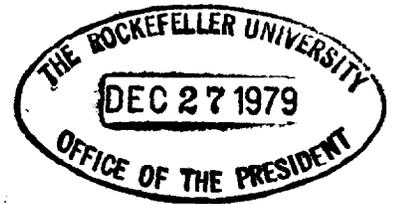


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Dear Joshua:

In the current mode, first the bad news. I have given up, for the moment, my attempts to raise you further funds in Texas. The reason is not lack of progress up to the point of contributions, but too many factors that are offshoots of the present international situation. I will get active again when things calm down.

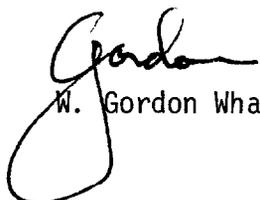
If you will give me some dates on the Jonsson lectures, I will try to be there. We have made the second major step in the Golgi story, that leaves one to go, but I would like to talk the whole story with you.

Your involvement in the Jonsson lectures suggests to me that you ought to be informed about some history. The University of Texas at Dallas started out as the graduate research center of the southwest. It was Lloyd Berkner's brain child, fostered by Mr. Jonsson. It succeeded only in a measure in its early days, partly because Berkner was enthusiastic a long way beyond his knowledge of what he was trying to do. At that point, after there had been a very misleading article in the Saturday Review of Literature, Detlev Bronk and I put our heads together for most of one night in my apartment in Sophie Fricke Hall and dreamed up a scheme that we thought might straighten things out. The present context of the effort in Dallas was largely a result of parameters brought forth in your own university, through a three day symposium in which Mr. Jonsson was one of the hosts and I was another. I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of that symposium which was summed up with a set of specific recommendations by Det Bronk and which was inaugurated, by the way, with a message from President Kennedy to Mr. Marcus. I found a lot of the things in it to use in my own institution. Unfortunately, my most vivid memory is being presented at the end of it with a hotel bill for \$7,900, which Mr. Stanley Marcus agreed to pay. I didn't object because I thought he might be in a better position than I was.

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Last point, wishes for a very happy holiday season, and the enclosure of my usual check.

Cordially yours,


W. Gordon Whaley

P.S. Thanks for your report and your letter. Incidentally, I like the new style of your report, which makes you think about operating costs and achievement pretty much at the same time.

Enclosures