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PERSON: Fritz Schulz

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT: Letters from and to the Harvard economist Joseph Schumpeter pertaining to Fritz Schulz.

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Box 1 (1932-1935)

HUGFP 4.8, Papers of Joseph Alois Schumpeter, Carbons of JAS's correspondence, Schumpeter to Pound (8.5.1934), 1 pg.: copy of Papers of Roscoe Pound, Series IV, 85-8, p. 33.

Box 2 (1936-1939)

HUGFP 4.8, Papers of Joseph Alois Schumpeter, Carbons of JAS's correspondence, Schumpeter to Conant (4.1.1939):

'(...) I have been informed to the effort that there is a possibility of Harvard University giving an appointment to Dr. Fritz Schulz, lately professor of Roman law at the University of Berlin. I beg your leave to add my testimonial to that of Professor McIlwain.

Professor Schulz has been my colleague at the University of Bonn. Since it was the German custom to include economists with the faculty of law, I got to know him well and had plenty of opportunity to observe his striking success as a teacher. As a scholar it seemed to be the general opinion that he was in Germany and perhaps internationally the first man in the field of Roman law, or second only to [Ernst] Levy, who is now old and past his work. It was to that universal opinion that he owed his call to Berlin. I understand that he has founded a distinct school and chalked out a new line of advance. He was dismissed for no other reason than that his wife is a Jewess (he himself is not a Jew). Thereby he lost in the fullness of his powers all possibility not only of teaching but also of research. His children were excluded from schools, and one of them is a freshman at Harvard.

There cannot be any doubt that that eminent scholar would add lustre to Harvard both in the field of Roman law and in cognate fields. It is important to

observe that his requirements qualify him for teaching Ancient History and several subjects pertaining to our Classical Department, so that the fact that Roman law holds but a modest position in the education of an American lawyer should not be recorded against him. In the field composed of the points which Law, Classical Philology and Ancient History have in common his services would be invaluable. It should also be added that according to the German custom he taught Civil Law (in the sense in which this term is roughly equivalent to Common Law in this country) and that he is an authority in Comparative as well as in International Law. He speaks English well, and one of his books has been translated under the title PRINCIPLES OF ROMAN LAW (Oxford Press). Financially his appointment would under the circumstances not mean any considerable sacrifice. Part of his salary could possibly be supplied from research funds.

Sincerely yours,

(...)

HUGFP 4.8, Papers of Joseph Alois Schumpeter, Carbons of JAS's correspondence, Schumpeter to Fay (4.1.1939):

'(...) I have been delighted to learn from a letter from Dr. Hartsthorne that you are about to take action in order to bring about an appointment at this university of Professor Fritz Schulz, formerly of Berlin. Of course I know him well since he has been my colleague in Bonn, and I do hope that your action will meet with success, which I am convinced would greatly redound [= resound? rebound?] to the advantage of Harvard.

Following what I gathered was Mr. Hartsthorne's suggestion, I wrote to President Conant immediately. I enclose a carbon of the latter. If there is anything else I could do, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

(...)

HUGFP 4.8, Papers of Joseph Alois Schumpeter, Carbons of JAS's correspondence, Schumpeter to Hartsthorne (4.1.1939):

'(...)

Many thanks for your letter which I found awaiting me upon my return from the social societies' annual meeting in Detroit. I shall, of course, be delighted to do my level best towards bringing about a favorable decision in the matter of Professor Schulz. He has been a colleague of mine and I have the very best opinion of him. In fact I think he would be a most desirable acquisition for Harvard. If I read your letter correctly, you wish me to write to President Conant as well as to get into touch with Professors Fay and McIlwain. I have already

done the former and am enclosing a carbon copy, which I shall also send to Fay and McIlwain. The latter I shall do as soon as the opportunity offers itself.

Very sincerely yours,

(...)

HUGFP 4.8, Papers of Joseph Alois Schumpeter, Carbons of JAS's correspondence, Schumpeter to McIlwain (4.1.1939):

(...)

Mr. Hartsthorne has inferred me to the effect that your exertions on behalf of Professor Fritz Schulz are not unlikely to meet with success at last. I cannot adequately express both my pleasure and my gratitude to you, for there cannot be the slightest doubt that the appointment of that excellent man would greatly redound to the advantage of Harvard.

I understood from Mr. Hartsthorne's letter that I was to write to President Conant. This I have done; enclosed please find a carbon copy. If there is anything else that I can do, I am at your disposal at any moment.

Cordially yours,

(...)