

62
Prof. Dr.J. TINBERGEN

The Hague, 2 January 1953
Sijzenlaan 41

Prof. Dr Arthur SMITHIES,
Department of Economics,
Harvard University,
M-8 Littauer Center,
Cambridge 38, (Mass)

Dear Smithies,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 17. It was indeed a great pleasure to receive it and I feel honored by the idea to be a possible candidate. I don't think, however, that I can accept to be available. A Professor of Statistics at Harvard should, I think, be well acquainted with modern development in mathematical statistics and should himself have contributed to that field. Actually I am only a consumer of some of these methods, and my own work developed more and more into the direction of mathematical economics and economic policy than of mathematical statistics. I hope you understand my point of view.

May I take this opportunity, however, to bring another question before you? I have been invited to spend about 3 months (from October 1 till Xmas 1953) in the USA as an exchange professor at Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. I accepted and it was understood that I would be free to accept possible offers to give some separate lectures at universities in the neighbourhood. If there would be a chance in the frame of existing regulations to pay a visit also to Harvard, you can imagine that I would be delighted. I hope our personal relations excuse me in putting this question rather bluntly and I hope too that you will be kind enough to say frankly what you think of it.

With best personal wishes,

I am,
yours very sincerely,

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of FBI
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you this letter in response to your letter of December 12, 1954, regarding my application for a position in your office. I am a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and have a B.S. degree in Political Science. I have been employed by the University of California for the past five years, where I have been involved in research and teaching. I am particularly interested in the field of international relations and would like to contribute to the work of your office.

I have been recommended for this position by several of my colleagues and by the Dean of the College of Letters and Physical Sciences. I believe that my background and interests make me a suitable candidate for this position. I am confident that I can make a valuable contribution to your office and to the work of the FBI. I am sure that you will find me to be a person of integrity and high ability.

Very truly yours,
John Doe