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When I received the carbon of my second letter of 23 July I discovered that the secretary had butchered the language of the second paragraph. Line two should have read, "However, I will not reply to your specific proposition until..." etc. As it reads originally, it implies ("not inclined to") prejudgement of the case!

I want to say that I am very grateful to you for giving my case such consideration. Although you do not say so specifically, it is implied that I was in effect some kind of innocent victim, and this implication, while not the same as a direct statement, is at least reassuring. I think you realize that it will be rather difficult to offset the lasting effect of the initial brusqueness of the cancellation, but I must confess that your letter has mollified me considerably.

I have the following to say concerning your offer of compensation. I have little to "sell" except the outline and bibliography which your office previously duplicated. This represents a certain amount of work (details later) which I believe I should be compensated for. However, there exist no other easily saleable materials. Most of my lecture notes are handwritten on cards, and would be difficult to transcribe. Other notes are part of our research files. The mimeographed material I was to use consisted almost entirely of the reports from my Office of [redacted] reports which your office will receive anyway, since you are on our mailing list. Other materials consisted of collections of pamphlets, reprints of articles, mimeographed and typewritten materials prepared by other persons, and the like. I really have nothing to give you but the outline and the hours of work behind it and the assembling of materials. Therefore, it would seem that I can do no more than give you an accounting of the period of work and suggest a reasonable rate of compensation. The details are as follows:

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The work itself consists of: Work on lectures and outline of subjects for discussion; preparation of general and special bibliographies; collecting of necessary published and unpublished materials; and compilation of lecture notes based on study of these materials and on research files of the Research Project in [redacted]

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The above work was distributed through the months of May and June. Not counting those periods of work which benefited both our own research as well as my summer assignment with you, a total of 6 full days were spent. Since the original consultantship fee had been placed at approximately \$50 per day, this seems an appropriate figure to apply here. Thus we arrive at the total figure of \$300. I believe this to be a reasonable offer, in the light of the value of the professional services involved, and in respect to the financial embarrassment created by the cancellation.

If it is necessary that some tangible body of materials be assembled with which to demonstrate that the above work was actually accomplished, the aforementioned outline and general bibliography can be cited. If more than this is needed, let me know and I will see what I can do about gathering a body of materials. However, most of these would consist of documents which, while you may not actually possess them, are more or less publicly available or will come to you as a matter of course.

One final request. I stated in the second paragraph of this letter that I received the impression from your letter that I was an innocent victim of circumstances unknown to me, and which of course you cannot divulge. Is it not fair to ask you or [redacted] to provide me with more positive assurance of this fact? What I would like to see is a statement which assures me that the cancellation was done without prejudice to me personally, or to possible future employment by your agency or other government agency. Considering the times we live in, I think you can appreciate my feelings here.

I want to thank you and [redacted] again for your consideration and care, and assure you of my continued interest in your agency and its work. Perhaps we may meet during my next visit to Washington.

Very sincerely,

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