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January 8, 1926.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers, Director  
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522-5th Ave. New York City.

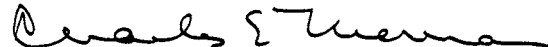
My dear Walter:

Simpson called on me the other day and I had a talk with him. My impression is that he is a man of fine ability and point of view with good prospects of development. He does not have special training that would be desirable for a man in the eastern field, but I have no doubt could be educated. Possibly any man will have to be educated.

I have also received the preliminary statement regarding the Institute, and also the minutes, both of which I will go over very carefully, and write you again within a few days.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Charles E. Merriam

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# The University of Chicago

Russian Language and Institutions

Chicago, January 8, 1926

Dear Walter:

Merriam has told me about the progress you have made with the Institute. Hearty congratulations.

Simpson tells me you wish a letter about him. I have met him several times, and had several long talks with him. Also, Faris has told me what he thinks of him. I do not see that I can add much to what you already know. He certainly is one of the most promising of the young men here, has broad interests, keen mind, good balance and so forth. He talks on the basis that Russia would be the field in which you would use him. As John suggested, Russia would be a good place in which to try the method of training up a younger man, as opposed to selecting an "expert" in the particular field. Of the younger men here at the University I see no one better qualified for such an experiment than Simpson.

Quincy Wright has made a suggestion; he heard your talk at New York. He believes his brother-in-law, Leonard, might well be a candidate for the Russian field. Leonard went to Russia in 1916, with Devine, to help look after German prisoners of war - before we came into war. He stayed on, in consular service. Later, during the Washington Conference, he was attached to Russian Division, on a special piece of research. At present he is in the banking business, as bank inspector. He is keenly interested in things Russian, has some background, and is not "committed" despite his brief connection with officialdom. Quincy asked me to mention his name to you; perhaps Quincy will also write you.

When are we going to see you out here in the West. Regards to all of yours.

Yours ever

*Samuel N. Harper.*

## Biographical Sketch-Eyler Newton Simpson.

Born:San Antonio,Texas,August 20th,1900.

### Formal Education:

High School-Dallas Texas,1913-17

University of Texas,1917-22.(B.A.,I.B.K.,1921.Graduate work and Instructor in Sociology 1921-22.) Major:Economics.

University of Chicago,1922-- (Graduate student in Sociology).

In general most of my courses in college have been in the field of the social sciences,with especial emphasis upon economics and sociology.

Languages:Spanish-reading and speaking knowledge;French-reading knowledge;German-reading knowledge(in process of acquirement).

### Professional and Teaching Experience:

University of Texas-Laboratory Instructor in Zoology,1918-19.

" " " Assistant and Instructor in Economics,1920-21.

" " " Instructor in Sociology,1921-22.

Courses:(a) Social Pathology.

(b) Criminology.

(c) Modern Charity Methods.

University of Chicago,Fellow in Social Service Administration,1922-23.

University of Texas,Lecturer in Comparative Literature,Summer,1923.

Courses:(a) Realistic Novel in France and Russia.

(b) Modern Drama.

Y.M.C.A.College(Chicago),Lecturer in Social Science,1922-23.

Courses:(a) Elementary Economics.

(b) Social Pathology.

University of Chicago,Fellow in Sociology,1923-24.

University of Chicago High School,Instructor in English,1923-24.

Course :(a) Appreciation of Modern Literature.

University of Texas,Lecturer in Sociology,Summer,1924.

Courses:(a) Industrial Evolution.

(b) Sociology of Conflict.

University of Chicago,Instructor in Sociology,1924--

It should be understood that all of the above items represent part time appointments(with the exception of the summer appointments).I paid all of my own expenses in college from my sophomore year on by part time teaching.

### Informal Education and Social Contacts:

Assistant Director of Boys Camps,Summer 1916,1917.

Casual laborer in Kansas wheat fields,Summer,1918.

United States Navy,Fall,1918.

Day laborer in oil fields of Texas,Summer,1920.

Traveling representative of Ginn Publishing Co.,Summer,1919.

Case worker,United Charities of Chicago,Fall,1922.

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### Publications:

South Western Journal of Political Science,March,1923-The Economic Bases of Crime.

New Republic,February,1925,Surveying the Sociologists.

Numerous book reviews in The American Journal of Sociology,The Chicago Evening Post,and various other places.

### Interests and Activities:

Amateur Dramatics,

Biography.

Athletics:tennis and handball.

Music and the theater.

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June 1, 1926.

Mr. Walter Rodgers,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rodgers:

The two letters which I have enclosed are, I believe, self explanatory. I trust that my reply to Mr. La-Fargue was not an undue assumption of authority.

You will recall that I discussed with you when you were here one Dr. M. S. Handman of the department of Sociology of the University of Texas. It was in his seminar (1921) that I first became interested in the life of Spanish-America. He has, in the course of his study of Mexico during the past seven years, accumulated a personal library on all phases of Mexican life which is, so far as I know, equal to any in the country. In addition to this he is, of course, conversant with all the important sources in the well known Garcia library which is housed at the University of Texas. In view of these facts (and because he has been a sort of fairy god-father to me) you can imagine my pleasure at being able to spend several hours with him this last week as he passed through Chicago on his way to Cleveland. He was exceedingly interested in the Institute and promised to assist me in any way within his power. He has a very wide acquaintance both in Mexico City and in San Antonio and will be able not only render me valuable service in guiding my preliminary reading, but also to make possible a number of personal contacts. I am enclosing an article of his which should give you some idea of his grasp of the present situation in Mexico.

May I remind you to send me several copies of the Preliminary Statement of the aims and purposes of the Institute.

It may amuse you to know that if I so desire I can now, in the sight of both god and man, sign my name thus

Eyler Newton Simpson A.B. M.A. PhD. Magna Cum Laude

although I don't know why in hell I should ever want to.

June 15th, 1926.

Mr. Eyer W. Simpson,  
Faculty Exchange,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Simpson:

I returned here only yesterday. Nexter telegraphed me and I replied that I would be in Boston the early part of next week. I just had a message from him saying that he will see me there at that time.

Congratulations on your Magna Cum Laude.

As to your letter to LaFargue: if anything you held out too much hope. Perhaps my own ideas have changed since I talked with you. In any event, I do not now feel that La Fargue is promising material. My standards, as you know, are high and, if anything, I tend to raise rather than lower them.

Enclosed are copies of two letters recently received by me from John Crane and a copy of a letter which I have just addressed to him. This correspondence may be of some interest to you.

A word of criticism. In your letter to me you misspelled my name. This, of course, is only a minor matter, but we should try to be deadly accurate in everything, above all with names.

Be sure and let me know your summer address.

With cordial greetings, I am,

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Yours sincerely,

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June 19, 1926.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

At last all the various and sundry ceremonies attendant to my elevation to the doctoral rank are over. Classes are at an end; my papers have been graded-for the first time in months I can draw a free breath. Since your last visit here I have been impatient with my old duties and eager to turn my energies into the new channels which the work of the Institute has opened up for me. There is a sort of intense intellectual joy in the prospect of sinking your teeth into a brand new problem which bids fair to draw out the very last reserves of your energies and to test your every talent. The other night I read Paul De Kruif's new book, Microbe Hunters. Whatever may be its value as biology, certainly he has managed to catch into words something of that indomitable curiosity which actuated these early searchers into the mysteries of the microscopic world. And as I read I could not help but think of your own ideals for the men in the Institute. If we, too, can for our purposes become imbued with something of that spirit of eager inquiry and above all with that singleness of purpose which characterized these men, I feel that we will be able to build up a Corps the like of which has never been on land or sea.

So much for inspiration. Now about this man Hexter. May I recall to you the points of interest in his career which I reviewed in our previous conversation. He was graduated from the University of Texas (circa 1914) at the age of 18. He then studied law, but stopped just short of taking his degree. Then followed a year of graduate work in English at Columbia. During the war he was in Washington with the Government Insurance Bureau. Next he came to Chicago where, until last year, he was associated with the office of Jacob Aht. Here he was an employer's representative on the arbitration board of the Chicago Clothing Market. This last year he has been making the grand tour in Europe.

In view of the fact that I have known Hexter for the last ten years on rather personal terms, I find it a little difficult to make as objective a report on him as I should desire. However, I have carefully considered the matter during these last few days and list as my best judgement the

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following negative and positive points:

Negative: (1) He is what I would call an "indoor man". By this I mean that he shows up to best advantage in the conversational give-and-take of a drawing room. It is difficult to imagine him working as a day laborer or taking a long canoe trip. In short, as Edith Wharton has it, he is "masculine without being athletic". (2) He is a Jew-although, I believe, that he does not display any of the characteristics which we sometimes think that we can associate with that race. (3) His interests up to the present time have not been concentrated. He has not, so far as I know, ever focused his intellectual interests on any one given field.

Positive: (1) He is intellectually mature with a wide and varied range of interests. (2) He is an accomplished speaker and actor. (3) He is thoroughly charming as a companion and, so far as I have been able to observe, makes personal contacts with the greatest ease and finesse. (4) He writes with a not inconsiderable skill and with a certain literary flair. (5) He speaks both German and French fluently. (6) He is entirely responsible and intellectually honest. (7) He is ripe for the picking and enthusiastic for the whole plan of the Institute.

As you see, I have taken it as part of my duties to be constantly on the lookout for promising material. The other day I met a young man, named William H. Sheldon, who has just taken his Ph.D. degree in psychology. He approached me on the subject of the Institute and impressed me very favorably. I gave him a copy of the prospectus and tomorrow I am to have lunch with him at which time I will get his life history. He will be here this summer and is going to teach economics at the University this coming academic year. I shall send you a memorandum and if you care to interview him when you are next in Chicago, I can make the arrangements.

Two things of interest have happened to me personally. First, I have been made a Dean in the college of Arts and Literature. I accepted the appointment because it will give me just that much more experience in dealing with people. It will not make any serious inroads on my time. Naturally I am a little amused at being a Dean as well as pleased with the \$ 110.00 extra a month. Second, I managed to persuade Dorn that this orientation course which we are going to give again next year should be devoted to the study of International Relations. Thus do all things work together for good.

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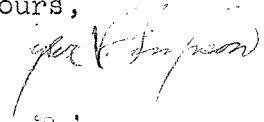
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The Eucharistic Congress now taking place in Chicago offers me a unique introduction to the study of the Catholic church. Through the kindness of some newspaper men I am enabled to occupy press seats at most of the important ceremonies.

I leave with Mr. Darrow for Greeley, Colorado on the 28th of this month. You will be able to reach me by addressing me there, care of Mr. Darrow. Which reminds me that my university duties require my presence in Chicago on the 25th of September. Darrow has agreed to return to Chicago about the 10th. If you still feel that I should come to New York in September, this arrangement should allow me to work in the trip with time to spare.

Most sincerely yours,





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July 14, 1926.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

I am beginning to wonder whether or no you received the letter which I sent to you at the Copley-Plaza hotel, Boston. I was very anxious that you receive it before talking to Hexter. It contained a lengthy statement pro and con with regard to the said gentleman as well as other matter concerning my plans this summer. In case it did not reach you, I will forward you the copy which I have in my files. I would like for you have it as a matter of record.

Before leaving Chicago for these distant parts I was able to make a number of contacts with the people assembled for the Harris Foundation Institute on Mexico. The most valuable and interesting of these were, I believe, with Dr. William J. Schultz, Mr. Roberto Haberman, and Señor José Vasconcellos.

Schultz is a graduate from Columbia in political economy. His real interest or vocation is that of a tax expert. However, on his honeymoon some three years ago in Mexico he became interested in Mexican life and culture and has continued to indulge himself in their study as a sort of side line. He is giving one of the courses in the Institute this summer entitled, Social and Economic Developments in Mexico (with especial reference to the period since the Diaz regime). His attainments belie his age, for he is still somewhere around 25. A most charming individual, combining a forceful personality with considerable intellectual acumen. He was, by the way, most interested in the affairs of the I.O.C.W.A. and asked for a copy of the prospectus. After reading it he spoke of wanting to talk to you about the prospects for going to the Orient. He will be in New York about the 15th of September and if you think it advisable I can arrange for him to meet you at that time.

Haberman is one of the leaders of the labor movement in Mexico at the present time. I was only able to talk with him for a few minutes and that standing in the rain sometime after eleven o'clock P.M. He is a Roumanian Jew, excitable, and one time a socialist. In fact, he ran on the Socialist ticket for Governor of California. He has been down in Mexico, I believe, for the past ten years or more taking an active part in the organization of the Confederacion General de Trabajadores. He seems to know the labor movement backward and forward and should be invaluable later on.

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I was extremely fortunate in being able to spend the whole evening with Vasconcellos. Schultz invited both of us over to his apartment the night before I left Chicago. You may remember that Vasconcellos was for many years a political leader in Mexico and was at one time the Minister of Education. He is now living, virtually an exile, in Paris. We were able to draw him out on his experiences in Mexico. His sidelights on the general working of the Mexican mind and on some of the leaders in Mexico at the present time were highly interesting.

The two months here with Mr. Darrow promise to be profitable in several ways. We have gotten down to the book in real earnest and he is turning out about 3000 words a day. I am afraid, however, that I will not be able to save it from being a treatise on God, immortality, and the Virgin Mary. I have tried every way I know from insulting him to flattering him, but he persists in the notion that he is a philosopher. However, I console myself with the thought that through his long years of contact with the public, he has come to know what they want better than I do. Yesterday we sent a 6000 word article to Harpers. It is a hot attack on the work of the Chicago Crime Commission and should stir up a pretty mess.

In the meantime I study Spanish and read what books I can get my hands on. I have started my filing system on personal contacts and have already had the joy of using to the extent of writing follow-up letters to Schultz and Haberman.

Let me hear from you at your convenience about your plans for the latter part of the summer.

Most sincerely yours,



Lafayette Apts., No 31.  
Greeley, Col.

July 19th, 1926.

Mr. Eyer H. Simpson,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Simpson:

I received your letter addressed to me at the Copley-Plaza, Boston, before I talked with Hexter. I should have acknowledged it, but I have been on the wing.

Later on Hexter came in to see me here and in Chicago the other day I consulted Millis about him. My impression is that he won't do. In part this judgment is based on the fact that he is engaged to marry an Armenian-Greek woman who wants to live in Vienna or the Near East. Moreover, I do not make out that he really knows what he wants to do.

At Chicago I looked in on the Harris show. In a public lecture Vasconcellos handled the question of race intermixture with amazing deftness. While arguing in favor of the intermarriage, in Ibero-America, of Spanish, Indians, and negroes, he avoided offending his Anglo-Saxon audience. He has made a very good impression at the University and has been asked to give a course during the spring quarter, 1927.

Judging from the gossip, Professor Priestley was a total loss. Professor Stuart, on the other hand, made a fairly favorable impression. He is a bubbling sort - he might sell real estate.

Haberman I have met. He knows his way around the American Federation of Labor.

Schulz sounds promising. Please ask him to hunt me up.

I still think it would be worth your while to come East for the period between the completion of your work with Mr. Darrow and the opening of the University. You could visit with Hopper and become acquainted with the men in Mexico section of the State Department and with Leo Rowe and others at the Pan American Union.

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Yours sincerely,

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October 10, 1926.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

Once more the harness has settled over my shoulders and the bit is between my teeth: three lectures a day and one hour performing my deanly duties. I have rented what my mother calls, one of those "kitchenette, dinette, and toilette" apartments, surrounded myself with my books, pictures, and favorite ash trays. Voila! Nothing to do but work.

Herewith I proceed to write a letter (to myself as much as to you) by way of balancing the books on my recent trip East.

## In Account With-E.N.Simpson.

In re a trip to New York, Boston, Wood's Hole, and Washington in the interest of the Institute of Current World Affairs.

### Debit.

Item: An expenditure of \$211.61.

Item: Time consumed-15 days.

### Credit.

Item: Bruce Hopper: was able in the space of three days to bridge the distance between "Mr. Simpson and Mr. Hopper" and "Bruce and Simp", thereby accomplishing the main purpose of my trip. Whole experience added measurably to my understanding of the type of man desired for the work of the Institute as well as kind of relationship that can and must be built up between the fellows of the Institute if the work is to approximate the ideals which we have.

Item: The Crane family (even to the second and third generation): I find that nothing quite gives me the thrill of things, men, and events that lie "beyond the horizon" as listening to Charles R. tell his tales of the world and men. His kindly and sympathetic interest in the work which lies before me (to say nothing of his attention and friendly consideration of my wife in New York) did more to make me feel a participant member of the Institute than anything that has yet come to pass.

Item: V.S. Clark: one of the directors of the Institute. He gave me valuable bibliographic suggestions. From his conversation I again received that curious and rather exciting sensation of getting the feel of a world outlook.

Item: Isaiah Bowman: of the American Geographical Society. There is a firmness about the man. Much talk of maps and the possibilities of the work of the Institute. Will be valuable later on for contacts in Mexico.

Item: Donald M. Brodie: the business end of the staff. He knows

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a man who worked on Mexico for the Federated Council of Churches. Will introduce me the next time I am in New York.

Item: Harold G. Moulton: director of the Institute of Economics. Must see him later on about books on international finance. He introduced me to

Item: Frank Tannenbaum: he has just returned from 14 months in Mexico studying the effects of the revolution. Promised me letters to many people in Mexico including Carleton Beals.

Item: Harry Frantz: U.P. man on the Latin Amer. cable. Knows all about Tacna Arica.

Item: L. Martin: Library of Congress, Division of Maps. Suggested several very valuable maps of Mexico. Turned me over to

Item: J. T. Vance Jr.: who is the Law Librarian and has spent many years in Latin Amer. Knows all about Mexican law. Promised letters of introduction to people in Mexico.

Item: E. P. Lowry: Consul to Mexico. Promised letter to Dr. F. A. Mundy, Mexico City who knows about early religion in Mexico.

Item: George J. Eder: Chief of Latin American Section, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Very helpful. He introduced me to

Item: C. R. Herron: his subordinate who has charge of Mexico and Central Amer. Mr. H. has written me since my return to Chicago sending an annotated bibliography on Mexico including a list of the publications of the Bureau.

Item: An assurance that finding one's way around in official Washington is not so difficult if the proper strings are given the proper pulls.

Item: A glorious vacation.

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I plan during these next few months to proceed as follows: To continue my study of Spanish with the aid of a tutor who will give me practice in conversation; ~~the~~ continue working through the secondary source materials on Mexico; with the aid of Viner to start filling in the gaps in my knowledge of money and banking and international trade.

I salute you, Sir, enquiring both after your well being and when I may expect you in Chicago.



October 18th, 1926.

Mr. Elyer W. Simpson,  
Faculty Exchange,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Simpson:

I have your letter of October 10th. The same mail brought me a letter from Professor Kimmel in which he again shows an interest in the Institute. I think he would make a very good man for us. You might, whenever it comes about naturally, sound him out with a view to ascertaining whether he has come around to a desire to be considered.

Hopper spent a day in New York and a day in Washington with me last week. According to present plans he will sail Saturday on the Leviathan, and before going to his post in Russia, will spend a couple of months in Egypt and Arabia with Mr. C. R. Crane, who agrees to put Hopper in contact with all the principal sources of information in that part of the world. Mrs. Crane has invited Mrs. Hopper, who will sail about two weeks later, to visit her at Cairo.

I am still uncertain as to just when I can make Chicago, but it will certainly be before Thanksgiving. If you happen to run across Charles Axelson, who is one of the Trustees of the University and frequently at the Quadrangle Club, introduce yourself. Mr. Axelson is a life insurance expert and is making a study for the Institute of the problems that may arise in connection with life insurance for members of the Institute's field staff.

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Sincerely yours,

November 1, 1926.

Mr. Tyler W. Simpson,  
Faculty Exchange,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Simpson:

Hopper got off as per schedule and presumably  
is in London now.

La Fargue has just come to life, sending me a  
copy of a piece he has written about an aspect of the Filipino  
situation. I am enclosing it for your edification. When you  
have read it please return it to me for filing.

I am still uncertain as to when I can reach  
Chicago, but I will be along at the first convenient opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

WSR/TC  
encls.

November 3rd, 1926.

Dear Simpson:

I have a growing concern with the need for every man connected with the Institute keeping in the finest possible physical and mental trim. Thinking over this matter has once again raised in my mind this question: Ought a man, part of whose business it is to study people, have some skill in sight diagnosis? By mere observation the diagnostician can often pretty shrewdly appraise a person's physical and mental conditions. Possibly in some cases a knowledge of such conditions is fundamental to any real understanding of the person.

I do not happen to know how well you are acquainted with the medics about the University. But if opportunity arises, I wish you would gather information:

- (1) As to best books of a practical character having to do with physical and mental upkeep;
- (2) As to best means of acquiring such medical knowledge as will enable a man to take care of himself should he be taken ill or be injured in an out of the way corner of the world;
- (3) As to best means of acquiring a general knowledge of the ordinary diseases (physical and mental), of gaining some skill in recognizing them by observation, and of understanding their likely influence upon personality, outlook on life, etc.

If there are no books that meet our needs, I am disposed to consider employing a competent authority or authorities to prepare something especially designed for our use. Or if there is a place in the United States where the desired knowledge can be had, I am disposed to consider having members of the staff go there for special training.

Some time when you are talking with Mr. Darrow get his views with regard to the practical utility of a knowledge of a man's physical and mental conditions as factors involved in gaining an understanding of his actions, attitudes, etc.

When I am next in Chicago, I will go over the questions raised herein with you.

Sincerely,

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November 9, 1926.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

The suggestions contained in your last letter served to focus certain thoughts that had been floating around rather vaguely in the back of my head. You will remember that I spoke to you in Washington about my own conviction that the men in the Institute will have to look with more than ordinary care to their ~~own~~ physical well being. By the time you wander down this way I will have canvassed the various medicos in these parts. I happen to know Morris Fishbein (editor of the American Medical Journal) and he ought to be able to give me some leads.

In re La Fargue I must say that his last effort shows a marked improvement in his ability to handle the language. His persistence is, also, I should say, a point in his favor. My feeling is that perhaps it would be a good thing to keep an eye on him.

I received a rather jolly letter today from Bruce, mailed from the boat on the way over. Despite the hectic quality of his last days in New York he seems to be full of joy of life and, as he signed himself, "in, of, and for the Institute". I hope that you will not fail to pass along to me any methodological procedure which he may be able to formulate in response to your letter.

Today I heard that it has been definitely settled that Vasconcelos is to be here in the Spring and give two courses on Mexico—one historical in emphasis and the other dealing with present day problems. Of course I will attend both courses and seek every other opportunity to pump him dry.

Redfield departed Sunday. I had several long talks with him before he left. He plans to settle in a little village about seventy miles south of the City and to prosecute a comprehensive anthropological and sociological study of the community. He will, if his present plans are carried out, be there when I arrive. He has a level head and splendid technical equipment and should be an invaluable aid to me. We have arranged to trade notes by mail.

You may be interested to know that I have been made a sort of managing editor of the American Journal of Sociology. This together with my other university work uses up my time, but I believe that it will be valuable experience.

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I have not yet been able to find a suitable tutor in Spanish. However, I have been reading as fast as possible all of the available books on Mexico both in Spanish and in English. I manage to get through the Spanish ones, leaning rather heavily on the dictionary. Another three months and perhaps I will be able to dispense with this prop.

Sincerely yours,

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November 29, 1926.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

I regret that I cannot give you any very accurate statement of my plans for the holidays. I had more or less tentatively planned to be in New York with my wife. She writes me, however, that there is a possibility that she will not be in New York at that time. I should know definitely in the course of the next few days.

So far as I am concerned you are perfectly correct in assuming that "we have agreed to agree" with respect to my ambition to become a member of the staff of the Institute. After my conversation with you in Washington I have proceeded in all my plans as if I had already entered upon a probationary fellowship in the Institute. I hope that I have not been mistaken in my assumption of this status. The details of whatever arrangement we will eventually be able to make have never given me any serious concern. I agree with you, however, that my preliminary work will be made more effective if we can in the near future map out a rather detailed program.

In response to your suggestions concerning the possibility of certain types of medical training for the members of the Institute I am preparing an informal report of the results of my conversations with various and sundry medicos. I can either send this report to you or keep it until you show up in these parts.

Have you seen Moon's, Imperialism and World Politics? In my opinion it has Buell backed off the board.

Very sincerely yours,



December 3, 1926

Mr. Ryler N. Simpson,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Simpson:

I have your very satisfactory letter of November 28th. If you do come East and I miss you, I will be sure to be in Chicago the week following January first. I have not read Moon's "Imperialism and World Politics". Incidentally, Buell and I have been flirting with each other. John Crane from Prague queries whether Buell would work well with other people in an organization like the Institute.

*have* The last mail brought a sheaf of letters from Hopper. I ~~am~~ merely glanced through them. He seems to have given himself the signal "full steam ahead." Mrs. Hopper has joined him. At present they are in Berlin, presumably with "Sam" Hopper of the University of the Midway. If you come in the office while I am away, ask Brodie to show you the Hopper file.

I plan to inaugurate the custom of a holiday cablegram to the several members of the staff abroad signed by those at home. Am I authorized to sign your name?

Greetings.

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December 11, 1926.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed you will find a preliminary report on the results of my questioning of various medical gentlemen with regard to the possibility of equipping the members of the staff with information for the protection of their health. As you see, the information is somewhat scattered. It may be necessary to have some competent young medico go thru the literature and cull out what would be of most value for us. I have such a person on the string here and we can talk the matter over when you come this way in January.

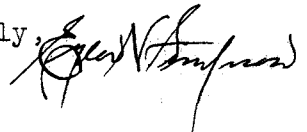
My plans for Christmas are now settled. I will be in New York from the 23rd until the 1st. - then back to Chicago. If you can think of anything that I might be doing to improve the occasion of my visit to New York in the interest of the Institute, please drop me a line.

I do not know the gentleman whose letter you forwarded to me. I have made enquiries around the University but with no success. I recommend that he consult any good reference librarian.

By all means sign my name to the Christmas greetings to John and Bruce. I envy both of them.

I will probably miss you in New York. Will you please accept my greetings both for yourself and family and my best wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely,



## PRELIMINARY REPORT

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1.As to the best books of a practical character having to do with physical and mental upkeep;

2.As to the best means of acquiring such medical knowledge as will enable a man to take care of himself should he be taken ill or to be injured in an out of the way corner of the world;

3.As to the best means of acquiring a general knowledge of the ordinary diseases(physical and mental),of gaining some skill in recognizing them by observation,and of understanding their likely influence upon personality,outlook of life etc.

General statement: The following report is based upon informal conferences with Dr.W.K.Jaques(diagnostician),Dr.Sol Strauss(general practitioner),Dr.William Bloom(research),and Dr.Morris Fishbein(editor of the Journal of the American Medical Ass.)

Questions 1. and 2.: There is no one book now in the field which would exactly fit the needs of staff of the Institute.However,the following books more or less approximate what is desired:

Medical Handbook for the Use of Light House Vessels and Stations,  
U.S.Bureau of Commerce,Supt of Documents,Washington,D.C.,1915.

Kirk,J.B.-Hints on Equipment and health for Intending Residents in the Tropics,Bailliere Tindall and Cox,8 Henrietta St.,Convent Garden,London,W.C.2,England,1926.

Simpson,W.J.-The Maintenance of Health in the Tropics, Wm.Wood and Co.,51 Fifth Ave.,New York.

International Conference on Health Problems in Tropical America,  
Proceedings of the Conference Held at Kingston,Jamaica,B.W.I.,  
1925,United Fruit Co.,1 Federal St.Boston,Mass.

Deeks,W.E.-Brief Review of the Digestive Functions and Food Requirements for the Maintenance of Health,With Particular Reference to the Tropics,United Fruit Co., Medical Dept.,17 Battery Place,New York,  
N.Y.,1923.

Platt,K.,Home and Health in India and the Tropics,Wm.Woods and Co.,  
51 Fifth Ave.,New York,N.Y.,1923.

Stitt,E.R.-Diagnostics and Treatment of Tropical Diseases,ed.4,  
P.Blakiston's Son and Co.,1012 Walnut St.,Philadelphia,Pa.,1922.

Tropical Hygiene for African Schools,Macmillan Co.,60 Fifth Ave.,  
New York,1922.

Sundstroem,E.S.-A Summary of Some Studies in Tropical Acclimatization,Service Publication(Tropical Division).No.6.Australian  
Institute of Tropical Med.,Melbourne,Australia.

Blacklock, M.G. - An Elementary Course in Tropical Hygiene, Pt. 1 and 2., John Bale Sons and Danielsson, Ltd., 83-91 Great Titchfield St., London, W.I. England.

Gilento, R.W. - The White Man in the Tropics with Reference to Australia and Its Dependencies, Commonwealth of Australia, Dept. of Health, Melbourne, Australia.

Strumpel, A. - Textbook on Pathology.

Note: Further possible sources of information and bibliography are: The United Fruit Co., The English Foreign Office, The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., The United States Public Health Service. (Dr. Strauss also recommends Dr. J.W. Jobling, Professor of Pathology, Columbia University, New York,)

Question: 3.: All of the medical authorities consulted in the preparation of this report were unanimous in the opinion that there is no way in which the layman can, short of taking a regular medical course, gain any reliable or satisfactory facility in making "sight diagnoses". They feel that this is a matter which takes years of training and practice and that the layman would only be confused by a knowledge of the superficial stigmata of disease, mental or physical.

Cosmos Club,  
Washington, D. C.,  
December 17, 1936.

Mr. Eyer N. Simpson,  
Faculty Exchange,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Simpson:

I have your letter of December 11th. Will  
talk with you in Chicago about the medical problem. Please  
return to me the <sup>letter written by</sup> ~~writer from~~ the inquisitive gentlemen.  
Have just received a cable from Hopper saying that he is  
leaving Berlin for Prague.

Greetings,



INSTITUTE OF CURRENT WORLD AFFAIRS  
522 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

University Club,  
Chicago, Ill.  
January 4, 1927.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

In behalf of the Institute of Current World Affairs I hereby offer you a position as a member of the Institute's field force on the following terms:

(1) That from and after June 15th next, you will devote your entire time to the work of the Institute;

(2) That commencing June 15th next, the Institute will pay you, in monthly installments, compensation at the rate of \$2500.00 a year;

(3) That as substantial income results from your activities, the above compensation will be adjusted from time to time;

(4) That all income resulting from your relations with the Institute will belong to it;

(5) That the Institute will set aside, commencing June 15th next, an expense account of \$4,000.00 a year, to be drawn against by you for such purposes and under such conditions as may be authorized from time to time by the Director;

(6) That in due time this memorandum Agreement will be replaced by a standard form of agreement, to be worked out by the Institute, to cover the relations between it and the members of its field force;

(7) That this agreement may be terminated by either party upon giving, in writing, six months' notice. If notice is given by the Director, in behalf of the Institute, you will be allowed, in addition to six months' compensation from date of receipt by you of such notice, a reasonable amount to cover the expense of the return of yourself and wife to New York City.

I am sending you this letter in duplicate; should you decide to enter the service of the Institute on the basis of the above, all that it will be necessary for you to do will be to sign one copy and return it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Myler N. Simpson,  
Chicago.

I accept

