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SHORT DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT: Letters of Fritz Pringsheim to Erik Wolf (jurist and legal historian in university of Freiburg) between 1948-1967.

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NOTES ON THE ARCHIVAL SOURCE:

- From 1948-52 mostly about student stipends (student stiftung) (Pringsheim was in charge of national stipend funding with regards to legal sciences – interview of Detlef Liebs 29.1.2014) and academic stuff, which books to be used, whom to apply to what office, who would be suitable for dean/principle etc. power struggles in the faculty (Liebs says that Pringsheim was the heart and soul of the faculty until the 60's when he and his group was replaced by other younger scholars, who banished the "Pri's school"'s views and started to stress comparative legal sciences and study also other juridical systems than German.- Liebs 29.1.2014)
- Pringsheim comments on many occasions Wolf's work and thoughts, as well as some other colleagues
- Pringsheim tells also straightly his opinion on some scholars, either praising or despising, among them e.g. Martin Heidegger, G. Bergsträsser (Scholar on classic greek texts?), Gustaf Radbuch (jurist)
- For Pringsheim educating seems to be the most important work for the enlightened (gelehrt, gebildet). He often mentions the importance of guiding the youth, especially now, when the country is in ruins. He is optimistic, enthusiastic and empathic. "Good judges and bad laws will for eternity be better for the people (volk), than bad judges and good laws". He is concerned about the subject matter of the new students. University should choose the most motivated and bright-minded students, no matter of the social class.
- Some interesting points:
  - 14.5.-53, Pringsheim discusses about scientific problems and interpretation of Solon, Pri. is interested in Solon's time social world, its changes and bases.
  - 17.2.-55 Pri. comments works of Bergsträsser
  - 17.11.-56 Wants to share with Wolf an presentation he heard from Martin Heidegger just recently. Comments: "ich denke, dieser Aufsatz wird sie interessieren Das Interessanteste wäre natürlich, Heideggers eigene Ansicht dazu zu hören, dem Kroner die Abhandlung nach einigen Zweifel nichtgeschicht hat"

- 26.7.-58 Praises Gustaf Radbuch as a great humanist, man of strong will, and a light of a dark time.
- 25.10.-58 lists unwanted features of a scholar (with regards to a certain representative in an upcoming university elections)
- February -59 Pri. uses a lot of time and energy in a case of a certain student Jürgen Zimmer (originally from Salem, Pri.'s studying place, and a grandson of peasant he knew then) Zimmer has been drifted to bad company and habits (Jazz-clubs etc.) , he needs to be guided to the good ways. After Pri. and Wolf have met the guy, Pri. writes a three pages long letter to a university committee, asking for a second chance to the boy and some financial support to him. In this letter he talks about decent life, virtues and life in general how he "as an old man" sees it.
- From early 60's on letters are almost all about flowers, especially roses.