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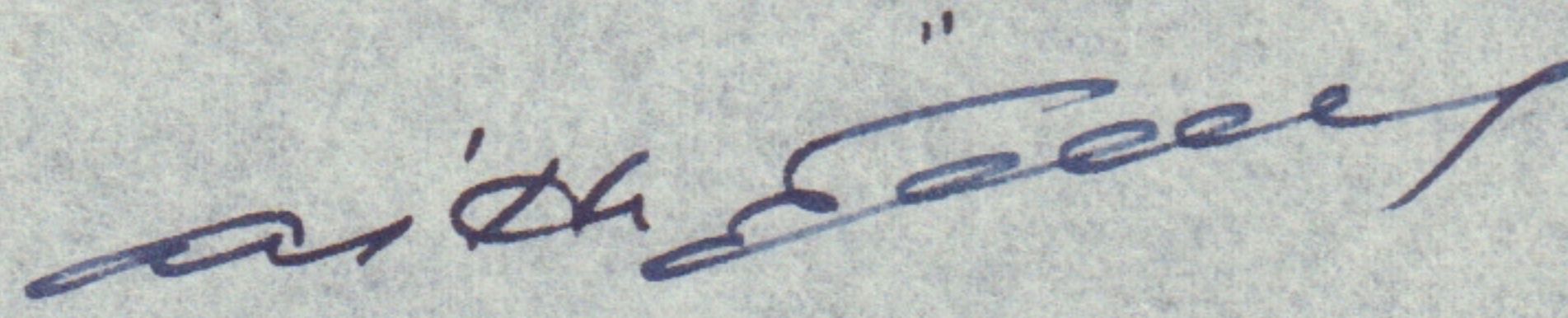
Prof. Mustafa Inan
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Dear Prof. Inan,

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Commission will be held on December 22, 1959 at Mithatpaşa 42 at 14:30 hours.

Attached are the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the last meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Arif H. Özbilen
Exec. Secretary

A G E N D A
of the 26th Meeting
of the
UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION IN TURKEY
December 22, 1959
at
Mithatpaşa 42, Ankara

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 25th meeting held in Ankara on November 24, 1959.
2. Turkish University requests for Lecturers for the 1960-61 academic year.
3. Selection of a John Hay Whitney Foundation award candidate.
4. 1961-62 Country Program Proposal.
5. Prof. M.Şazi Kösemihal's request for reimbursement of travel and excess Baggage expenses.
6. Selection of Candidates for Turkish Lecturer research program , 1960-61
7. Executive Secretary's proposal for a visit to U.S.A.
8. Other business.

UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION IN TURKEY

Mithatpaşa Caddesi 42

Yenişehir-Ankara

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

November 24, 1959

Ankara

MEMBERS PRESENT

Prof. Fadıl Hakkı Sur (Chairman)

Mr. Emin Hekingil

Prof. Alexander Kern

Dr. Duncan Ballentine

Mr. Leon L. Cowles

Mr. Russell L. Harris (Representing the Ambassador)

Prof. Mustafa İnan

Mr. Suphi Meriç

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ambassador Fletcher Warren, Honorary Chairman

Mr. Ronald W. Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Arif H. Ozbilen, Executive Secretary, USEC/T

Mr. Nevin E. Kuhl, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer (Treasurer)

Mrs. Zina G. Stern, Associate Secretary, USEC/T

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING.

Since all the members of the Commission had received copies of the minutes prior to the meeting it was not deemed necessary to have them read aloud.

ITEM 2 - APPROVAL OF THE MAJOR AND ALTERNATE CANDIDATES FOR THE CLEVELAND YOUTH PROJECT FOR FY 1960.

The procedure followed by the Screening Committee in the selection of the Cleveland Youth Project candidates was reviewed by the Executive Secretary. The slate of candidates comprised of two principle and two alternate candidates was approved by the Commission. The Secretariat was authorized to submit the applications of these candidates to the Department of State. (Annex 1)

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE FY 1960 CLEVELAND YOUTH PROJECT WERE APPROVED.

ITEM 3 - THE 1960-61 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

a) Recommendations of the Selection Committee.

A list of the candidates chosen by the Selection Committee was distributed to the members of the Commission. Mr. Hekingil and Mr. Meriç questioned the priority order in which the candidates were listed, noting that the fields of study of some students whose names appeared near the top of the list were not as vital to Turkey's development as were the fields of others farther down the list. They commented on the importance of giving priority to the field of Education because of the acute need for well trained teachers in Turkey. Mr. Ozbilen pointed out that the order in which the students were ranked would have little bearing upon their opportunity for placement at a university in the States.

He said that all of the students on the list had about an equal chance of being placed since only twenty names had been selected and the same number of grants were available. The only advantage to students at the top of the list was that the first ten would be recommended for Smith-Mundt Grants and hence, would have some choice in the selection of a university. Prof. Sur said that in his opinion the Commission was in no position to alter the list in any way. The Commission itself had appointed the Selection Committee to screen the candidates and having interviewed all the students, the Committee was in a better position to judge the merits of each candidate than was the Commission. Prof Sur went on to say that if the Commission did not consider the results of the screening satisfactory it might, in subsequent years, make recommendations to the Selection Committee regarding the evaluation of candidates.

THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1960-61 WAS APPROVED AS SUBMITTED. (Annex 2)

b) Selection of alternate Candidates

The Executive Secretary informed the Commission that the Selection Committee had not nominated any alternate candidates since it did not consider any of the students other than the 20 major candidates sufficiently qualified to be awarded a grant. Mr. Meriç objected to the absence of alternate candidates and recommended that a list of alternates be compiled and submitted to the State Department. The Commission agreed with Mr. Meriç and requested that the Secretariat instruct the members of the Selection Committee to choose additional names from which the ones receiving the highest rating will be recommended as alternates. In selecting the additional candidates the Selection Committee members are to give priority to students of Education.

THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO REQUEST FROM THE SELECTION COMMITTEE A LIST OF ALTERNATE CANDIDATES.

c) Increase in the number of full grants from 10 to 11.

One of the candidates, a student of drama, whom the Selection Committee had recommended for an IIE grant had emphasized during her interview her interest in attending a university which was located near performing theatre groups so that she might have an opportunity to see the theatre in operation. If she were recommended for a Smith Mundt Grant (full grant) there would be a greater possibility of her being assigned to a university of her choosing. The Executive Secretary suggested that she be included in the Smith Mundt group, increasing the number of full grants from ten to eleven. Mr. Cowles observed that if any one candidate in the IIE group was to be moved up to the Smith-Mundt group it would first be necessary to re-evaluate all the qualifications of all the candidates to determine whether this particular student was more eligible to receive a Smith-Mundt Grant than were the others. THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FULL GRANTS FROM TEN TO ELEVEN WAS NOT APPROVED.

ITEM 4 - REQUEST BY THE PRESIDENT OF ROBERT COLLEGE FOR A LECTURER DURING 1960-1961.

Dr. Ballentine requested that a lecturer in Western European History be appointed to Robert College for 1960-1962 academic year, in place of the Mathematics professor which had been proposed earlier in the Country Program Proposal. This lecturer is being requested to teach a new bilingual and bicultural course offered at the College. Dr. Ballentine said that, there were American and Turkish historians on the faculty but that a specialist in Western European History was needed.

DR. BALLENTINE'S REQUEST FOR A LECTURER IN WESTERN EUROPEAN HISTORY FOR 1960-61 ACADEMIC YEAR WAS APPROVED.