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Dear President Sproul:

When we had our last conference upon the affairs of the Department of History you appeared to be indisposed to give further consideration to the appointment of Kantorowicz. In spite of this, and after consultation with my colleagues, I feel bound to recommend it once more, before re-examining the field in which an appointment will be necessary upon the retirement of Professor Morris on July 1, 1945.

The specific recommendation is that Kantorowicz be appointed Professor of History, as of July 1, 1945; and that for the intervening year he be again appointed lecturer in History. His salary as Professor might properly begin at the lower end of the scale; say at \$4200 or \$4500.

In the years during which Kantorowicz has been in Berkeley he has made a strong impression as scholar and gentleman. He is so competent a mediaevalist that friends from off campus, consulted with reference to the Morris retirement, have declared him to be the best mediaevalist now at large. He is specially fitted to conduct advanced work in both the English and Continental fields; and to give a sound course on English Constitutional History, which is a 'must' course for the Department. His deep knowledge of the period in which the Middle Ages turned into the Renaissance fits him to take over from Guttridge, with Guttridge's approval - already given me - the work in what we call Early Modern History; thus releasing Guttridge to spend all of his time upon England and the Empire.

I know from their explicit statements that Guttridge, Hicks, and Sontag support this recommendation. Palm and Van Nostrand have not initiated it, but they appear to endorse it. Kerner is, I think, not convinced. In general I share his doubt as to the availability of exiles. I had this doubt in this case, until I came to know this exile.

Sincerely yours,

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A note from Sontag is enclosed. I should be glad to have it returned.