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1740 Bainbridge Street
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Professor Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Professor Szilard:

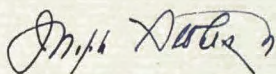
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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Joseph Stokes, Jr., M. D.

* Feb. 6, 1955
cc: Mr. A. Spanel

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Dear Abe, I trust you saw the letter. I believe men like Szilard have the most objective approach there is. We must have a talk some time about some of these matters.
Joe Stokes

Kings Crown Hotel
420 W. 116th St
New York, N. Y.
February 12, 1955

Dr. Joseph Stokes, Jr
University of Pennsylvania
School of Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics
1740 Bainbridge Street
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Dear Dr. Stokes:

I have your very kind letter of February 7th. It is too early to say, as yet, if there will be significant moral support forthcoming in response to the letter to the Times, (which, incidentally, the Denver Post is going to reprint) to catalyze someone's course of action. It was very good to hear from you and I hope there will be an opportunity for us to talk about this in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

LS/nr

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Dictated March 16, 1964

Mailed March 25, 1964

Dr. Joseph Stokes
Dean of the Medical School
University of California
La Jolla, California

Dear Dr. Stokes:

This is just a brief note to follow up our telephone conversation regarding Livingston and Benaceraf.

It is probably true that Livingston is quite happy at NIH where at the present time he is Associate Chief of Program Development, Division of Research Facilities and Resources. In this position he can pretty much write his own ticket and right now he is in the process of re-writing Fulton's "Physiology of the Nervous System". The last (third) edition of this book appeared in 1949, Fulton died in 1960 and Livingston has now assumed the responsibility of writing the fourth edition. This he must write essentially from scratch because there have been very major changes since 1949.

I am inclined to think, however, that Livingston would find it difficult to resist the challenge of your school if there is an opportunity to build up a substantial group working in the neuro-sciences in the Medical School. My guess is that there would be perhaps a better than 50/50 chance for you to get him on the basis of such a challenge.

I was in close contact with Livingston when he was Director of Basic Research of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, 1956-1960, and of the National Institute of Mental Health, 1956-61, and I thought that he was admirably fitted for this job. The job did not fit him, however, because both institutes were full of deadwood; very few additional

Dr. Joseph Stokes

appointments could be made and the second raters in the Institute resisted, at times, the appointment of some of the most desirable candidates.

Because my interest in the Central Nervous System is of quite recent origin I would not, and could not, pass judgement about Livingston's qualifications as a neuro-biologist. [His former colleagues at UCLA, Ted Magoun (Dean of the Graduate School) and Jack French (Director of the Brain Research Institute) would be both very well qualified to express a judgement in this regard.]

However, I would suggest that if and when you reach the point where you would want to approach Livingston with a definite offer you let me know a few days ahead of time. I could then talk to him over the telephone and try to put him in a receptive mood. I can do this because I myself believe that La Jolla is a wonderful place to live and that the potential possibilities at the Medical School are attractive.

Regarding Benaceraf, in whom Dave Bonner seems to be interested and with whom Dr. Hamburger had a conversation in the east, I would think that there is a 30% chance of getting him if he is approached in the right way. The first thing would be to invite him to visit La Jolla for a week or so in April or May and, if the school is ready to do this, I would suggest that they let me know a few days before they contact him. I would then talk to him over the telephone and get him to set some date in the Fall, if he cannot make it in April or May. I intend to discuss the case of Benaceraf in the near future both with Bonner and also with Singer.

Sincerely,

LS:jm

Dictated but not read.

Leo Szilard

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Robert B(urr) Livingston

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: October 9, 1918; Boston, Massachusetts

MARITAL STATUS: Married, Mandana Laura Beckner 1954

Children: Louise Shaw 1955
Dana Ruth 1958
Justy Ann 1960

EDUCATION: A.B., Stanford University, 1940
M.D., Stanford University, 1944
Intern, Medicine, Stanford Hospital, 1943
Assistant Resident, Medicine, Stanford Hospital, 1944

MILITARY SERVICE: Lt., U. S. Naval Reserve (MC), 1944-46

POSITIONS HELD:

1946-48 Instructor, Laboratory of Physiology, Yale University
School of Medicine, New Haven.

1947-48 Research Assistant, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard
Medical School, Boston.

1950-52 Assistant Professor of Physiology, Yale University School of
Medicine; and Director, Yale Aeromedical Research Unit,
New Haven.

1951-52 Executive Assistant to the President, National Academy of
Sciences - National Research Council, Washington, D.C.

1952-56 Associate Professor, Department of Physiology and Department
of Anatomy, University of California School of Medicine,
Los Angeles.

1952-56 Consultant to V. A. Hospital, Long Beach.

1956-59 Professor (Lecturer), Department of Physiology and Department
of Anatomy, University of California School of Medicine,
Los Angeles.

1956-60 Director of Basic Research, National Institute of Neurological
Diseases and Blindness, National Institutes of Health,
Bethesda.

1956-61 Director of Basic Research, National Institute of Mental Health,
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda.

1960-62 Chief, Laboratory of Neurobiology, National Institute of
Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda.

POSITIONS HELD (contd.):

- 1962-63 Chief, General Research Support Branch, Division of Research Facilities and Resources, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda.
- 1963 -- Associate Chief for Program Development, Division of Research Facilities and Resources, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda.

NATIONAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Committee on Disaster Studies, 1952-54, National Research Council.
- Panel on Underwater Swimmers, 1952-54, National Research Council.
- Selection Committee, Mental Health Career Investigator Grants, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, USPHS, 1954-57.
- Board of Directors, Foundations Fund for Research in Psychiatry, 1955-57.
- Life Sciences Committee, Project Mercury, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1958-60.
- Advisory Committee on Space Medical and Behavioral Sciences, Office of Life Science Programs, NASA, 1960-61.
- Ad hoc Panel reporting to President's Science Advisory Committee on Project Mercury, 1961.
- Preliminary Advisory Panel, Manned Landing on Moon Project, NASA, 1961.
- Board of Directors, Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, Inc., Bethesda, Md., 1959 --.
- Task Force to Study Regional Institutes of Health, NIH, 1960-61.
- Space Science Summer Study, NAS-NRC, Space Science Board, Iowa City, 1962.
- Co-Founder, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, D. C., 1962.
- PSAC ad hoc Bioastronautics Panel, Washington, D. C., 1963.

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow).
Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases (Associate).
American Physiological Society.
American Association of Anatomists.
Schweizischer Verein der Physiologen und Pharmacologen.
International Brain Research Organization.
Sigma Xi.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, LECTURESHIPS:

Permanent President, Class of 1940, Stanford University.
Bronze Star Medal, Okinawa Campaign, 1945.
National Research Council Senior Fellow in Neurology, Switzerland, 1948-49.
Wilhelm Gruber Fellow in Neurophysiology, Switzerland, France, and England,
1949-50.
Special Fellow, NIMH, Sweden (two months), 1956.
Brookings Institution, Participant, Federal Executive Training Program,
Williamsburg, Va. (three weeks) 1957.
Brookings Institution, Lecturer, Federal Executive Training Program,
Williamsburg, 1958; 1964.
American Medical Association, Address on Recent Research Advances, Forum
on Multidiscipline Research, New York. 1961.
Institute on World Affairs, Address, San Diego State College, San Diego, 1962.
State Department Mid-Career Course Lecturer, Alexandria, Va., 1959 - 64.
Holiday Science Lecturer, American Association for the Advancement of Science,
Miami, 1964.

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March 25, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
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Dear Dr. Szilard:

Your thoughts in your letter of March 25 are very pertinent. I will be seeing both Bob Livingston and Seymour Kety in Bethesda on April 8, and will try to interest both of them in moving westward. You can be sure that we will call on you when our heavy recruitment begins.

Benaceraf we are going to deal with through the Department of Biology and your approach seems reasonable, although I would clear it with Jon Singer in the near future.

Many thanks again for your luncheons which have helped introduce me to the interesting people connected with the Salk Institute.

With best regards,

Joseph Stokes III, M.D.
Dean

JS:jlh