to accept these. Again, I would ask that you let us make these arrangements and trust us to act in your behalf.

We shall be glad to have you come at any time you can arrange it. Dr. Traut will meet you on arrival in New York and we shall hope that you and Mrs. Meyer will be our house guests in Minneapolis until you wish to establish yourselves here.

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I presume that the Dean's letter of appointment and this letter will be sufficient to satisfy requirements at the U. S. Consulate in Berlin. We are forwarding to the State Department in Washington, copies of the appointment notices with the request that they smooth out any difficulties through their Consulate in Berlin. Please let me know at once if there are any difficulties and if there is anything further we can do to help.

It is unnecessary for me to say that I look forward with the greatest pleasure to your prolonged association here.

Yours sincerely,

J. L. McKelvey
Head, Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology

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C o p y

June 6, 1939

Dr. J. L. McKelvey,
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Doctor McKelvey:

I was very glad to hear from you. I am wondering whether you have had word from Dr. Traut as he and I have had several conversations on the content of your letter.

I went to see Dr. Traut and told him that my offer to underwrite the sum of \$2000.00 for the support of Dr. Robert Meyer held good. Dr. Traut felt that it was not necessary. However, since receiving your letter I would like to make clear that I shall be pleased to make up whatever deficit there may be to that amount if not collected from such friends and former pupils of Dr. Meyer. Dr. Traut informs me that he was prepared to write to some three or four hundred men.

Incidentally, I have gotten in communication with Mr. Eugene Meyer and trust that Dr. Traut's intervention with Dr. E. Libman, who is the personal advisor of Mr. Meyer, will prove successful in obtaining adequate funds for the purpose we are interested in.

I was very glad to have the opportunity of meeting you, and you may count on me for any assistance in this matter.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) I. C. Rubin

911 Park Avenue,
New York, New York

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Copy of letter from Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced
Foreign Medical Scientists, 59 East 75th St. New York, N. Y.

June 8, 1939

Dr. J. L. McKelvey
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Doctor McKelvey:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June second,
regarding the placement of Dr. Robert Meyer.

The Emergency Committee's grant can go into effect as
soon as Dr. Meyer has begun work at the University of
Minnesota. The payments are made quarter-annually, and the
checks are made out to the Treasurer of the University or
whoever else you will designate.

I hope that this information will help expedite
Dr. Meyer's immigration to this country.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence Farmer, M.D.
Executive Secretary

TWENTY PINE STREET
NEW YORK

July 6, 1939

Professor J. L. McKelvey
Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
The Medical School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Professor McKelvey:

Mr. Eugene Meyer has brought to the attention of the Manhattan Research Foundation your letter of June 2 to him regarding Dr. Robert Meyer of Berlin, with the suggestion that the Foundation consider the advisability of making a contribution to enable Dr. Meyer to carry on his work in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical School of the University of Minnesota.

We understand that arrangements have already been made for financing Dr. Meyer's first year of work and wish to advise you that the Foundation will contribute the sum of \$500 to assist in financing his work for a second year. A check for this amount to the order of the University of Minnesota will be forwarded to you after we have been informed that Dr. Meyer has arrived in the United States and is prepared to take up his work at the University at the proper time.

Very truly yours,

MANHATTAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

By *Harriet S. Moulton*
President

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Dr. Robert Meyer
University of Minnesota
The Medical School
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Doctor Meyer:

The grant of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Medical Scientists to the University of Minnesota in your behalf amounts to \$1,500 for the period of one year, having begun on October 1st, 1939.

It should be understood that you are not to engage in the private practice of medicine during the tenure of this grant.

The Emergency Committee, in helping to provide this opportunity, hopes that during this interim period of support you may make connections for your permanent establishment either locally or elsewhere in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence Farmer
Laurence Farmer, M.D.
Executive Secretary

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Dr. J. L. McKelvey
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Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Doctor McKelvey:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of recent date in behalf of Dr. Robert Meyer.

It is correct that the Emergency Committee has guaranteed a second-year grant in Doctor Meyer's behalf "if the necessity should arise."

In notifying the Treasurer of the University of Minnesota, I stated that the paid instalment was to be applied towards Doctor Meyer's grant for the year beginning October 1st, 1939.

Should Doctor Meyer not be placed permanently after the expiration of this first-year grant, the Emergency Committee will continue its stipend for a second year.

I hope that this clarifies the matter and I presume that you will inform Doctor Meyer of the contents of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Laurence Farmer, M.D.
Executive Secretary

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	1,309.55	Robert Meyer Fund, (c/o Dr. J.L. McKelvey) Dr. Arthur H. Curtis, Treas. 104 South Michigan Avenue Chicago
	648.34	Group of individuals interested in Dr. Meyer (c/o Dr. J.L. McKelvey)
	500.00	Manhattan Research Foundation
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 Dr John L McKelvey