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New York State
Psychiatric Institute and Hospital
722 WEST 168TH STREET, NEW YORK

CLARENCE O. CHENEY, M. D.
DIRECTOR

April 13, 1936

Mr. Maxwell Halsey
Assistant Director
Bureau for Street Traffic Research
Room P - Widener Library
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Halsey:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an application for a fellowship duly filled out in most respects. I do not have a photograph at present and I am unable to attach one, but hope to have one soon and will send it along. I also hope to be able to make a trip up to Boston to see Dr. DeSilva and talk with him about the miniature highway apparatus upon which we are collaborating, and hope to be able to see you at that time.

I am sending this application in mostly as a means of giving you my record since I believe I would have to have more than the stipend which I understand is carried by these fellowships in order to work with your organization. I hope that you will keep my name on record in case anything in the way of a research position should turn up.

No report of plans or method of becoming interested in the field is attached, since I think that it will be self-evident from my training at Ohio State University that my interest arose there. I am, however, giving ~~the~~ a talk on accidents in traffic and industry as related to the psychology of vision this coming Friday and hope to be able to send you a reprint of that in a week or so.

Sincerely yours,

T. W. FORBES

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August 13, 1936.

Dr. Theodore W. Forbes
722 West 168th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Forbes:

I have before me your letter of August 10th and I am most surprised to find that you are inclined to withdraw from the fellowship for the second time.

It is quite evident from your letter that there has been and still is a considerable misunderstanding regarding several of the items originally under discussion. It is also equally clear that you apparently do not have as much faith in the potential use of the apparatus as do other members of our Staff. From our past discussions and our two fluctuations it is apparent that this particular issue should be definitely settled at this time.

The situation which we presented to you originally has not materially changed from the time of your acceptance. The $200. set aside for field expenses should normally come to you at some time during the year for your trip up here and back, and for your normal travel expenses in connection with your work etc. Since you say you had expected to take the two courses and had merely hoped that you could be exempt from the fees because of your Ph.D, I do not see that you had counted on that $200. You remember that we made no guarantee regarding the $500 but merely believe that during the course of the year there would be enough collateral work in connection with the apparatus to provide that amount--thus it would be impossible for me at this time to give you any spacing on it. The timing on the regular amount will come to you in equal monthly installments starting at the time of registration.

I am sorry that our budget does not contain additional funds which would make it possible for us to offer you an income more commensurate with your experience. At the time of your original acceptance it was merely a case of both of us desiring to proceed in the same general direction and being willing to gamble on the possible return, professionally and otherwise. But since that time I feel that the chances are now even better than they were at the time of our original discussion.

It is not my intent to urge you in this matter. Our impression of the possibilities of the work are apparently greater than are yours. Unless you can find the required enthusiasm and faith in our work as we have built it up for the last ten years, I am afraid that you would not be too happy about working here. In any event we really believe that it is unfair to both parties to keep the situation in a re-occurring turmoil and I shall have to ask for a confirmation of your original acceptance.

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Aug.10,1936

Mr.Maxwell Halsey,
Bureau of Traffic Research,
Harvard University,
Cambridge,Mass.

Dear Mr.Halsey,

Thank you for your letter of August 7th. regarding tuition. I had,of course, expected to take the two courses mentioned but thought it might be possible to have the fees waived on the basis of the usual Ph.D. privilege. On the basis of paying the $200.00 for these two courses, and since finding out that the fellowship is $ $1200.00 instead of $1400.00 as I first understood it to be from Harry and also in my phone conversation with you here in New York, the amount I can count on has now dwindled from $1900.00 to $1500.00 . I should therefore like to ask exactly how the payments will be spaced for the amount of the fellowship and also for the extra five hundred dollars as per my letter of May 19th. and your confirming wire. I believe that you will appreciate that fifteen hundred is a very small amount on a married basis unless one is on half salary elsewhere, and that I must therefore know exactly what to count on. I also believe that you will agree with me that from the way things worked out this summer, I should be very foolish to count on any further income from DeSilva's unit.

I should be very glad to talk over other courses with you if you should be in New York but doubt whether there would be anything in psychology which I would find it advisable to take.

I have tried to co-operate in every way possible in spending two weeks on my own time and money working on the miniature highway in June, in coming up again later although it was rather inconvenient here,etc. and shall continue to try to do so. I hear from Harry that plans for the police school are complete but as I have told him,I hardly see how I can come up for that period much as I would like to. Neither do I see how I can start with you before about the fifteenth of September as originally specified, but I will try to drop in for a day on the way to the Psychological Meetings the first week in September.

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success and that you had the best of vacations.
I shall look forward to seeing you the first week of September or earlier if you are down this way. And in the meantime, I should be very much obliged if you would drop me a line as to the timing and amounts of payments of stipend.

Sincerely,
T.W. Forbes
T.W.Forbes,
722 W.168th.St.

—understood you had accepted - approved & filed your method & withdrew for the second time.

(1) Indicates a mis understanding

(2) Lack of faith in apparatus

(3) It is time we settled this particular issue permanently

(4) Situation has not changed materially from outlined offer & your acceptance.
200 still good
- mutual assumption ~~that~~ covers as paid/on
- no guarantee but gamble on $500
- I am sorry that there are no funds to offer you.
- Timing on Fellowship.

(5) It is not my intent to urge you in the matter & our impression of the possibilities of the work are apparently greater than yours. Unless you can find the required enthusiasm & faith in our work as we have built it up for 10 years I am afraid that you would not be too happy

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August 7, 1936

Mr. Theodore W. Forbes
Psychiatric Institute and Hospital
722 West 168th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Forbes:

I have just had a call from Dean Chase concerning your inquiry as to whether or not you could register as a research student and not pay any tuition. After considerable discussion I have succeeded in obtaining the consent of Dean Chase to our not having a hard and fast rule that each Fellow must take the four courses specified in the original fellowship announcement. This means, however, that regardless of what else is done, under the terms of the fellowship it will be necessary for you to take our two traffic courses listed as Government 50 and Government 60 and to pay a tuition of $100 per each. This automatically takes you out of the straight registration in a research class. As to whether or not it would be necessary or advisable for you to take the two collateral courses, because of the fact that you now have a Ph.D. and might not be able to obtain additional courses in the psychological field, I am not prepared to say, but should like to discuss the matter with you.

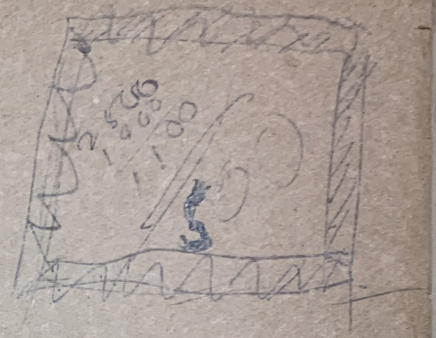
Our entire program, as you have probably heard from Harry is moving very rapidly, and I trust that you will cooperate with us to the greatest possible extent by being here as soon and as frequently as you can find it possible in view of your present commitments.

Looking forward to seeing you fairly soon, I wish to remain, with kindest personal regards,

Very truly yours,

Maxwell Halsey

MH:CBP



April fourteenth

Mr. T. W. Forbes
New York State
Psychiatric Institute and Hospital
722 West 168th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Forbes:

I am happy to have your letter of April thirteenth, in which you enclosed your application for one of the fellowships offered by the Bureau for Street Traffic Research. Will you kindly forward as soon as possible the additional material to which you referred in your letter.

Thanking you in this matter, I wish to remain

Very truly yours,

Maxwell Halsey

MH:CBP

New York
May 19,1936

Mr.Maxwell Halsey,
Bureau of Traffic Research,
Harvard University,
Cambridge,Mass.

Dear Mr.Halsey,

I am sorry that Dr.Landis did not get back to the office this afternoon until so late that it was after five o'clock before we finished discussing the situation, and I was therefore unable to call you in time.

It appears that I would be able to move my month's vacation up so as to start on Friday,May 22nd.but it would be necessary for me to be back Tuesday and Wednesday the 26th.and 27th.to grade the final examination at Barnard College where I have been teaching and to make up the term grades.It would also be advisable for me to be back for a few days or a week about June 8th. to clear up a couple of articles. I take it from your remarks this afternoon, that it might be possible to fit such an arrangement into your apparatus construction program.

In regard to the question of the fellowship, I should be interested in it if the extra $500.-from apparatus construction during my vacation is available with the understanding that a similar amount will be added later if other apparatus orders warrant as suggested in our telephone conversation to-day. Also if it is agreeable for me to remain here from July until the beginning of the fellowship year in September. In this way,I will have more nearly $2500.-assured from June to June and if the extra orders come through may be able to eke it out on a September to September basis. All of the above,of course, is on the assumption that the vacation arrangement mentioned is satisfactory.

If,on the other hand,more of my time is desired during the summer it can be arranged but I should want the whole twenty-five hundred guaranteed.

I trust that the first arrangement will be workable and that I will be able to work with you.

Sincerely

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MAXWELL HALSEY,BUREAU OF TRAFFIC RESEARCH=

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REQUEST INFORMATION ON POINTS RAISED IN MY LETTER OF AUGUST SEVENTEENTH CAN GUARANTEE OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED TOTAL ABOVE FEES BY END OF SCHOOL YEAR BE MADE STOP WIRE BY WESTERNUNION WHETHER ADVISABLE FOR ME TO MAKE SPECIAL TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE MONDAY AUGUST THIRTY FIRST TO SEE YOU OR WHETHER NO ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE=

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FORBES, Theodore W.
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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Aug.17,1936

Mr.Maxwell Halsey,
Bureau of Street Traffic Research,
Harvard University,
Cambridge,Mass.

Dear Mr.Halsey,

I have been expecting to hear from DeSilva and from Brown on their way through to Washington as noted in your letter of August 13th., but since they have not gotten in touch with me to date, I believe I had better write you without waiting further.

I am astonished and somewhat perplexed to find that you interpreted my letter of August 10th. as indicating an intention on my part to withdraw from the fellowship. You will recall that I refused a very fair permanent teaching position at Illinois in favor of this opportunity at your Bureau because it appeared to offer a better opportunity to develop really worthwhile work. That would not seem to bespeak any doubt as to the value of the work of the Bureau nor as to the developmental possibilities of the apparatus and testing program.And I certainly did not intend the letter to indicate anything of the sort.

Since you ask for a confirmation of my acceptance,I am glad to have you state that "the situation which we presented to you originally has not materially changed from the time of your original acceptance".I can confirm the acceptance best in the same language taken from my letter to you of May 19th. I am still interested in the fellowship "if the extra $500.00 from apparatus construction during my vacation is available, with the understanding that a similar amount will be added later if other apparatus orders warrant.... Also if it is agreeable for me to remain here from July until the beginning of the fellowship year in September. In this way, I will have more nearly $2500.00 assured from June to June and if the extra orders come through, may be able to eke it out on a September to September basis."

This arrangement, you will remember,was confirmed by your wire of May 21st.,saying,"THIS CONFIRMS VERBAL LETTER WIRE AGREEMENT SUBMITTING YOUR NAME COMMITTEE ...."etc.and by my spending two weeks of my vacation working at the Bureau

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with DeSilva beginning May 28th.

I quite realize that the $200.00 earmarked for expenses will be used for my trip up to Cambridge at the start of the fellowship and for normal travel expenses in connection with my work, and that the $1200.00 stipend less $200.00 tuition as recently agreed, and the first amount of $500.00 mentioned in my acceptance are the only amounts guaranteed. I have been expecting to take the chance involved in the occurrence of enough apparatus work to warrant the second amount of $500.00 , so that I believe there should be no misunderstanding there.

My previous letter was merely intended to obtain if possible information as to the spacing of payments in order that I may be able to arrange to meet certain fixed obligations as well as living expenses for my wife and myself. I am glad to know that the $1000.00 fellowship stipend will be paid in equal monthly installments and trust that since I have now confirmed my original acceptance, you will be able to give me the spacing on payments of the five hundred dollar amount agreed upon on the basis of my work this summer.

I should be very sorry indeed if there has been any misunderstanding of what seems to me my very plain terms of acceptance. This is especially true since it was upon this assurance that I would have sufficient funds to make possible my working with your Bureau that I refused the Illinois position which would have been worth approximately twice as much to me financially. I sincerely trust that the points to which I have called attention, will straighten the matter out, and that I will hear from you shortly in regard to it.

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CLARENCE O. CHENEY, M. D.
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April 28, 1936

Mr. Maxwell Halsey
Bureau of Traffic Research
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Halsey:

I was very glad indeed to meet you last Saturday and to find out what is going on in your set up. Needless to say, I am very much interested in your program and hope some opening will appear which I can afford to consider.

I have been informed that the paper which is being mimeographed in the Proceedings of the Brooklyn Institute for the Conservation of Vision is being held up pending the receipt of papers from some of the speakers so that unfortunately I cannot send it to you at present but will do so in a week or so upon its receipt.

My sister-in-law, Eureka Barnum Forbes, reproached me for not having given you her greetings, but at the time I saw you I thought that she would get to Boston in time to give them to you herself. I therefore hereby make up for this deficiency. She and her husband did not reach Boston until late Saturday evening and left again Sunday and are starting West either Wednesday or Thursday, but wished to send their regards to you and Mrs. Halsey.

Sincerely yours,

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