

May 8, 1933

Dear Professor Von Neumann:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of April 26, and may I ask you to thank Doctor Vambery for the copy of his periodical reviewing my book. I shall keep this copy until you return in order that you may translate it for me, - or are you under the impression that I read Hungarian?

Mrs. Bailey received your note and deposited your check at the Princeton Bank & Trust Company. She is likewise holding your insurance policy in the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America.

Of course I am in no position to say precisely what is contemplated at Washington, but most people here think that the President has asked for these extraordinary powers because they are safer in his hands than they were in the hands of Congress. I do not believe that the dollar will be greatly depreciated - perhaps hardly at all. On the other hand, there is more uncertainty and concern than we have had at any time since the War.

The whole American nation is a unit as respects the crazy performances of the German Government. Göttingen has been absolutely ruined and the University students must all be mad.

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Nothing crazier has happened in human history since the days of the French Terror.

We are moving our offices to 20 Nassau Street about the middle of the month. Early in July we shall go to our summer camp in Canada.

My wife and family are well. I hope you and Mrs. Von Neumann are equally so. I rejoice that you are not in Berlin.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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