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Memorandum on Books and Manuscripts by Eugen
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1. Infinished negotiations

The new military establishment changes all aspects of American education and research. In this connection the previous work on the main illusions of the purely idealistic liberal education called "Teaching too late and Learning too soon" seems to be timely. Strangely enough, the author of the introduction to this manuscript, Prof. Arthur Jensen, wrote ten years ago that this work would receive its real public hearing ten years hence. Together with the SECRET OF THE UNIVERSITY of which Mr. Smith has the English and Prof. Deutsch the German version, this ms is now with President Henry Regnery of the Regnery Publishing House, 20 Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill. Also with him is the book by Jack Preiss on Camp William James, typewritten.

These three parts together would form one rather persuasive whole, putting a world-wide frame around the theme, in space as well as in time.

Mr. Regnery himself had specifically asked for these mss. last winter. I therefore propose 1. that the Committee now step in, impressing Mr. Regnery with the new fact of its existence and interest and thereby introducing a new element which might decide his sympathies. It seems that he is personally genuinely sympathetic - known through personal sources - but afraid of his board of Chicagoan sociologists. Also, it might be advisable to show him in this connection the new German book "Der Atem des Geistes" since he is in close touch with German production and has translated quite a number. But this latter enclosure ~~is probably not necessary~~ would probably be useful to whet his appetite.

2. Mr. Arnold of the Beacon Press officially has not declined to print a book on the Jewish-Christian relationship. But it is doubtful if he really wants to undertake anything. I enclose some of the material. The Law of Liberty is my only copy; hence I request special care for it. If edited rightly the plan would be an absolutely safe economic venture as all American Jews are sobering up to the fact that Zionism is no solution of their spiritual dilemma.
3. Three books though printed are not in circulation because nowhere announced.
- a. The copies of the first and second printing of The Multiforimity of Man, never have been on the market. They are stored at Four Wells.
 - b. The remaining copies of Out of Revolution of which I have the copyright and the property rights as well, are stored William Morrow and Co., New York, 422 Fourth Avenue.

The book The Christian Future or The Modern Mind Outrun which sells quite well in England, has not been listed in the Scribner's book lists of the last four years and is therefore not published, having been published in the moment of home coming after the war.

4. My German manuscript in two volumes, Das Kreuz der Wirklichkeit, treats the world of spaces in the first volume, and the world of times in the second. Its publication was promised me by E. Klett in Stuttgart years ago, but he became financially impotent, and new negotiations are underway with another Stuttgart firm. The first volume exists by the way in print, unpublished.
5. The Egyptian research is very briefly condensed in the second volume of "4". But in itself, the Egyptian material is immensely rich and revolutionizing for linguistics, religion, history, etc. I would be only too happy if I saw a way of publishing all the results in full, in an American publication (perhaps the printing could be done in a cheaper country). However, this volume although probably in the end of really general interest to men in the most diverse fields, can hardly hope for publication without a grant. The foundations are hardly able to support such a request as they do limit themselves to mere department work. Thus I have no suggestion for this plan which I would like very much.
6. My course The Circulation of Thought (also called "mental biology" seems to be most urgently needed in American Liberal Education. It is the only course which identifies the universities of the scholastic, the academic and coming epoch, by establishing their identities as well as their distinctions, in a simple manner, from the historical sources and from a carefully executed survey of the individual and personal mental biology (which the reader is able to test from his own experience). This combination of the historical source material and the personal dialogical elucidation has convinced many educators who are not otherwise sympathetic to my ~~ideas~~ principles, of the relevance of such an ontogenetic and and phlogenetic growth of consciousness in the West.
7. Since Europe and the U.S. are not yet synchronized, I have no judgment on the timeliness of Der Atem Des Geistes. Buber and the ~~other~~ existentialists have changed the atmosphere considerably already. How far this will have to go on, before I may be audible the Committee may be able to find out more easily than I myself.
8. In February of 1952 I am to give Four Convocation lectures at the Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. Any publication available at that date, would - I am assured by the President - get a favorable opportunity in this setting.

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T o W h o m I t M a y C o n c e r n

To Messrs. Charles Page Smith, Karl Deutsch, Donald Meyer, George Williams as members of an informal committee I herewith grant and give authority to represent me in dealing with publishers.

Since they intend to undertake at their pleasure and when they think it opportune steps to bring my work before the American public, they shall have power to make arrangements for such purpose, subject to my final approval.

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