

17th. August 1948.

Dear Cavalli,

Thank you for your long and thoughtful letter.

I had thought it might be suitable to divide the room the other way, so as to give you the whole bench under the north windows, with two sinks. This would avoid people having to pass through your room.

I expect to be here until Saturday 28th., but shall have to go to Geneva the following Monday, and do not expect to be back in Cambridge for about four weeks. In my absence I should like you to go ahead without impediment, in consultation with Mowl, with any steps that can be taken towards fulfilling your programme.

I have sent your long list as advance information to the Secretary of the General Board. It is, I think, about what he expected in the total. We should be prepared for suggestions from him in the name of economy, and it is even conceivable that some might be helpful. However, I shall not ask for them.

Do not hesitate to visit me at short notice.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. What do you think of saying to the Under Secretary of State that the appointment is without term, but that you anticipate returning to Italy in (query) 4 or 5 years?