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BROWN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF
THE VICE PRESIDENT

Community Art Project

MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Wriston

Date May 12, 1943

Subject: Community Art Project

With your approval I took up with Dr. Farnum -- shortly after Mr. Washburn came -- the possibility of liquidating the Community Art Project as an organization and continuing its work as a part of the educational program of the Museum with the understanding that it be specifically provided for and that the University might even contribute to the budget for this purpose. This was designed (1) to provide an effective means for the discharge of our joint obligation to carry on; (2) to avoid duplication of interest and effort in view of the projected educational activity of the Museum and (3) to terminate a structural organization which may no longer be essential to the accomplishment of the original purpose. (The Committee has not had a meeting since June, 1940.) You indicated your willingness to consider this move if there was reasonable assurance that the functions the Project had been performing would be carried on.

I discussed the matter with Dr. Farnum and asked him to discuss the matter with Mr. Washburn and to suggest the possibility that Mrs. Noble be considered in connection with his personal plans for the carrying on of this and similar work. Dr. Farnum discussed the matter with Mr. Washburn. I believe that Mr. Washburn indicated his willingness to consider the matter but felt that he did not want "take over" at that time until he had had more opportunity to make his educational plans and to consider personnel. As a result we dropped the matter for the time being and have been going along on a modest budget pending further consideration.

I had had no further discussion of the matter with Dr. Farnum but his letter evidently harked back to the suggestion we made last year. I saw Dr. Farnum for two minutes yesterday morning and asked him about the matter. Apparently Mr. Washburn is willing to take over the Calendar -- I don't know what else.

Initial
JFA

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