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Dear Dr. Collinder:

I hasten to answer your letter of August 30. Of course, I know Dr. Bagrow's work and have the three volumes of *Imago mundi* on my shelves. I wish I could have him here, but that is impossible. The president of the Carnegie Institution, Dr. Vannevar Bush, is a hard-boiled technician, who was the head of scientific research development during the war. He is anti-historical, and one of his first deeds when he assumed the presidency, was to cut down my salary and appropriation. He declared that my work of the last thirty years was "irrelevant". I must be grateful, however, that he did not treat me more harshly and permitted the heavy expenditure involved in the publication of my vol. 3 (In 1947/Deo iuvante).

To return to Dr. Bagrow, Harvard would not be the best location for him, for our cartographic collection which was excellent fifty years ago has not been kept sufficiently up to date. The best locations in America are the Library of Congress and the American Geographical Society in New York. I am writing even now to the Director, John Kirtland Wright, to draw his kind attention to Dr. Bagrow's case. I am not too sanguine of success, however. The American climate is not favorable to scholarship just now; it was not good before the war, it is much worse now. There is much more I would like to say to you on this subject and on many others, but it would take too long to write it.

With kind regards,

George Sarton

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I hope to see you some day either in beautiful Stockholm or here when you are on your way to Honolulu!

P.S. March 12. After having written this letter I decided to postpone its mailing until I had received Dr. Wright's answer. The latter is unfavorable and leaves no hope in that particular direction. The American Geographical Society would like to engage the services of a historian of cartography, especially one as competent as Dr. Bagrow, but they are unable to do so. Says Dr. Wright, "Unfortunately, we have no funds for his salary, nor do I see where the necessary funds could be raised." In spite of that disappointment I will keep Dr. Bagrow's case in mind. Should there be an opening for him here I would let you know immediately. Please accept, dear and honored colleague, my best wishes for your health and work.

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