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Dear President Sproul:

It does not seem proper to expend University educational funds because of 'humane considerations'; and if this is what an appropriation of \$800 for Kantorowicz would amount to at this time, I cannot believe that the appropriation would be justified.

If, however, you should be in a position to agree that he would appear in the budget for 1943-1944 with a definite University position, I should welcome the \$800 appropriation, and action with Duggan under it, as a stop-gap.

In Kantorowicz we have on the campus a man of recognized competence in the field of Mediaeval History. Sontag is disposed to believe that anything which will retain him for even a single year is justifiable, and not to be regarded as an act of charity. Kerner believes that if Mediaeval History is to be strengthened the reinforcement should come through a competent young American. I have been, and I continue to be, of the opinion that Kantorowicz would buttress the field with dignity and strength. There will never be many large classes in Mediaeval History, or many advanced students qualified for the study. With a promise of continuity, however, I believe that he would build up a respectable and intelligent following.

You will recall that once we had a creative performer in this field in Paetow; that later we had Thompson; that without such a figure we are seriously lacking in one of the fields which a powerful University ought not to neglect.

Sincerely yours,

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President Robert Gordon Sproul

