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Joe Embry called me about whether or not to continue certain language classes in the night work phase when the enrollment is not up to the required ten. I have not kept up well on this, but I suppose you know that his idea was to let the Center pay for itself. It seems that the expectation was to pay each of our faculty members \$300.00 per semester for two meetings of one and one-half hours per week at night. A minimum of ten students for each course was set in order to produce a total of \$350.00. The extra \$50.00 was to help defray operating costs.

As usual, just as in the summer session, we do not reach the minimum enrollment and the question is whether or not to continue. According to Joe there are five in Russian, possibly five in German, seven in beginning French, eight in beginning Spanish, six in English for foreigners. There are small numbers in second year French and Spanish. Joe said that he talked with Ross Fritchard, who is supposed to be writing us a memo expressing the hope that we would continue the classes with five or more in order to get the program started, and that he had \$1,000 in his budget to take up the gap between income and expense. Of course, we can bookkeep \$1,000 all over the place, but what we need is dollars from somewhere else. Also, it is very interesting to observe how overworked faculty members, who do not have time for research or anything, can ~~magically~~ suddenly find time to take on an additional job if they get paid for it.

I rather favored on offering the German since Coessling had taken the Leloyne job. I do not see any vast amount of research being done by the language people. Embry claims that he is working twelve to fifteen hours a day for love and ~~we~~ does not expect any pay.

Anyhow I told Embry that he should apprise you of the situation, but insofar as I was concerned I would be willing to risk subsidizing these classes containing at least five or six for the first semester. Of course, if we should get any more Carnegie money on an emergency basis, a matter I have been waiting for Ross to discuss, we could cover up. It is rather hard to make sure that Joe Embry is always accurate in his presentations, and I would predict that we would come out at the little end of the horn, but I do not think it would amount to very much.

Apparently U.T. is not sponsoring the language courses now, and we are taking all of the risk, but that if anybody takes this course and wants to register also with them for a small additional fee, then they will give this person their credit on it. It seems that the Knoxville boys clamped down and said that U.T. Extension could not operate any language courses with less than twenty in them. I also understand that Ethel Rhodes is supposed to be teaching something in Spanish, but I understand this for I am sure that Dr. Storn has the first year course. Oh yes, I believe that Ethel is teaching Spanish for children and somebody else is teaching French for children and that they have enough in these courses to pay for them. I

just hope that we do not get too fouled up on ~~this~~ this whole thing.

This is all I know about it at the present, but I insisted that Embry should be in touch with you since this matter does relate to the academic program. I suppose that we ~~have~~ hashed this all over more or less ~~back~~ during the summer, but I do not have time to dig into the files on it now.

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