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Dr. Robert D. Leigh
President
Bennington College
Bennington, Vt.

My dear Dr. Leigh:

Herewith I take the liberty of offering you my service as a teacher for Bennington College.

Having arrived in this country in November 1939, I was a visiting lecturer at Black Mountain College, Black Mountain, N.C., in December 1939, and at Vassar College in April last. There I supplied for two weeks President MacCracken's place in the conduct of a comparative drama course, gave a general college lecture on the "Medieval Conception of Hell", and lectured to advanced students of German literature, to the Senior majors in the Department of Drama and to the Dance Group.

I beg to enclose my curriculum vitae, which will give you full information as to my personal data, education and career in the country of my birth, as well as copies of letters referring to my work at the aforesaid American colleges. The letters from Vassar College, having been addressed to Dr. Stephen Duggan, Director of the Institute of International Education, are made use of on the latter's authorization.

Should further information seem desirable to you, I beg to refer to:

Pres. H.N. MacCracken, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Prof. Oscar Jaszi, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio
Prof. Ernst Krenek, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Dr. Wilbur K. Thomas, The Oberlaender Trust, 225 South
15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Father Joseph D. Ostermann, 265 West 14th Street, N.Y.C.

May I add that Dr. Duggan gave me to understand that the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars will contribute to my eventual salary with a \$1000.00 a year grant, and that, according to an information received from Dr. Thomas, the Oberlaender Trust in Philadelphia is prepared to add to this sum if need be.

It is needless for me to insist on how honored and happy I would feel in receiving a call from your Institute. In this

connection, I should like to stress the fact that my experience has been of a kind to make my becoming a charge for one department only avoidable, as my records are apt to prove you.

Should there, however, show not any opportunity of an opening for me, I would be very glad indeed to come there as a guest lecturer only some time or other during the next academic year.

Supposed, finally, a primary interest in my offer exists on your side, I should be glad to seek my way to come to Bennington and introduce myself personally to you, if you so desire.

Trusting you will give my letter your kind attention, and hoping to have a favorable reply, I remain, my dear Dr. Leigh,

Yours sincerely

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