

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ranney Johnson

December 2, 1955

FROM: Ivan Bierly

Attached is a file of correspondence having to do with the publication of the book The Constitution which is to be added to the file you already have on this subject.

For your information, it is my understanding that:

1. Mr. Read's conclusion is that Mr. Clise will contribute to the sending of this book as outlined in the project, to those members of secondary schools who ask for copies. Thus, the procedure of offering and handling these requests will be substantially the same as in the past.

But, we will not attempt to send to teachers who have requested these books in the past or libraries and heads of college faculties in education, political science and social science as was tentatively outlined. Nor will we, at this time, plan to offer the book through Republican leaders, Democrat leaders and others as suggested by Mr. Clise in his letter to Mr. Read of October 17th. This might be considered again at another time.

2. Costs on the project, in accordance with the outline above, should be kept carefully and we will send the bill to Mr. Clise accordingly at a later time.

3. Dr. Poirot has instructed Grace Mahon to order 4,000 paperbound copies and 2,000 clothbound copies, 1,000 of the latter to be delivered under the terms of the agreement dated November 21, 1955 with Mr. Crane at D. Van Nostrand Co. to that company at a price of \$700.00.

4. It is my understanding from the correspondence and from Mr. Read, that no royalty is to be paid by the Foundation nor by D. Van Nostrand Co. on books distributed or sold by the Foundation; that the 10% royalty applies only on those books sold by D. Van Nostrand Co. and that they are to make this payment directly to Mr. James Mussatti.

I am not quite sure from this correspondence whether we turn the plates over to D. Van Nostrand Co. once this first printing is completed and then order additional books from them at a price not herein stated but indicated by Mr. Read to be cost plus a small margin of perhaps 5%, or whether D. Van Nostrand expects us to retain the plates in which case they will order additional books from us beyond the 1,000 copies as their sales may require. I suggest that if Grace Mahon is checking on some details of cover page, format etc. with D. Van Nostrand that this matter be finally clarified as well.

5. It looks to me like you and Tom Shelly can go ahead with arrangements for the sending of offers of the book in the usual fashion to 21,850 secondary school members across the country.

Let me know if I can be of help to you.

IRB/s

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cc: Messrs. Read, Poirot, Grace Mahon