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Lido Beach N.Y.

forgive late response to your
letter July 20. Can we plan on
breakfast for Nov. 18, or Nov 11
if not Nov 4. write me at Lido
Hotel Lido Beach N.Y.

Sami, [ans 8/9/57]

Steven Ac Linden
Program Dir W. G. B. C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Please reply to:

Department of Chemistry,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada.

August 1, 1957.

Dr. Robert Wiener,
Department of Mathematics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

The Academy is attempting to draw up a list of distinguished scientists who would be prepared to visit Vancouver and address the members on a subject related to the speaker's research interests. As program chairman for the Academy it is my pleasant duty to write and enquire whether you would be interested in receiving a specific invitation at a later date.

Briefly the situation is as follows. The invited lecturer would be expected to give an evening address of about one hour's duration to members of the Academy. Members are drawn from the biological, physical and social sciences and the audience might number from twentyfive to one hundred. We would like you to describe some aspect of cybernetics but the precise scope of your talk is of your own choosing. It would be quite in order if you wished to discuss a controversial topic as we should enjoy the mental stimulation.

We would not presume to ask you to come this distance only for a one hour talk but we know that there are on the campus several departments and individuals who would welcome the chance of informal discussions with you. For that reason we would hope that you could spend at least two days on our campus.

The membership of the Academy is largely drawn from the university and for this reason meetings are only held between October and April. We realize, of course, that this is also your own academic year but we hope that you may be able to spare a few days away. The Academy would pay your expenses but like most academic bodies it has a limited purse. If you should be contemplating accepting invitations from other universities in the west perhaps we might be able to share the cost of transport with these other bodies.

Would you be kind enough to consider the above proposal and if it is agreeable, to let me know a tentative date(s) when it would be convenient for you to come.

Yours sincerely,

G. G. S. Dutton

G. G. S. Dutton,
Program Chairman.

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[ans 8/9/57]

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
274 West Engineering

August 1, 1957

Professor N. Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

I imagine that it is rather late in the day to make such a request, but I would appreciate it if you could send me copies of any reprints you have on Tauberian theorems. In particular, I would be very grateful if you could spare a copy of your famous paper which appeared in the Annals around 1933.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Gehring
F. W. Gehring

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[ans 8/1/57]

rfd 1, Canal Road,
Princeton New Jersey
August 1/57

Dr. Norbert Wiener,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir --

My excuse for writing you is that in the preface to your book, "I am a Mathematician," you intimate a hope that non-mathematicians may find the book interesting and reasonably comprehensible. I do find it interesting, though I certainly am not a mathematician. I am a writer, and your book is well written; it has the elements, the essentials, of good writing.

Now I should like to ask a question relating to your scientific work, though I fear that my almost unsullied ignorance of the subject may prevent me framing it intelligibly. Or perhaps it is just nonsense anyhow.

You refer to the Brownian motion as being of peculiar interest to you; and you describe it in terms of collisions of particles in constant random motion, irregular motion, disorder. You then refer to "idealizing" the motion. I think, or hope, I understand that -- e. g. as I suppose one might think of "ideal" motion as motion without friction though all actual motion that we know does have friction. My question is this, could one conceive of the Brownian motion in rather the opposite terms, neglecting the collisions? That is, could one conceive the "ideal" Brownian motion as motion of equal particles all equidistant from one another at equal ~~speed~~ velocity in all directions -- and thus not colliding at all? The "neglected" collisions would then have to be regarded as ~~caused~~ caused by the actual impingement of other forces. -- If this question is quite absurd, I guess it should be neglected, though it may be equivalent to a rise in temperature in the ideal scientist. But I am asking it seriously; and my interest in the subject derives from a prior interest in "cause and chance" in the universe. I have enjoyed your book, and now I must go back and secure a copy of "Ex-Prodigy;" I feel sure it is worth reading.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Isabel Paterson

[ans 8/9/57]

Isabel Paterson

P. S. Perhaps I should have said that I had read of the Brownian motion before, and thought of this question but knew no one competent to answer or dismiss it. I did ask an electronic research man, but he said he could not imagine equal particles equidistant from one another and moving at equal velocity in equal directions. It seems to me that I can imagine it, though only by "neglecting" all properties of the particles except velocity -- rather a mathematical proposition.

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 1, 1957

Mr. Sterling Olmstead, Head
Department of Language and Literature
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Troy, New York

My dear Mr. Olmstead:

As far as I am concerned I am willing for you to use the passages in question out of The Human Use of Human Beings. However, you should clear with Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston, who are my publishers.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tomworth
New Hampshire
August 1, 1957

Mr. V. Ramanujan
91 Oriental Hotel
Darshani Gate
Dehra Dun, India

My dear Mr. Ramanujan:

Of course I remember you, for I met you in Professor Vijayaraghavan's house. I regret very much the passing of your father, who was a great man and a great scientist.

I am passing on your letter to Professor Hardy, who is our authority in applied optics. I am asking him to correspond directly with you in hope that something may come of it to your advantage.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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Sincerely yours,

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Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
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Mr. V. Ramanujan
91 Oriental Hotel
Darshan Gate
Dehra Dun, India

My dear Mr. Ramanujan:

Professor Hardy
Physics Department
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Hardy:

I received this letter from a friend in India and am passing it on to you for what it is worth. Vijayaraghavan was a very good friend of mine, and probably the best mathematician of his generation in India. His son will have an extremely fine background, and is likely to be a man worth considering.

I have been working very hard this summer on various scientific and literary undertakings, and am counting very much on discussing them with you this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 1, 1957

Mr. Charles Voraz
Editions Science et Industrie
6, Avenue Pierre-1^{er}
De-Serbie, Paris (16^e)

My dear Mr. Voraz:

I have just received your letter of the nineteenth of June and noted its contents. I am in no hurry for the appearance of your work Travail et Methodes and am afraid I have no particular suggestions as to possible purchasers. I shall be very glad to see it when it comes out.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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August 2, 1957

Prof. Norbert Weiner
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Prof. Weiner:

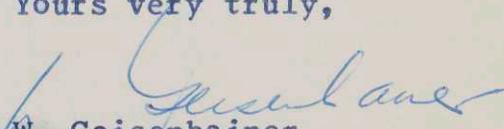
Bob Davies, Vice President of Clark Equipment Company, Battle Creek, Michigan mentioned your connection with "Cybernetics" and General Electric's application of this new principal to Scientific Management.

I would appreciate it very much if you would be our guest speaker at the University Club, Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 21, 1958. I think it would be most interesting if you would develop a theme along the line of General Electric's Scientific Management approach. We will probably have 100 guests. Cocktails and dinner at 5:00 P.M. and the guest speaker goes on at 8:00 P.M.

Please advise if you will accept, and honorarium acceptable to you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly,


W. Geisenhainer
Program Chairman

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Prof. Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth, New Hampshire

Dear Prof. Wiener:

The enclosure is forwarded in accordance
with your verbal request.

Very truly yours,

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, INC.
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E. H. Heinemann
Chief Engineer

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by Robert J. Lee.

NICOLAS SCHOFFER

August 2, 1957

Mr. Norbert Wiener
Center Sandwich
New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Wiener:

I am writing to you upon the recommendation of Mr. Charles B. Stoll, Editor of John Willey & Sons Inc. I am a sculptor from Paris. I have been studying your work for a long time and I think that your contribution to the present development of our civilization is very significant and one of the most important events in history.

Indeed you have broken down the barriers against knowledge and have opened wonderful paths and unlimited possibilities, even for art.

As a matter of fact, I have tried for many years to apply cybernetics in art and to incorporate this principle in my creations and concepts. (Please find enclosed a booklet with the text of one of my conferences at the Sorbonne in this respect.)

I am applying the cybernetic principle in two ways. First I have applied this principle by providing my sculpture with an electronic system which I did in Paris with the help of the Company Phillips.

Three years ago, I built in Paris a sculpture, 50 m high, which is static but produces music electronically. As a matter of fact, it produces sounds caused through percussion of its metallic parts, recorded and arranged electronically. These sounds are being recomposed and formed in a absolutely unexpected manner according to changes in the atmosphere, such as sound, color, light, heat etc. owing to an electronic brain furnished with a safety switch.

Furthermore, I have made an entirely mobile, autonomous sculpture, 3 m high with an improved system of the electronic fox type. This sculpture has participated alone at several performances at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre, the Festival International du Théâtre in Marseilles, on the roof of the Cité Radieuse at the Festival d'Avant Garde, in a ballet with human dancers and recently in Ereux at an experimental abstract performance.

The second possibility is may be even more interesting if, as I hope, it is in accordance with your concepts.

With extremely simple means I have succeeded to obtain from a

spatiodynamic sculpture, as per photos in the enclosed booklet, pictures, static or in movement which are abstract pictures in all possible combinations, of absolute geometry to the "tachism" in indefinite always varied number. I have achieved this effect with a projector as used in theaters and a turning base.

With two movements I can obtain as many as 10 million pictures per minute and with three movements up to 50 million pictures per minute. These pictures never repeat and with electronic control the sculpture can produce pictures for centuries in unlimited numbers without repetitions.

Apologizing for this long introduction I would like to come to the point. I am at present in New York thanks to the support which I received from a big industrialist, Mr. L.M. Gelb. I, therefore, can conduct on a large scale research work concerning the synthesis between art and cybernetics, but I have also come here to meet you if this should be possible and would not be too much to ask. I would be happy to hear your opinion on these problems.

I would be extremely glad if you could grant me the favor of an interview at your earliest convenience. In the meantime I send you my best regards and the expression of my admiration for your exceptional work.

Sincerely yours

Nina Josef

P.S. I live in New York at the following address:
Fifth Avenue Hotel
24 5th Ave

I will be able to meet you wherever it is most convenient for you.

[Lana 8/9/57]

INVOICE

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Business Office: Mt. Royal & Guilford Aves., Baltimore 2, Md., U. S. A.

TO:

Professor N Wiener BSC
Mass Institute of Technology
Cambridge Mass

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August 2, 1957

Mrs. Gertrude Regnier Baker
#16 Kentbury Way
(Bethesda)
Washington 14, District of Columbia

My dear Mrs. Baker:

I feel highly honored to receive your recent letter concerning my father. It is always interesting to hear from those who knew him in his Kansas City days. These days are, however, so remote that there is very little that I know about them, and my father's correspondence has not been preserved. I therefore know nothing about Ruby Archer. As a matter of fact, I learned of her name for the first time in your letter.

My father's books are no longer in the possession of the family, and my mother, who is now approaching ninety, has never spoken to me about the poems. Thus I regret that you will have to go elsewhere for the information you seek.

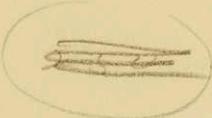
Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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August 2, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire


Mr. Samuel P. Bessman, M. D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics
University of Maryland, School of Medicine
Baltimore 1, Maryland

My dear Dr. Bessman:

This letter is a tentative acceptance of your invitation for me to lecture on "Communication" on May 3, 1958 before the University of Maryland Medical School. I shall reserve the date for you, but I am not able to give my final acceptance until I know more of the pressures on me and my state of health at that time. I am sure you will appreciate this.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 2, 1957

Mr. Jason Epstein, Editor
Anchor Books
Doubleday and Company
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Jason:

I have been proceeding with my work on the scenario of the Heaviside story. I have decided that the best way of handling it is to write it completely as a novel. The work is going smoothly, and by today I have completed about 140 pages, or 37,800 words. I have all the details clear in my mind, and it will come to about 240 pages, or 64,800 words. About half of the manuscript has been gone over twice or more and seems to me in reasonably satisfactory form.

The manuscript will be completed in two or three weeks. I shall then send a copy to you subject to whatever you may want to do with it. If it should meet your approval, my suggestion is the following:

The story is really a treatment in fictional form of my ideas on invention in the modern world. I am not too enthusiastic about carrying through my plans for a purely expository book on invention. I therefore suggest that you take this manuscript in lieu of such a book, and that I accept the moneys you have advanced me as a part of the advance on the publication of this book. Of course I do not expect you to buy a pig in a poke, and any agreement between us must wait until the manuscript has been approved by you. Nevertheless, I am rather hopeful that you will like it. If you do, I have no prior commitments concerning any rights, literary or dramatic. I shall be glad to leave it in your hands. All that I wish to know now is whether you are prepared to show a general interest in the matter.

Best regards to Mrs. Epstein, yourself, and the third member of the family. My wife joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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P. S. If you wish to look us up we shall be glad to have you come. Our post office address is South Tamworth, New Hampshire. Our telephone number is Center Sandwich, Butler 4-6854.

South Temworth
New Hampshire
August 2, 1957

Mr. R. P. Nanavati
c/o Syracuse Peace Council
841 University Building
Syracuse, New York

My dear Mr. Nanavati:

I regret that my lecture schedule is so full that I am unable to accept your invitation to address the Syracuse Peace Council. The fact of the matter is that public lecturing and the travel it involves has become quite an appreciable burden on my time and health and that I must take drastic measures to cut it down, no matter how sympathetic the causes are for which I am asked to speak. I hope you will understand this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 2, 1957

Ltjg. James M. Wiggins
Route 3, Box 464
Albany, Georgia

My dear Mr. Wiggin:

Professor Wiener wishes me to inform you
regretfully that he does not furnish autographs
or sign photographs. He therefore returns the
inclosed photograph to you unsigned.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

WABASH COLLEGE

CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 3, 1957

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I write this letter to follow up the telephone conversation which we had the other day concerning the possibility of your participating in a symposium at Wabash College on October 10.

First, let me express the hope that you remember me as the person who persuaded you to visit Wabash a few years ago when I was Dean of the College here. Last year I became the President of Wabash and my predecessor is now Chairman of the Board of Trustees. I mention all of this only to make it clear that there are a number of things I am trying to do in the early stages of my new role at Wabash and the symposium about which I telephoned you relates to one of these efforts. It would be enormously helpful to me, therefore, as well as to the college if I could persuade you to help us in the program I am about to describe.

We are observing this fall the 125th anniversary of the founding of our college. As a part of this celebration our Board of Trustees has arranged for a special convocation on October 11 which will be oriented primarily to business and industrial friends of the college. Alfred Sloan, the Chairman of the Board of General Motors, Frank Abrams, the Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil of New Jersey, and Irving Olds, the Chairman of the Board of U. S. Steel, will be our guests on that day. Each of them will make a brief statement concerning the importance of industrial financial support of private higher education, a movement in which these three men have been leaders, and we shall confer upon them honorary degrees. This will be an interesting and important occasion for us and for the State of Indiana and I feel good about the program. The emphasis on business, however, causes me to strain a little harder than I normally would to have an accompanying program in October of equal stature where the emphasis is primarily intellectual and academic. I have proposed, therefore, that we have a symposium on October 10 with someone of distinction representing each of the three major divisions of our curriculum -- science, humanities, and social studies. It would be my hope that each participant in this symposium would use the occasion of the 125th anniversary of a liberal arts college as a point of departure

Dr. Wiener

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August 3, 1957

to say whatever he might care to say about the importance of his particular area in the education of free people and perhaps speculate on some of the possibilities and limitations of this kind of education in the rest of this century. I believe I explained to you that I am hopeful of having David Riesman speak for the social sciences and Jaques Barzun or someone comparable to him to speak for the humanities.

To this symposium we would invite representatives from our sister institutions in this general area and I am confident that we would have a good response. Quite apart from the academic guests who might come here, I am sure this would be an exciting program for our own faculty and student body and after all these are the people in whom I am primarily interested.

I realize that this is very short notice and I know that the pressure on your time is great. Nevertheless, I hope you will find it possible to accept the invitation which I am extending to you. Our honorarium would be \$500 and we would, of course, cover all of your travel expenses. If you do not object to flying, you could come to Indianapolis on the evening of the 9th and return on the evening of the 10th. The exact time of the symposium and how it should be organized and conducted we could arrange to suit your convenience and the convenience of the other two men who would be participating in the program.

I do hope you will come. Everyone who was here when you visited us before remembers the value of your brief stay with us and shares my enthusiasm at the prospect of a return visit.

Yours sincerely

Byron Trippe

B. K. Trippet

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Center Sandwich, N. H.

[orig 8/9/57]

August 5, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. Paul Douglass
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Douglass:

I am at present at South Tamworth, New Hampshire in the White Mountains and the secretary who is taking this dictation is your acquaintance, Miss Janet Corlies (Registrar's Office, Rollins College). I am a little bit hesitant in giving pronouncements for publication as one never knows what will happen after they have been broadcast, even if the immediate recipient is a perfectly trustworthy person. For your own satisfaction I will state my policy, but I wish your to regard this as confidential.

I do not undertake any military research or government research whatever. I have not appeared, and shall not appear, at places like Brookhaven or Oak Ridge or Los Alamos. I will not apply for any clearance or put myself in any situation for which clearance is necessary. If there is any way of refusing to accept clearance, I shall take that way.

Very sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 5, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dr. Menard M. Gertler
Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
New York University--Bellevue Medical Center
400 East 34th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Gertler:

At present I am up in the mountains completing various odds and ends of various scientific and literary work. When I come back in the fall I shall be glad to talk rehabilitation problems over with you. The best thing for the present is to keep the matter in abeyance until September when I shall see how I can fit a visit into my schedule.

With pleasant remembrance of our visit at Ridgefield,

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

[ms 8/14/57]

August 5, 1957

Summer address:
South Tomworth
New Hampshire

Mr. Gabriel James
Private School and College Bureau
30 East 39th Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. James:

I do not feel in a position to make any recommendation concerning Dr. Plotnick without knowing much more of him. Furthermore, he seems to be a headache, and thank God, he isn't my headache. I have, in any case, no placement possibilities under my control. Thus, I'm afraid I am unable to help you.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

GRINNELL COLLEGE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 6, 1957

Professor Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

We are looking forward with pleasure to your visit to Grinnell for our Convocation of October 25-27.

I am enclosing a copy of the tentative program with your own part indicated by red pencil marks. You will note that we have scheduled your address for 9:45 A.M. on Friday, October 25. The honorary degree will be awarded on Sunday, October 27, at 2:00 P.M. I hope these arrangements are satisfactory. If not, please feel free to offer any suggestions.

As soon as possible, we should appreciate receiving from you:

1. The time of your arrival and departure, and your mode of travel. You are cordially invited to attend as many of the sessions as your time will permit.
2. The persons, if any, who will be travelling with you.
3. The title of your address.
4. A copy of your address by October 15.
5. A biographical statement (if you wish to supplement the biography in Who's Who).
6. A glossy picture. (If possible we should appreciate having 6 prints. We shall be glad to pay for these, or if you wish, you may order them from your photographer and have the bill sent to us.)
7. Your height, weight, and head size so that we can supply a proper cap and gown. (If you have your own academic garb and wish to bring it, you are of course free to do so.)

We shall provide housing for you if you wish. I am enclosing a brief memorandum on transportation to Grinnell.

If you have any questions about arrangements, please feel free to call on us. We greatly appreciate your coming to Grinnell College.

Yours sincerely,

Howard R. Bowen
Howard R. Bowen
President

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Grinnell College

August 6, 1957

Autumn Convocation, October 24-27

Tentative Program

Thursday, October 24

4:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Discussion of Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe

Chairman: James Jacobson, student chairman of the convocation.

Panel members: Professors Curtis B. Bradford, Ned Donahoe, and Richard D. Meyer, of the Grinnell faculty and Burrill Phillips, Professor of Music, University of Illinois.

8:00 P.M. Play: Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe, directed by Ned Donahoe with special music composed by Burrill Phillips, and played by Elbert Smith, organist.

Friday, October 25

9:45 A.M. Symposium: Science and American Culture

Greetings: President Howard R. Bowen

Chairman: Mason Ladd '20, Dean, College of Law, University of Iowa, and general chairman of convocation.

Address: William G. Pollard, Executive Director, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, and ordained clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church.

✓ Address: Norbert Wiener, Professor of Mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and author of Cybernetics; The Human Use of Human Beings; and Ex-Prodigy.

Discussion Panel: Professors Joseph D. Danforth, Wayne B. Denny, and Guillermo Mendoza of Grinnell College with Dr. Pollard, Professor Wiener, and Dean Ladd.

2:00 P.M. Symposium: American Literature and Art

Chairman: R. Homer Norton, Dean of Grinnell College.

Address: Perry Miller, Professor of American Literature, Harvard University, and author of The Puritans; The New England Mind; and Jonathan Edwards.

Address: James Johnson Sweeney, art historian and critic, and Director, Guggenheim Museum of New York. (Note: A collection of modern paintings from the Guggenheim Museum will be exhibited during the convocation.)

3:45 P.M. Coffee Hours

An Hour with Perry Miller

Chairman: Tom Skornia, President of Friars.

Panel Members: Charles H. Foster, Charles G. Cleaver, Alan R. Jones, and William Reese all of the faculty of Grinnell College.

An Hour with James Johnson Sweeney

Chairman: Mary Winn Risser, President of Mortar Board.

Panel Members: Professors Curtis B. Bradford, Richard Cervene, and Paul Kuntz of the Grinnell faculty, and Professor Lester D. Longman, chairman of the Department of Art, University of Iowa.

A Recital of Modern Music

Participating: Professors Horace Alwyne, Betty Crossley, Norman Goodbrod, Richard Howe, and Don Jones of the Grinnell faculty, and Burrill Phillips, Professor of Music, University of Illinois.

8:30 P.M. Musical program: Todd Duncan and Theresa Green, distinguished concert artists with Professor Richard Howe, pianist, and the Grinnell College Choir under the direction of Professor Don Jones.

Saturday, October 26

9:00 A.M. Symposium: The Individual in an Age of Organizations

Chairman: Joseph N. Welch '14, lawyer, Honorary chairman of the convocation.

Address: David Riesman, Professor of Social Science, University of Chicago, and author of The Lonely Crowd; Faces in the Crowd; Thorstein Veblen; and Individualism Reconsidered.

Address: William H. Whyte, Jr., Assistant Managing Editor, Fortune Magazine, author of The Organization Man; Is Anybody Listening?; Why Do People Buy? and many articles.

Discussion Panel: Liston Pope, Dean of the Yale Divinity School; James A. Pike, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York; and Mr. Riesman, Mr. Whyte, and Mr. Welch.

11:00 A.M. Chairman: Joseph N. Welch

Address: Edward R. Murrow, Radio and television reporter, news analyst, and program director, Columbia Broadcasting System.

12:00 A.M. Parents' Luncheons

Parents' luncheon (parents of men)

Chairman: John W. Norris '25, President, Lennox Industries, Marshalltown, Iowa, and President of the Board of Trustees of Grinnell College.

Greetings: James Hautzinger, President of the Council of House Presidents.

Address: Neal W. Klausner, Miller Professor of Philosophy, Grinnell College.

Parents' luncheon (parents of women)

Chairman: John R. Heath, lawyer, Chicago, Trustee of Grinnell College, and Program Chairman of the convocation.

Greetings: Mary Emily Hannah, President of the Women's League Board.

Address: Harold L. Clapp, Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, Grinnell College.

2:15 P.M. Football

4:30 P.M. President's reception for parents

6:00 P.M. Alumni Dinner

Chairman: Dick Ullrich '32, President of the Alumni Association.

Presentation of Alumni citations, John W. Norris '25, President of the Board of Trustees.

Address: Gardner Cowles, President, Cowles Magazines, Inc., President, Des Moines Register and Tribune, Publisher and Editor, Look.

8:30 P.M. Play: Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe

9:00 P.M. Dance

Sunday, October 27

9:00 A.M. College church

Preacher: James A. Pike, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, former lawyer, and author of Beyond Anxiety; Doing the Truth; The Church, Politics, and Society; and other books.

10:30 A.M. College church

Preacher: Liston Pope, Dean of the Yale Divinity School, author, Millhands and Preachers, former editor, Social Action, associate editor, Christianity and Crisis.

2:00 P.M. Academic Convocation

Address: Joseph N. Welch '14, lawyer, army counsel in Army-McCarthy hearings.

✓ Awarding of honorary degrees

August 6, 1957

Transportation

to and from Grinnell, Iowa

The following information is to help you plan your trip to Grinnell. The exact times are as of August 1 and may change before October.

Grinnell is on the main line of the Rock Island Railroad between Chicago and Denver. Trains from Chicago run on the following schedule.

<u>Lv. Chicago</u>	<u>Ar. Grinnell</u>
2:00 P.M.	6:49 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	10:30 P.M.
10:00 P.M. *	8:17 A.M.

*This train carries modern sleeping cars to Des Moines on which passengers may remain until 8:00 A.M. It is necessary to change at Des Moines for Grinnell leaving Des Moines at 7:15 A.M. and arriving at Grinnell at 8:17 A.M.

<u>Lv. Grinnell</u>	<u>Ar. Chicago</u>
8:17 A.M.	1:15 P.M.
3:02 P.M.	8:30 P.M.
9:30 P.M. *	5:00 A.M.
2:30 A.M.	8:50 A.M.

*This train carries modern sleeping cars to Chicago on which passengers may remain until 7:00 A.M. Sleeping car service is not available on Saturdays.

There is no air line service to Grinnell. The nearest service is by United Air Lines to Des Moines. If you come by air, we can meet your plane in Des Moines. The present schedule is as follows:

(Midway airport) <u>Lv. Chicago</u> (Chicago time)	<u>Ar. Des Moines</u>
7:15 A.M.	8:52
10:15 A.M.	11:47
11:40 A.M.	12:47
1:45 P.M.	3:14
3:25 P.M. (except Sat.)	4:10
8:00 P.M. (non-stop)	8:45
8:50 P.M. (Sat. only)	10:22
9:05 P.M. (except Sat.)	10:12
12:00 P.M. (except Sun.)	1:47

<u>Lv. Des Moines</u>	<u>Ar. Chicago</u> (Midway airport) (Chicago time)
6:25 A.M. (except Sun.)	9:25
6:00 A.M. (Sun. only)	9:25
8:05 A.M.	11:35
9:35 A.M. (non-stop)	12:10
11:40 A.M.	3:10
1:05 P.M.	4:10
2:10 P.M. (except Sat.)	4:45
5:05 P.M. (except Sat.)	7:40
9:10 P.M.	12:40

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Room 8-203, M.I.T.,
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts,
August 6, 1957.

Mr. V. Ramanujan,
91 Oriental Hotel,
Darshani Gate,
Dehra Dun, India.

Dear Mr. Ramanujan:

Professor Norbert Wiener has referred to me your letter to him of July 18, which had been forwarded to him at his summer place in South Tamworth, New Hampshire.

I understand that you would like to take an advanced course of study in either applied optics or applied physics at some University in the States. Unfortunately, there is not at this time a very wide choice here in either of these fields because Physics Departments generally are so concentrated on modern physics (nuclear physics, quantum mechanics, solid state physics, etc.). If your preference is for applied optics, I would suggest that you get in touch with the Institute of Optics at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. If you are interested more in applied physics, I would suggest the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. You could possibly find advanced courses in applied optics at Johns Hopkins, but I think the University of Rochester is to be preferred in that particular area.

Very truly yours,

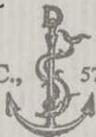
Arthur C. Hardy
Professor of Optics
and Photography

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Air Mail

cc: Norbert Wiener

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MURRAY HILL 8-5300

August 6, 1957

Professor Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

Mr. Epstein is now away on his vacation, but he will be pleased to have your letter on his return. Meanwhile, we look forward to receiving your manuscript when it is finished. You will be hearing from Mr. Epstein as soon as he returns later in August.

Sincerely yours,

Jane D. Miller

Jane D. Miller
ANCHOR BOOKS

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August 6, 1957

Mr. Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire, USA

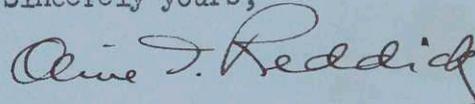
Dear Mr. Wiener:

As I have succeeded Dr. Thoburn in this office, I am answering your letter to her dated July 20, 1957.

Dr. P. Masani applied two years ago for a travel grant and then withdrew his application for he could not go then. We hope to announce our grants for 1958-59 **very shortly** and I will present Dr. Masani's application to the National Advisory Committee if he applies again for a travel grant.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Olive I. Reddick
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Norbert Wiener
South Tarnworth
New Hampshire, USA

Approved by D.P. S., New Delhi-1

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AIR LETTER

BY AIR MAIL



August 8, 1957

c o p y

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 5, 1957

Mr. Carvel Collins, Professor of English
Department of Humanities
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Collins:

I have done no more work on the periodic analysis
of prose style. It is a subject to which I shall be
glad to return in the future, but other and more pressing
matters are consuming my time at present.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 8, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. Bern Dibner, Director
Burndy Library
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Dibner:

I am at present engaged in writing up the material covering the paper which I gave before the New England Institute for Medical Research. Write me again at M. I. T. in the fall and I have hopes that I shall be further along with it.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 8, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. William E. Hawk, Jr.
577 Arballo Drive
San Francisco 27, California

Dear Mr. Hawk:

It is gratifying to learn that you have read and enjoyed my book Human Use of Human Beings.

My publishers, Houghton and Mifflin, have the rights to this book, so your request concerning the quoting of passages of it should be addressed directly to them. *You have my permission.*

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 8, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. Livingston O. Lynch
501 West 111th Street (Apt. 1)
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Lynch:

I am not familiar with the complete literature of game theory, but I should doubt if there is any more satisfactory book to which to refer than the one you mention.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dr. George W. Anderson
Department of Obstetrics
The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore 5, Maryland

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I am now working on a book on the subject for the
Johns Hopkins Press. I hope the manuscript will be able
to go to the press in the fall. I have no comprehensive
material in print available here at my summer place.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mrs. Donald Budd Armstrong
Scarborough-on-Hudson
New York

Dear Mrs. Armstrong:

Many thanks for the article you have enclosed
concerning "World Wealth Instead of War."

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Behavioral Science
Mt. Royal & Guilford Avenues
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Gentlemen:

I am not aware of having solicited of you the sending to me of "Behavioral Science," and therefore do not feel obligated to pay you the subscription for which you have billed me.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Temworth
New Hampshire

Dr. G. G. S. Dutton
Department of Chemistry
University of British Columbia
Vancouver 8, B. C., Canada

My dear Dr. Dutton:

I am very much honored and tempted by your request for me to visit the British Columbia Academy of Sciences. However, in the present state of my health I find that a long trip like this, and in particular a hurried trip, is a strain for me which I am reluctant to undertake. This makes it particularly difficult for me to follow your suggestion and make arrangements with other universities in the west, so that I can fit a visit to you in with an extensive tour. A series of one-night stands is an extremely strenuous undertaking, and one which I must of necessity deny myself in the future. It may well be that in some two or three years when I retire I can arrange for a trip of this sort on a more leisurely basis. At present it is entirely out of the question, and I must content myself with thanking you for your very flattering invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

[and 9/9/57]

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Professor F. W. Gehring
Department of Mathematics
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Professor Gehring:

My reprints on Tauberian theorems have long been exhausted and in particular the Annals paper. Perhaps I may be able to help you personally on some point you may wish to discuss with me.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. E. H. Heinemann, Chief Engineer
Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.
El Segundo Division
El Segundo, California

Dear Mr. Heinemann:

Many thanks for the report which you have enclosed
to me concerning the generalized learning machine.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mrs. Isabel Paterson
R. F. D. #1, Canal Road
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Paterson:

As far as I understand your question, you are considering a statistical mechanics in which particles interact without collision. It is quite impossible to interpret collisions as merely a particular case of more general type of interaction. However, the whole matter is very technical, and not easily discussed in a letter.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. Nicholas Schoffer
Fifth Avenue Hotel, 24 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My Dear Mr. Schoffer:

I am on vacation in the White Mountains and need the time completely away from responsibilities. I am afraid your interests are more remote from mine than you seem to believe. I do not see my way clear to grant you an interview.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Temworth
New Hampshire

Mr. Steven A. Seiden, Program Director
Lido Hotel
Lido Beach, New York

Dear Mr. Seiden:

The November 18th date is very satisfactory
for the broadcast.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 9, 1957

Mrs. Cecily Tanner
13 Boundary Road
Wallington
Surrey, England

Dear Mrs. Tanner:

I am sorry I didn't include our work together in my book. As to the EX-PRODIGY, it was published by Simon and Schuster, Rockefeller Center, New York. The book has not yet been printed in England, but if anyone is interested in it, they should approach Simon and Schuster.

It is always nice to hear from you. I saw your brother a few months ago. He seems very happy in Wisconsin.

My daughters are grown up and married, and Barbara has three children. I wonder if any one of them is going to become a mathematician.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 9, 1957

Summer address:
South Tomworth
New Hampshire

President B. K. Trippet
Wabash College
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Dear President Trippet:

I am very much honored at your request to come down and give a talk on October 9th and 10th. I am delighted to accept your generous offer. I am leaving the details of my visit and the subject of my talk in abeyance until we can make further arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

{ Aug 8/13/57 }

August 13, 1957

Dear Norbert,

Summer is with us to relax in a cool shade and to appreciate sunshine on the beach. Each of our children is enjoying its own program for summer. The eldest is working at a Ford agent to see the latest and best car. The second son is visiting relatives one after another in Kobe and Kyoto, and the youngest one of nine years old is appreciating hospitality at his uncle's near the sea at Kamakura. Asako and myself are making the best of hot days in Tokyo with our daughter, Reiko.

We shall be very happy to hear how you and Margaret are enjoying summer in New Hampshire. In June the translation of your "Cybernetics" finally appeared with your photograph taken at the Hilltop Hotel and a preface for the Japanese edition. At the end of the book I wrote a concluding note in which I acknowledged your cooperation and preface, and also kindness by Raisbeck for his lending me his own copy for reference.

The first issue was 1,500 copies and the second issue was 500 in July. The reviews on the translation are very gracious. The translation of your "The human use of human beings" reached 11,500 copies last April, 1957.

As for the publication of your "Cybernetics nine years after" the Kinokuniya Bookstore is rather slow in its undertaking.

Last night Dr. and Mrs. Harold L. Hazen left Haneda after 8 weeks in Japan; studying shrines and temples occupied most of their time, it seems.

With our best wishes to you both,

Sincerely,

Shikao

[ans 8/21/57]

This space is also for correspondence.

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Shikao Ikehara
1-22 Shimizucho, Meguro
Tokyo, Japan



AEROGRAMME

Professor Norbert Wiener
~~Room 2-276~~
~~Massachusetts Institute of Tech.~~
~~Cambridge 39, Mass.~~

U.S.A.

*South Tamworth
New Hampshire*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
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13 August 1957

Mr. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Mathematics
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Wiener:

I regret that you will be unable to attend the Fifth Annual Human Engineering Conference. Also, I am sorry that the form letter sent out on 22 July was disturbing. The form letter was used for two reasons: (1) to cut down paper work and (2) to meet the requirements of the Navy relative to classified meetings. However, I realize the incongruity of such an invitation to an individual.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max W. Lund".

MAX W. LUND, Head
Engineering Psychology Branch

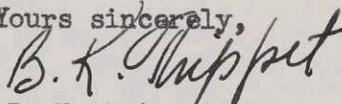
WABASH COLLEGE
CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 13, 1957

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I am delighted with your note of August 9. As soon as I have completed arrangements with the other participants in the program for the 10th of October, I shall write you again about the details of the program, your travel plans, etc. Meanwhile, your acceptance encourages me to believe that our program will be a most happy and beneficial one for the Wabash community.

Yours sincerely,



B. K. Trippet

Dr. Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth, New Hampshire



South Temworth
New Hampshire
August 13, 1957

Dr. Walter Appleman
2702 1/2 S. Redondo Boulevard
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Dr. Appleman:

We enjoyed having you up on the farm very much.
I shall be glad if you keep in touch with me, and I
shall let you know when my material is available.
I hope we shall run into one another soon.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 13, 1957

Mr. W. Geisenhainer, Program Chairman
American Material Handling Society
c/o Brodie Industrial Trucks, Inc.
50 Commercial Street
Malden 48, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Geisenhainer:

I shall be very glad to accept your invitation to be your guest speaker at your University Club on Tuesday, January 21, 1958. I am not quite ready yet to state the title of my talk as I am up here in the mountains and I do not know exactly what General Electric has done. Fifty dollars will be an acceptable honorarium. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

[ms 9/19/57]

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 13, 1957

Mr. John H. Kyle, Editor
The Johns Hopkins Press
Homewood
Baltimore 18, Maryland

My dear Mr. Kyle:

I am busy working on the book, part of my work being in collaboration with Professor Wintner. It is practically impossible for me to fill out the forms in completion until the book is further along, and I request your indulgence in waiting until I can do so.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

[and 8/15/57]

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 19, 1957

Mr. Jason Epstein, Editor
Anchor Books
Doubleday & Company, Inc., Publishers
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Jason:

Many thanks for your letter of August 14. As you will see, I am sending you the manuscript. Of course I should like to send you a cleaner copy for final publication, but what you have here is quite in shape for you to pass a judgment upon it. I don't want to undertake the definitive revision until I have some knowledge of your criticisms and wishes in case you should act favorably upon it.

I am retaining two carbons. This means that you are free to show the manuscript around without an excessive fear that it will get irretrievably lost.

If you think that there are any possibilities of dramatization, I should like to know. I am thoroughly aware that playwriting is a highly technical job and that I don't even know the elements of it. I shall therefore have to collaborate with someone who is a professional in the game. It is for this reason that I have written more than a bare scenario, so that whoever might come to collaborate with me might have a clear indication, not only of the role of the characters in the play, but of my concept of their inner workings and background.

I have gone over the manuscript with Louis F. Corliss, a neighbor and old friend of mine who was an engineer with the Sperry people at about the date covered by this story. The Sperry people are the American firm who in those days worked in what was most nearly the field of control which I describe. Mr. Corliss assures me that far from exaggerating the skulduggery in that sort of engineering work in his time, I have definitely underplayed its crassness and brutality. He finds the background authentic and convincing.

I have also gone over a part of the manuscript with my old friend Professor Charles Manneback of the University of Louvain. Manneback worked with me at M. I. T. in the early twenties and is thoroughly in touch with

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Mr. Jason Epstein, Editor

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August 19, 1957

the engineering atmosphere of the time. Moreover, he has shared with me my interest in Oliver Heaviside, and character after whom I have modeled Woodbury. He finds my description of Woodbury's character and my paraphrases of Heaviside's opinions and activity quite authentic.

Margaret joins me in sending Mrs. Epstein and yourself our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

Enclosure



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

August 19, 1957

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

Would you be interested in participating next spring in a symposium on The College Professor? The faculty of Wayne State University will sponsor it and has strongly recommended your name. I hope you will be able to accept our invitation.

The purpose of the symposium is to present for the students, the faculty, and the community a group of four or five distinguished professors who will read and discuss papers on the worth, dignity, and pleasure of teaching. Our idea is that each man will talk about his problems, his rewards, his attitudes, his values, and in this way will bring into focus a true picture of the college professor. The faculty feels that even our students have only a partial picture and that for many people the profession remains largely unknown. Indeed, the sub-title of the symposium might even be The Unknown Profession.

This program is not to be aimed, however, at the recruitment of college teachers. At most, the sparkle from the symposium may help young men and women to make up their minds. It is aimed solely at presenting the sorrows and joys, frustrations and hopes, limitations and opportunities of the profession as you have experienced them in the past and as you envision them in the future. We believe that out of the ideas and physical presence of four or five people like yourself a complex living image will be created which will act as a goal and a stimulus.

It is our thought that the symposium should last two consecutive days. On one of these you would be asked to deliver a paper on The College Professor. We hope to have this published by the University Press. We should in any event like possession of the manuscript. In addition, we hope that each speaker might meet students and faculty from his own area of interest. To conclude the two days, we would plan to have the speakers appear together in a panel discussion.

The honorarium will be \$500 plus expenses, \$400 to be paid on your arrival on campus and \$100 on the receipt of the manuscript. If you are interested, please let me know specifying if possible several two-day periods between April 16 and May 6, 1958 when you could come.

Sincerely,

James P. McCormick
Assistant to the Vice President
Academic Administration

JPM:jg

[ans 8/30/57]

P.S. I hope that you can make it. I heard and talked with you at the C & A Institute in Cleveland.

The Council will also be assisted by the Medical Board of the Postgraduate Center for Psychotherapy:

Daniel Blain, M.D.
Karl Bowman, M.D.
Kurt Goldstein, M.D.
Bela Mittelmann, M.D.
Wendell Muncie, M.D.
Edward Strecker, M.D.

Dr. Grey Walter's three appearances in New York will be:

- October 20: "The Physiology of Personality", a Sunday seminar at the Postgraduate Center for Psychotherapy
- October 23: "Brain and Behavior", at the New York Academy of Medicine; Dr. Lawrence S. Kubie and I will be discussants
- October 31: "The Cybernetic Approach to Mentality and Society"

We are asking Dr. Warren McCulloch to join with you in being a discussant at this meeting. We are eager to have you share and help create what should be a most fruitful and exciting evening. I shall hope for an affirmative reply.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Hoch
(ms.)

Paul H. Hoch, M.D.

PHH:MS:glk

[~~ans~~ 8/21/56]

POSTGRADUATE CENTER FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY

218 East 70 Street, New York 21, N. Y.

Phone: TRafalgar 9-7100

August 16, 1957

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

My colleagues on the Advisory Council of the International Seminars of the Postgraduate Center for Psychotherapy and I would be much honored if you would join us as a discussant when Dr. W. Grey Walter of Great Britain speaks on the subject "The Cybernetic Approach to Mentality and Society" at the Carnegie Endowment International Center at 8:00 p.m. October 31. We know that you could make a brilliant contribution to this seminar, which will be held for an invited group of the top people in this field.

This seminar will be one of three which will be addressed by Dr. Grey Walter, who is coming to the United States at our invitation to initiate the International Seminars. The Seminars are intended to provide a platform at the Postgraduate Center for Psychotherapy and throughout the U. S. for outstanding persons from abroad who can present new and interesting ideas and approaches that might be integrated into American psychotherapy. These seminars will be given semi-annually under a grant from the Samuel Rubin Foundation. The Advisory Council for the International Seminars is as follows:

Executive Committee: Paul H. Hoch, M.D., Chairman
Molly Harrower, Ph.D.
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Jules Masserman, M.D.
Margaret Mead, Ph.D.
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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
274 West Engineering

August 16, 1957

Professor N. Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

Thank you for your letter. I rather expected you would be out of reprints on Tauberian theorems, but I thought I might ask anyway.

I appreciate your kind offer of help and, though I am having no difficulties now, I may write you in the future.

Recently, I have been considering the boundary behavior of harmonic functions in a half plane (or a half space). I was able to obtain converses of the Fatou theorem using various forms of your general Tauberian theorem. I enclose a reprint of one of these papers.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Gehring
F. W. Gehring

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Enclosure: reprint

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August 15, 1957

Professor Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Professor Wiener:

It is far more important to have a manuscript than an author's questionnaire. Therefore we agree that the questionnaire should be put aside for a while.

Please give Dr. and Mrs. Wintner my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Kyle
John H. Kyle
Editor

JHK/cs

GRINNELL COLLEGE
GRINNELL, IOWA

DIVISION OF
SOCIAL STUDIES

August 15, 1957

Professor Norbert Wiener,

Dear Mr. Wiener:

The faculty is very happy that you are to be with us in October.

The president is very anxious to get the alumni to read what you and other speakers have written. To this end he has asked me to prepare a bibliography. Of course I have the usual list of books. The librarian is checking to insure a complete set, which are to be put on exhibit. The Bookstore is to stock your more popular items, such as THE HUMAN USE OF HUMAN BEINGS and EX-PRØDIGY. But if your secretary has a list of articles, I should like very much to receive a copy. Three years ago I took to class your "Science, Monkeys, and Mozart." Your thesis of institutions that take a long time to produce results fitted in neatly with Part I of Whitehead's ADVENTURES OF IDEAS. Two thousand years for a concept to the soul to get applied in anti-slavery legislation. I sometimes face the cynics in a philosophy class with Kant's ETERNAL PEACE and remark "it's only 160-odd years old."

Of course if you should happen to have an extra copy of a journal article, that sort of thing would add a good deal to the value of our library exhibit. The reference librarian can put some bound journal volumes on exhibit.

Thank you for your great kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Kuntz
Paul Kuntz

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY--BELLEVUE MEDICAL CENTER

OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

400 EAST 34TH STREET
NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

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August 14, 1957

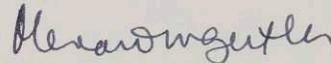
Dr. Norbert Wiener
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Dr. Wiener:

Thank you for your letter of August 5, 1957. I am glad to hear that you will be able to talk rehabilitation problems with our group in the fall. I know that we shall find a time which will be satisfactory to you. I shall contact you again in September.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

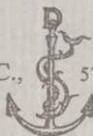


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August 14, 1958

Professor Norbert Wiener
Dept. of Mathematics
M. I. T.
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener:

I am enclosing herewith your statement
and check for \$100.70 which represents
royalties due you on I AM A MATHEMATICIAN
for the six months period ending April
30, 1958.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Kennedy
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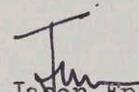
Dear Professor Wiener:

I have just returned from vacation to find your letter about the play which has become a novel, and of course I am extremely eager to see the manuscript, which should be ready within a week or so. In the meantime, I read again the manuscript on invention while I was away, and except for several instances where you don't explain clearly to the reader the technical problems that arise, the book is extremely good and should, after some work, be published. Is there any reason why it can't be done as well as the novel? In any case, I look forward eagerly to the latter.

We had occasion this summer to spend much time with one of your colleagues, Professor Hans Meyerhoff, who is visiting MIT in the Philosophy Department from UCLA. He is, as I am, one of your very great admirers and agrees that yours is the only authentic genius he has ever encountered.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Wiener, and with many thanks for your kind invitation to visit you in Tamworth, which, alas, our extended stay in Wellfleet will not permit us to undertake.

Sincerely yours,


Jason Epstein

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South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 13, 1957

Mr. W. P. Uys
34, Volks Street
Volksrust, Tvl., South Africa

My dear Mr. Uys:

I don't remember the book that you mention,
and although I may have participated in it,
I certainly did not edit it. I do not remember
any chapter entitled "Scientists Are Lonely Men."
I am also not willing, as a matter of principle,
to autograph photographs.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

South Tamworth
New Hampshire
August 13, 1957

Mrs. E. Sara Turing
6 Waterden Road
Guildford
Surrey, England

Dear Mrs. Turing:

I am so sorry that your earlier letter to me went astray. In the middle 1940's I met your son in the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington. I thought very highly of his work which represented an original combination of the modern stream of mathematical logic with the theory and practice of control and communication apparatus. I had then hoped that he could look forward to a long and valuable career in the field in which he had done so much to initiate. As to quoting my book, I shall be glad, but I think you ought to clear with the publishers, Houghton and Mifflin of Boston, who hold the copyright.

I am sorry that I misunderstood the cause of his death and if I can do anything to correct any incorrect statements I have made I shall do so. If I can be of any further help to you, I shall be glad.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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August 13, 1957

Summer address:
South Tamworth
New Hampshire

Mr. John Saul
155 Bay State Road
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Saul:

I am on vacation here in the mountains and am very loath to break into it. When I come back to M. I. T. I shall be glad if you will look me up at my office. It is my feeling, however, that a man under psychoanalysis should hesitate to spread his personal problems among those not directly concerned in his treatment. It confuses the issue and can make things very difficult for him, as well as for those about him.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:jc

August 13, 1957

Summer address:
South Temworth
New Hampshire

Mr. John Gilmore, Sales Manager
Kay Electric Company
Maple Avenue
Pine Brook, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Gilmore:

I too have a farm in New Hampshire, at Sandwich,
some forty miles from Canterbury. I am on the
telephone at Center Sandwich, BUTler 4-6854. Why
don't you call me up and make arrangements to visit
me?

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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