

February 17, 1953

Mr. Alf Robinson
824 East First Street
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Mr. Robinson:

During the past few months since receiving your father's Psychiana collection, I have perused his books for a better understanding of the Psychiana movement and for the purpose of evaluating the probable historic significance of his influence upon our times. After carefully examining this material, I am of the opinion that his impact upon society has wide implications and, that in the future, he is likely to be the object of serious study by social historians.

Because of these probabilities and because of the international importance of his movement, we are of the opinion that every effort ought to be made to bring together at the University everything on the Psychiana movement that we possibly can which might contribute to the research needs of the scholars of tomorrow. Only last week I had occasion to call Mr. Kass to request a book by Marcus Bock, He Talked with God, which we did not have. At the time, I inquired about obtaining advertising samples used in advancing the movement, but was discouraged to learn from him that only one master advertising copy file existed. He reported that all other advertising material had been discarded and that much of Psychiana odds and ends had been destroyed.

In view of the importance that we attach to everything published relating to the Psychiana movement or its promotion, I am writing to inquire if you and your mother will seriously consider giving to the University for permanent preservation in our archives, material such as the master advertising copy file; a file of the promotion literature used to interest prospective students; representative letters from students who were helped through Psychiana; letters received from Senator Borah, records of the deportation trial, as well as other representative, miscellaneous materials, i.e., "Tribute to Dr. Robinson" published at the time of his death.

We would like very much to have the privilege of visiting Psychiana for the purpose of examining whatever material may still be available and which might presumably be of research value to the researcher. If you look with favor upon these proposals, I would be pleased indeed to meet with you, or with both you and your mother, to discuss the matter further. We will be grateful for your serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Zimmerman
Librarian

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cc Mrs. Robinson

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100 North Main Street

Moscow, Idaho

March 3, 1953

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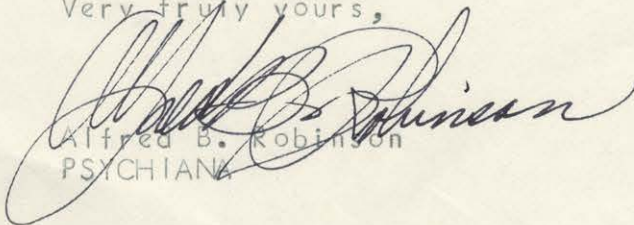
Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

I have your letter of February 17, and we appreciate the interest which you have taken.

It has been decided that the remainder of the material which my mother and I have in our possession will remain with us, the reason being that much of it has not been copyrighted and we do not want them available, as the ramifications could be quite troublesome, which I am sure you must understand. However, the remaining literature and copy will be in a very safe place, and it may be that in coming years this literature may find its way into your archives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Alfred B. Robinson
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*File under Psychiana
but not gift file*

To: President Buchanan
From: Lee Zimmerman
Subject: Psychiana Collection

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Inter-Office Memorandum

Date: March 23, 1954

I again called Alf Robinson for the purpose of arranging an appointment to discuss with him the matter of turning his father's papers over to the University. He informed me that he would not be ready to discuss the matter for several months--not until he and his mother had finished the task of sorting through the papers on hand. He proposed that I call him again in the future.

I shall of course follow through on this but felt that you should be informed of developments. Whenever there may be something definite to report on in the future I will inform you accordingly.

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