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Dear Jale:

It was very good to hear from you,--your letter posted on September 2nd has reached me only today.

First of all, accept my warmest congratulations on the appearance of Vol. II. It contains a fantastic amount of new material, carefully studied and beautifully presented. Both you and Elizabeth, and the other contributors, must be proud and happy over the appearance of the book.

About your application: I have spoken with Frank Gilliam and also with Miss Horton. It is agreed that an application form will be sent to you immediately in the hope that you can return it before October 15th. As you know, I cannot as emeritus take an active part now in the election of visiting members, but I shall gladly give my warm support informally.

There are a couple of things that I should point out at this time. Since the School of Historical Studies now receives each year three or four times as many applications as it can accept, there is a tendency to give priority to first-time applicants. This of course is regrettable, but it seems unavoidable; fortunately exceptions are sometimes made. Then you should know that Tahsin Özgüc has made application for the year 1980/81. You and he are by no means mutually exclusive, but those of my colleagues not familiar with the field might unconsciously hesitate to appoint in the same year two people working in the same area, however far apart in time! This aspect of the matter is somewhat subjective, and it may not affect your decision, but I did feel that you should be aware of the fact.

I do hope that despite all such difficulties we may once more have you with us here in Princeton, and I'm sure that every member of the faculty is eager, in principle, to see the resources of the Institute used as you have used them on your previous visits.

Dorothy and I have chosen to spend this summer in Princeton rather than Athens, but we think to go over again next spring. Money now exists to renew excavation in the Agora, but there has been a long delay in the acquisition of the property needed to the north of the old excavations. This should all be settled by next spring. We had a visit from Machteld soon after her return from Turkey and were glad to hear some news of you.

Dorothy joins in affectionate greetings.

Yours ever,

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