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Mr. Richard Sanger
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sanger:

Dr. Dodge has asked me to send you the minutes of the last committee meeting in Washington on May 4.

I am also enclosing copy of letter, with revised budget estimates, addressed to Mr. Damon, asking for official authorization to draw upon the sum of \$25,000.00, rather than the original \$20,000.00.

If there are any corrections to be made, please let us know.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs) Helen W. Anderson

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MINUTES

COLLOQUIUM ON ISLAMIC CULTURE

Date: May 4, 1953
Place: Washington, D. C.
Present: Messrs. Basler, Damon, Cleland, Wright,
Dodge, Sanger, Ware and O'Boyle, and Miss
Dudgeon.

Report by Mr. O'Boyle concerning Leader Grant assignments.

Report by Mr. Dodge concerning foreign scholars who are
being invited independently of the Leader Grants.

Voted: To write invitations for:

The Majtahid Muhammad el-Husayn
Kashif al-Ghata (Leader Grant)
and
al-Qadi Muhammad Ibn-Ahmad al-Hajjiri
Director of the Royal Finances
Sana'a, el-Yamen
(through Charge d'Affaires in Legation
in Washington)

Voted: To approve inviting for at least part of the
conference:

John R. Cresswell, University of
West Virginia
Rev. John J. A. Devenny, SJ
" Joseph P. Connell
" Francis W. Anderson
" Edward Arbez of Georgetown
Edward Calverly

Voted: To approve budget in principle

Voted: To approve sending Professors Hitti and Thomas on
trips to visit persons nominated to attend Colloquium
(In this connection, Mr. Damon promised to send cir-
culars to all countries concerned with the Colloquium
and ask the embassies to prepare for Hitti and Thomas.

Voted: To engage assistants to serve as rapporteurs.

Rayard Dodge.

May 8, 1953

Mr. G. Huntington Damon
Department of State
1778 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Damon:

On behalf of Princeton University I am sending this letter, in order to ask you to give formal approval to the budget which has been drawn up for the Colloquium on Islamic Culture.

As you will remember, a contract was signed between the Department of State and Princeton University, September 2, 1952, placing at the disposal of the University \$20,000.00 for the organization and administration of the Colloquium on Islamic Culture. At the same time, the Department of State assigned \$5,000.00 as a supplementary sum to be used for contingencies and Washington expenses in connection with the Colloquium.

At a meeting of the Colloquium committee in Washington on May 4, 1953, at which Mr. Roy P. Basler represented the Library of Congress and at which were present the following members of the Department of State - Messrs. Damon, Cleland, Wright, Sanger, Ware, O'Boyle and Miss Dudgeon - it was agreed that the extra sum of \$5,000.00 could be drawn upon in order to make it possible to send overseas on Colloquium business Professors Hitti and Thomas of Princeton. Accordingly, the budget of the Colloquium has been revised according to the estimates attached. As these estimates definitely envisage using the \$5,000. set aside by the Department to supplement the original grant of \$20,000.00 to Princeton, I am writing this letter to ask that formal confirmation of this arrangement should be made. Please, therefore, ask the proper authority of the Department of State to sign a statement authorizing me, as Director of the Colloquium, to use the supplementary sum of \$5,000.00 in addition to the \$20,000.00 granted to Princeton. The signed letter will be filed with the Treasurer of Princeton.

The Treasurer of the University can then authorize the Colloquium to draw upon the sum of \$25,000.00, instead of the original \$20,000.00.

I understand from the Library of Congress representative that the Library would prefer to have the Colloquium management handle all of the funds and make all of the payments through the Princeton office, rather than to have the Treasurer of the Library of Congress responsible for drawing checks and paying out cash.

Very sincerely,

A appropriations:

Princeton Fund \$ 20,000.00
Washington Fund 5,000.00
TOTAL \$ 25,000.00

<u>1. Princeton Inn:</u>	
(Leader Grant delegates to be paid for by special fund)	
30 Americans	
10 Foreigners (not on Leader Grant)	
40 @ \$13.23 per day	\$ 4,762.80
10 extra single room charges @ \$2.30 per room, per day	207.00
<u>2. Washington</u>	
(Leader Grant delegates to be paid for by per diem)	
30 Americans	
10 Foreigners (not on Leader Grant)	
40 @ \$11.00 per night, about $\frac{1}{2}$ for 2 nights, and $\frac{1}{2}$ for 3 nights	1,100.00
Transport and miscellaneous	900.00
<u>3. General</u>	
Travel - delegates from US and office assistants	2,900.00
Secretarial Services	3,000.00
Staff Assistants	
6 @ \$200. per person, plus travel	1,500.00
25% on salaries due Princeton	1,400.00
Office supplies	800.00
Printing Program	200.00
Translation & printing in Arabic	2,000.00
"Administration" transport, incidentals	200.00
<u>4. Sending representatives overseas</u>	
Professor Hitti:	
Air travel to Near East and return, visiting Cairo, Bahrain, Baghdad, Beirut, Delhi	1,891.60
Possible motor and RR trips	200.00
Per diem - \$11.40 days maximum	440.00
Honorarium - \$15. a day, 40 days maximum	600.00
	<u>3,131.60</u>
Professor Thomas:	
Air travel - Istanbul, Tehran, return	297.00
RR Istanbul, Ankara, return	80.00
Per diem - \$11.12, days, maximum	132.00
Honorarium - \$14.40, 12 days, maximum	172.80
	<u>681.80</u>
<u>5. Contingency</u>	
	<u>2,216.80</u>
TOTAL	\$ 25,000.00