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My dear Parker:

I have just heard from Henry Duffield that you have returned to New York and I hope that the rest has given you renewed vigor and strength. I know it has been a very hard summer upon you and I hope that you are now better prepared to meet the burdens of the coming year. I would have written you before concerning our arrangements with the government, but did not wish to trouble you during your vacation.

Last week Mr. Wintringer and I went to Washington and had very satisfactory interviews with men in the army and navy departments. I find that the Army Committee on Education wishes us to make a tentative contract with them upon the basis of a dollar a day for quarters, subsistence, etc., plus a per diem charge for tuition. At my request they agreed to allow us to add our tuition charge the laboratory fees as well. This brings the amount to about 78c a day, according to the calculation made by Mr. Wintringer and Mr. Duffield. I have consequently signed the contract on a total basis of $1.78 per day. Later, after the beginning of our University year, sometime in October, the Committee proposes to send one of their men to Princeton to make a survey of our financial statement of last year and of the budget of the present year upon which to base a readjustment of the tentative contract in such a way that we may be assured against any loss. Professor Perry, who is the Executive Secretary, by the way a graduate of Princeton of the Class of '96, tells me that even after the signing of the final contract if we should find through the diminution of the number of our students or for any other reason we are falling behind, the Government will reimburse us for all such shortage. The fundamental
policy of the Government as I learned from Washington is to conduct the military
courses in such a way that the universities concerned will not be at any loss
whatever.

On Saturday last Captain King of the War Department, acting under the
direction of this Committee spent several hours in Princeton and went over all
of the questions in detail concerning supplies, furnishing of rooms, etc. He is
to have entire supervision of the material and equipment of the military schools
of the country.

Mr. Wintringer and I went to Trenton a few days ago to see Governor
Edge, who very kindly consented to loan us 400 cots and 800 blankets, to make
sure of quarters for our students at the opening of the term on Tuesday. In the
meantime Mr. Wintringer is endeavoring to secure all of the furniture available
to make the rooms habitable for our students at the start.

We have made substantially the same arrangement with the Navy as with the
Army. The sole difference is that the men of the Naval Unit are to pay the University,
making their payments owing to us on the same basis as that of the Army. The men
of the Naval Unit are to be paid $34.00 a month and $2.00 per diem in addition
for instruction, quarters and subsistence. $2.00 will amply cover the amount that
will be necessary to charge them.

Mr. Wintringer and I endeavored to secure permission from the War Depart-
ment to purchase supplies from the Quartermasters Department. This request, how-
ever, has been refused, but Mr. Wintringer is going to make application to the
headquarters of the Quartermasters Department in New York to see whether some
arrangement may not be made directly with them for the purchase of supplies at
army rates.
I think this covers the main points of a financial end.

We have decided to take 750 men in the Army Unit and 250 in the Naval. This is about the limit of our resources both as regards dormitory accommodations and dining hall facilities, and also our teaching forces.

With warmest regards,

Faithfully yours,

To-
Parker D. Handy, Esq.,
New York City.