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Provost Monroe E. Deutsch  
California Hall  
Campus

Dear Provost Deutsch:

I have just received a communication from Bowra, who, as you know, has just been made the warden of Wadham College at Oxford. He writes that he understands that we are considering Ernst Kantorowicz for a professorship in Medieval History. Bowra speaks in terms of enthusiastic praise not only for Kantorowicz's scholarship and ability, but also of his charming personality and his capacity to interest students. 6.1895

I myself do not know Kantorowicz personally, but of course I know his work. He is one of the two or three greatest medievalists in the world, and a particular master in the history of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, in connection with which I have come across his writings.

I have also a letter from Felix Frankfurter, who met him at Oxford. Frankfurter is writing to me about another matter, and mentions Kantorowicz only incidentally, but he also speaks with great enthusiasm about him. When I was in Oxford in '34 Kantorowicz was away -- he had at that time not yet been forced out of his position, but had been visiting Oxford -- but men like Goodhart and de Zulueta expressed great satisfaction in having had him there.

If this particular field is the one which the University is seeking to fill, I think I can say that there probably is no man available who would bring more distinction to our faculty.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) MAX RADIN

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