

**Law School of Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.**

March 30, 1934.

Dear Rogers,

I have just the man for you. At any rate, the man for you to talk with and to negotiate with: John N. Hazard, 40 Hastings Hall, Cambridge.

Hazard comes from Rhode Island though his domicile is in New York State. He graduated at Yale in 1930. Then he spent a year going around the world and visited Russia. He has studied a very little Russian. He speaks French, reads Spanish, and knows a bit of German. He is now a third-year man in the Law School, getting his degree this June. In Law School his marks are good but not high. He is much better than his marks. He is studying international law with me this year and I have learned a good deal from him.

If this interests you will you write to Hazard, and I would suggest that inasmuch as the germ has now been planted in his soul you should give him an opportunity to see you soon. Between the 15th and 21st of April we have vacation here and that might be a convenient time for him to get away. However, he can get away at other times.

Yours ever,



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

April 2nd, 1934

Dear Mr. Hazard:

Professor Hudson has written to me about your work and your interests.

I now plan to be in Cambridge for a day or so some time within the next ten days and while there will hunt you up. Meanwhile, wouldn't you like to send me a biographical sketch and a little statement in regard to your interests and hopes?

WSR/FC

Yours sincerely,

Mr. John N. Hazard,  
40 Hastings Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN N. HAZARD  
40 HASTINGS HALL  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

April 3, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Rogers,

The plan Professor Hudson outlined was a great surprise to me and a real thrill because it appears to have many of the features I had long dreamed of but never thought possible. I am very anxious to hear more of the type of work you are thinking of. I rather think that both that angle and my own hopes would fare better if they were reserved for your visit to Boston. I should be very much pleased if you could find time to lunch or dine with me at our eating club while you are here.

But you have asked for a biography. This is the first time I have ever attempted to give such a sketch, but I hope that it will meet your requirements.

My Father came from Peace Dale, R.I. He was a graduate of The Hill School, and Yale. After graduation he moved to Syracuse to enter the Solvay Process Co., of which he was Vice-President and Secretary at the time of his death in 1918. My Mother, Ada Bosarte DeKalb was born in Frederick, Md., which had been a refuge for her parents after the Civil War. Her Father was a student of the Classics, and after losing everything on his Virginia plantation he started teaching. This later led him to a position in Syracuse.

My birth occurred in Syracuse on January 5, 1909. I was the second child. After attending a small school for the first four grades, and the general public school for the rest of my grammar school course, I was sent to The Hill School. The course was five years at that time, and it was there that I pushed farther with my French which I had learned in childhood, and added a reading knowledge of Spanish to my equipment. During the summer of 1924 I spent the summer with a Master and a group of boys touring Europe. Later in 1926 I spent another summer, but this time only in France, where I

took daily French lessons together with work in music.

Then came Yale. My field was History and Government, but I sprinkled in Economics, and more French, as well as a year of German. My extracurricular activities were varied, but I need not report them here, as they are a matter of record in the Class Book. I had the good fortune to be elected a member of the Elizabethan Club, Alpha Delta Phi, Les Thélémites (a French Club), and Wolf's Head Society. I was given a major Y as manager of Track.

The summers of 1928, and 1929 were spent in Europe, one of them with Mother who felt that she should see England. I count that one of the best summers of my life, for boys today so seldom are home long enough to know their parents.

Shortly after my graduation in 1930, Mother died, but she had been so anxious that I go around the world that I went ahead with the three classmates as had been planned. We spent ten months, travelling most of the way on freighters, in steerage, or third class. It was then that I first visited Russia. In preparation I had learned the alphabet and how to use a phrase book. Unfortunately that is the extent of my knowledge of the language, but I at least have no fear of trying to fully grasp it. Our trip in Russia was limited to two weeks, because of the very great expense existing at that time. We started at Leningrad and went south to Moscow, with a side trip to Nijni-Novgorod. Then came the further trip south to Kiev, and finally departure from Odessa. Two weeks were short, but travel in hard class, and plenty of walking around gave me a pretty good idea of what one faces who goes there. I am well aware that it is far from a bed of roses.

Harvard had previously accepted my delayed registration, so that I came here immediately upon my return from Japan. My last three years here can be best commented upon by Professor Hudson.

I am afraid this has been terribly long, and not too interesting. I hope it will assist you in getting some sort of an idea of my background.

If you wish references, I might refer you to Mr. James I. Wendell, Headmaster of The Hill School, Pottstown, Pa. In Yale I knew most intimately Prof. Nickolas Spyckman, Prof. of Gov't, and Prof. N.S. Buck, Prof. of Economics. Of New York people I might refer you to Mr. Thatcher McBrown, of Brown Brothers, or Dr. Adrian Lambert of Bellevue Hospital.

Former Governor Nathan Miller was a great friend of my family in Syracuse. He knew me only as a little boy, however. Ass't Sec of the Navy, H.L.Roosevelt is a neighbor of mine in Skaneateles. You might like to write him, or Dr. James Brown Scott, of the Carnegie Foundation who was instrumental in getting me to study law and go to the Harvard Law School.

I give all of this material only because I know that it is usually wanted. I should so much prefer having just an informal talk with you, for I feel sure that both of us could find out a lot more about each other that way than in the conventional way. I shall look forward to your visit, although I trust that you will telegraph me as to when you are likely to come. I usually leave my room for breakfast and do not come back until 6 P.M., so that I might miss you if you just dropped in.

Very sincerely yours,

*John N. Hazard.*

April 4th, 1934

Mr. John N. Hazard,  
40 Hastings Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hazard:

I thank you for your very satisfactory letter of April 3<sup>rd</sup>. As soon as my plans take definite form I will either write or telegraph you as to just when I shall be in Cambridge.

Yours sincerely,

WSR/FC

April 11th, 1934

Dr. James Brown Scott,  
2 Jackson Place,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Scott:

For considerable time I have in mind the possible desirability of this Institute's financing a first-rate law school graduate to go to Russia to study law at one of the Soviet Institutes of Law and in due time to make a comparison of American and Soviet law and thereafter to continue to develop his knowledge and to put it to useful service. In course of talks with Mr. Bullitt at the time a staff was being selected for the new Embassy, he stressed the need for one or more young men having such knowledge. So I began to make inquiries.

Professor Manley O. Hudson has now recommended Mr. John N. Hazard, who is to receive his law degree this year from the Harvard Law School. Both Professor Hudson and I have talked with Mr. Hazard. He has expressed himself as being much interested, and we are to go further into the subject some day next week.

I understand you know the young man fairly well, and I am therefore writing to ask if you will, in confidence, give me your estimate of him and of how he would probably measure up in carrying out such a task as indicated.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

WSR/FC

Director.

Same letter sent to:

Dr. Adrian Lambert  
Bellevue Hospital.

Hon. H. L. Roosevelt,  
Ass't Sec. of Navy.

Professor Nickolas Spychman  
Yale University.

Mr. James I. Wendell, Headmaster  
The Hill School,  
Pottstown, Pa.

Professor N. S. Buck,  
Yale University.

Mr. Thatcher M. Brown, c/o Brown Bros.

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NORMAN S. BUCK  
CLASS OFFICER FOR THE CLASS OF 1936  
785 YALE STATION

April 12, 1934

Mr. Walter S. Rogers  
522 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

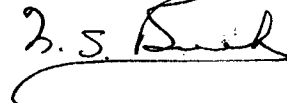
Dear Mr. Rogers:

I consider John Hazard as one of the best all around men we have had here for sometime. He was a good student and has a very good mind, is entirely responsible and extremely personable.

Hazard occupied a position of particular prominence in the undergraduate life. He was manager of the University Track Team, the undergraduate representative on the Executive Committee of the Board of Athletic Control, a member of the Student Council, and a member of Skull and Bones. His work in his undergraduate organizations was always well and often superlatively well done.

As the officer in charge of his Class in Yale College I got to know Hazard very well indeed. I also had him in class for one year. I feel I am in a position to know him well enough to recommend him without any qualifications whatever.

Yours very sincerely,



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JOHN N. HAZARD  
40 HASTINGS HALL  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

April 13, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Rogers;

I have an appointment with Dr. Scott in Washington on Sunday, so that I am afraid that I will miss you there, but I am planning on seeing you at your office on Friday, the twentieth. If you will drop me a line at the New York Yale Club as to the exact hour most convenient for you, I can pick it up when I come in on the train Friday morning. Any time from nine o' clock on is all right for me, although the earlier the better.

May I reserve my decision until that time, as I would like to have Dr. Scott's opinion as well as that of several persons near to my family.

If you should need to reach me early in the week, I will be at my brother's, Mr. Gibson Hazard, East Aurora, N.Y. until Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,

*John N. Hazard*

April 13th, 1934.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

In reply to your letter of April 11th, I am writing to say that I can recommend without reservation the candidacy of Mr. John N. Hazard for the post you have in mind for him for the coming year. His record at The Hill was a keen one, and he has fulfilled in large measure the promise he gave while an undergraduate, of success not only in his college work but in whatever field he ultimately elected to enter.

I have been in close touch with Mr. Hazard since his graduation from the School and have noted with a great deal of pride his consistent and steady development. I am happy to commend him to your favorable consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

*James L. Wendell.*

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

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THATCHER M. BROWN  
59 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK

April 16, 1934.


Walter S. Rogers, Esq., Director,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 11, I have known Mr. John N. Hazard, who <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ a class mate and intimate friend of my youngest son at Yale, for about eight years. He has frequently stayed at my home, so that I feel that I know him fairly well.

Hazard was a conscientious, studious boy at college, always standing in the highest group of his class. He was well liked, belonged to societies, etc. After graduation at Yale in the class of 1930, he traveled around the world with a group of classmates, and since then has been at the Harvard Law School. He has frequently told me that he would like to become connected with diplomatic work or work which has to do with foreign affairs. I know he is a boy of fine character and earnest purpose, and I cannot imagine any better appointment for the position in question, as I feel sure he would make a study of the laws in Russia in a conscientious and intelligent way.

Yours sincerely,



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

17 April 1934

Mr. Walter S. Rogers, Director,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

With reference to your letter of April 11th, it gives me great pleasure to state that I have known Mr. John N. Hazard since he was a small boy, and know him to be a man of splendid character, of a very high order of intelligence, and a man who in my opinion is destined to make a success in whatever he undertakes.

I believe Mr. Hazard would be an excellent selection for the mission which you have in mind, and particularly, as I know he is interested in Russia and visited that country a year or so ago.

Very sincerely yours,



H. L. Roosevelt

ADRIAN V. S. LAMBERT, M. D.  
768 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 18, 1934

Mr. Walter S. Rogers, Director  
Institute of Current World Affairs  
522 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Mr. John N. Hazard was a classmate of my son at Yale, 1930, and I knew him while at Yale and have known him since.

He is a straightforward upstanding youth of more than, I might say much more than, the average intelligence, intellectually honest and mentally alert. He has a delightful personality, mixing well with those with whom he comes in contact.

I fear I can give you no opinion as to whether he would measure up in carrying out the task you have in mind. Undoubtedly you know his record in the Law School. All I can say is that I should not hesitate to offer him any task which I had in mind feeling confident that he would refuse it if he felt he was not competent, and that if he accepted it he would give his best efforts toward carrying out his part of the contract.

I have not seen him except for a few moments for the past two years and so am quite ignorant what opinion he has about Soviet institutions or Russia in general.

Sincerely yours,



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# CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

JAMES BROWN SCOTT  
SECRETARY

GEORGE A. FINCH  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
700 JACKSON PLACE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 18, 1934.

My dear Director,

I have put off acknowledging your inquiry of the 11th until I should see Mr. Hazard, who telegraphed me that he was coming to Washington and would like to see me about a matter. He has come; he has gone; and he is the same John Hazard - although grown up - whom I have known these many years.

As regards his capacity as a student, Professor Hudson is better informed than I, although I have always considered that he had an excellent mind. My opinion is that if Manley Hudson finds him competent for the mission in hand, he is more than qualified; and as for character, he is, I venture to say, absolutely - and I mean absolutely - faultless. He is easy and persuasive in manner, inviting and deserving of confidence. If the situation were reversed and we were able to send a person on the mission which you have in mind, I would beg him to undertake it.

I am,

Your very sincere



Dr. Walter S. Rogers,  
Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

YALE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 20, 1934.

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

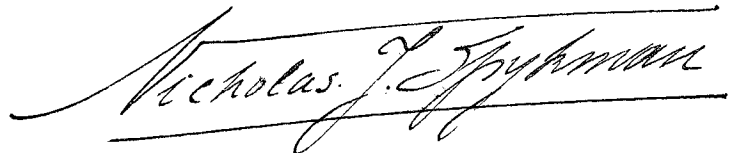
My dear Mr. Rogers:

I am very sorry but a cold kept me away from my office for a few days and I was therefore unable to give you a more prompt reply to your letter of April 11th regarding Mr. John N. Hazard.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to give Mr. Hazard my unqualified recommendation. He was a student of mine a number of years ago. He did excellent work, showed imagination and initiative, combined with ability to get the material and organize his results. I infer from the fact that Professor Hudson has recommended him, that his standard in Law School has been as high as it was in College.

Mr. Hazard has a very pleasing personality and considerable ability to adapt himself and make friends in the foreign countries. It would therefore seem to me that he possesses practically all of the attributes required for the interesting venture which you have in mind.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicholas J. Spykman", is written between two horizontal lines.

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JOHN N. HAZARD  
40 HASTINGS HALL  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 8, 1934.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers,  
522 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Rogers;

We have all been working so hard getting into final shape for our exams which start two weeks from today that I have had little opportunity to do much else, but I have had the good fortune of establishing a contact with the Assistant Librarian in charge of the Russian Collection in the Law Library, and he has provided me with the names of such books as are available on Soviet Law. I have been successful in getting ahold of them, and have a good nucleus of a library to start on after this immediate problem is passed.

Professor Hudson tells me that the Professor Harper of whom you spoke is one of the finest men teaching. I do hope you will be successful in persuading him to allow me to work under him this summer, but if such should prove impossible I gather from some inquiries around here that tutors are not difficult to find.

I regret the position the Government has taken on Soviet loans as it apparently will impede the growth of commercial relations between the two Countries and the opportunities for the use of law, but perhaps the attitude will soon change. I shall be interested in hearing what success you have had with the Soviet Embassy in making plans.

The Medical Department have pumped me full of serums and I shall be ready on July 15th to go anywhere you say. I expect to be in New York from June 6th to 24th studying for the bar exams. We are given a very strenuous course so that I suppose I shall practically have to hibernate for the period.

I shall appreciate your keeping me informed of any developments.

Very sincerely yours,

*John N. Hazard*



May 12th, 1934

Mr. John N. Hazard,  
40 Hastings Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hazard:

Thanks for your letter.

While in Washington I talked with Mr. Skvirsky who said that he knew of no reason why you should not be permitted to study at a Soviet Law Institute. He is to be in Moscow during the late summer and offered to be of service in any way he could. Neither Skvirsky nor any one else that I have talked with has very definite information as to what it would cost to live in Moscow. I have been in communication with Harper and hope to see him some time in the near future.

My task of consulting with the trustees of the Institute is going rather slowly for a number of reasons, not the least being that every one of them is, naturally enough, under great strain as result of present tense conditions. Mr. Charles R. Crane, with whom I am particularly anxious to consult, arrives here early next week, coming from California by water.

Yours sincerely,

WSR/FC

JOHN N. HAZARD  
40 HASTINGS HALL  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

June 1, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Rogers;

I will be finishing up here on the fifth, and then plan to come down to New York to attend a course in New York Law. I shall be staying at the Yale Club again. I should appreciate your letting me know what days you will be in the City so that I can fit in a visit between lectures. I shall be very glad when we can work out a plan with some definite features on which to build.

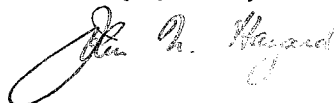
The Librarian of the Law School, Professor James; heard through his assistant in charge of the Russian Collection of my proposed study and has offered every facility of this library as I may need it in my work, and has also asked me to assist them in completing their collections as the opportunity may appear in Russia. This contact with the best Russian Library outside of Russia would seem to be a real opportunity and I should imagine that it would be a great help in my work.

I have been able to get the grammar they use in the College for teaching Russian and in addition with the help of the Russian Librarian in the Law School I have been able to get ahold of about the best material on Soviet Laws which has been published to date in French or English.

I am anxious to know what Mr. Crane thought of the plan, and of any further developments. It will be a real help to have Mr. Skvirsky in Moscow this fall.

Looking forward to seeing you next week, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Yale Club  
Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty-fourth Street  
New York

June

1935

Thursday

Dear Mr. Roger,

Just to let you know that I got my degree and had the good fortune to get a dandy grade which put me up in the first tenth of the class. The essay I wrote on the "Immunity of State-owned Vessels" also was awarded the Addison Brown Prize by the faculty. It is dead-dull and technical, and may you never have to read it, but I thought you might be glad to know just how the year's record turned out.

I have been trying to get in

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touch with Mr. Durant. He has just called up to say that he had been out of town, and we have an appointment for tomorrow.

We are having three lectures of an hour and a half each a day now, so that we are all about ready for an ambulance. My last day in town will be this coming Monday before I go north to prepare for the final grid, and the exams.

Mr. Parkin has asked me to stop and see him on the 14th of July as I leave the woods. He impressed me a great deal, and I shall enjoy the opportunity. I only hope that that three feet

July 11th, 1954

Mr. John N. Hazard,  
Hotel Mount Royal,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Hazard:

Please meet me in Washington as early Monday as convenient, letting me know by telegraph (Cosmos Club) when you are due to arrive.

I find it necessary to be in New York on Wednesday, but you may find it worthwhile to remain in Washington for an additional day or two.

Hope your trip went off successfully.

Greetings,

WSR/FC

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*Hazard*

July 18, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We had a very pleasant visit from Hazard, but we would have liked to have seen him for longer.

I want you to know that my first good impressions of him were confirmed. We all liked his personality, and the impression received from quite a long vicarious discussion on legal matters which developed between him and Professor Scott was that he has a quick and thoroughly good mind. I find it a little difficult to put in words just what our impression was beyond saying that it was altogether good.

I hope things are developing satisfactorily in Washington for you and him.

I hope to see you in New York on the 25th or 26th.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) G. R. Parkin

July 20, 1934.

Leonid M. Tolokonski, Esq.,  
Counsel-General, U.S.S.R.,  
7 East 61st street,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. John N. Hazard, desires to go to the U.S.S.R. to learn the Russian language and to enter a law institute as a student.

Mr. Hazard was graduated from the Harvard Law School in June. Several months previously the authorities of the school had called my attention to him as an exceptionally promising young man who was interested in Russia and particularly in Russian law.

For sometime I had been looking for such a person and had talked the matter over with Mr. Skvirsky, Mr. Bullitt, various officials of the State Department, and many others. Every one consulted had expressed the view that it would be much worthwhile for all concerned for a competent young American to undertake the study of Soviet Law.

I have made careful inquiry in regard to Mr. Hazard and have had him meet a number of people, including Mr. Skvirsky, the Under-secretary of State, Mr. Kelley (chief of the Division of Eastern European Affairs), and the trustees of this Institute. In every instance, so far as I can learn, he had made an excellent impression.

In view of the general approval both of the underlying idea and of Mr. Hazard personally, I have recommended to the trustees of this Institute that funds be appropriated to cover the necessary expenses.

You may know - I believe that your Foreign Office knows - that this Institute, through the University of Chicago, pays the salary of Professor Samuel N. Harper and that for several years Mr. Bruce C. Hopper was in Russia as a member of the staff of this Institute. Since September 1930, however, he has been on the staff of Harvard University. Professor Harper is leaving here for Russia on the 15th of August and will be helpful to Mr. Hazard in getting started.

Assuring you that any courtesy extended to Mr. Hazard will be greatly appreciated, I am

Yours very truly,

Director.

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 20, 1934

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

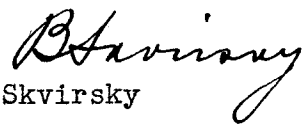
Dear Mr. Rogers:

It was very kind of you to send me your copy of "Moscow Dialogues". I shall look forward with much interest to receiving and reading it.

Mr. Gokhman spoke with Mr. Hazard and told me of the good impression which the young man made on him.

I am writing to Mr. Tolokonsky about you. It will be a good idea to establish contact with him.

Sincerely yours,

  
B. Skvirsky

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 2, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Rogers:

In connection with the matter re  
Mr. Hazard, I suggested that you send me a letter  
about <sup>the</sup> plans of the Institute.

I would suggest that Mr. Hazard make his  
application for visa in the regular way, filling  
out all the necessary forms. The office will  
send you the necessary application forms for  
Mr. Hazard. As soon as we receive the filled  
out forms and your letter we shall turn over the  
matter to Moscow.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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