

WABASH COLLEGE
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Office of the President

September 22, 1955

Dear Pierre:

John Van Sicle and I pretty well agree with you about the limitations that Wabash facilities offer to the Mont Pelerin group.

At the same time, Van Sickle, Jewkes and Hayek all feel that the attractiveness of the Campus Center and dormitories plus the Midwest college campus setting would be quite acceptable to the European as well as the American guests.

It is Dr. Van Sickle's thought that as auxiliary to the campus buildings we ought to commandeer Mr. Elston's house for afternoon tea and the Crawfordsville Country Club for relaxation purposes.

A letter just received from Dr. Hayek, who is currently in Milan, reviews my letter to him under date of September 6 point by point. He is not able to give very definite answers until he has communicated with Dr. Jewkes and Dr. Hunold, the secretary of the society. He does, however, express an acceptance of the last week in August as a meeting time and an opinion that \$75,000 would be an ample budget with some portion of it almost certain to be left as a surplus which he hails with enthusiasm on behalf of the Mont Pelerin Society.

I am inclined to wait until hearing further either from him or the others before looking for additional dollars but it does appear that we are moving toward a commitment on this project. If you think it ill-advised, all circumstances considered, we had better begin to apply the brakes before it is too late.

/s/ Frank

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September 14, 1955

Dr. Frank Sparks, President
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Dear Dr. Sparks:

I have your letter of September 8 and the enclosed copies of letters to Mr. Hayek and Mr. Jewkes.

The specific information in your letter to me is new so far as I can recollect any conversation.

I think it might possibly be desirable to have a properly set up meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society in the United States. Since it would be the first meeting in this country, I think it would be unfortunate if it were not favorably set up from every possible angle.

I have attended two of these meetings. I understand the meetings I attended were typical of the other meetings. Based on this experience, I see no possibility of a meeting set up under the circumstances and time you seem to indicate resulting in anything like the kind of meetings I attended which seemed constructive and interesting.

If I fully understand your letter to Hayek, the information and understanding you seek seem to me a desirable prerequisite.

From the day I first heard you and Hayek have a short discussion of this matter I have doubted the wisdom of having the meeting at Wabash. If you were attempting to set it up without regard to its location at Wabash College or anyplace in Indiana there could be substantial by-products possible, some of which Wabash might share, but not by having the meeting here.

Dr. Van Sickle ought to know more about this than I do, but it seems necessary, in the light of your letter, that I disclose to you the foregoing opinion.

Sincerely,

Pierre F. Goodrich

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September 8, 1955

Dear Pierre:

I think I told you that Mr. Luhnnow of the Bolker Foundation estimated that to do a real job on the Mont Pelerin meeting would cost as much as \$75,000, the point being there was no reason to hold the meeting unless we brought over the right people in the right numbers from Europe and to do this is costly. He indicated a willingness to share up to \$15,000 in such a venture.

My letter to Jewkes and Hayek are a consequence of my conversation with Mr. Luhnnow.

/S/ Frank

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