

March 12, 1941

Dr. Robert R. Wilson
Palmer Physics Laboratory
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Wilson:

Yesterday I sent you the following telegram:

"Anderson reports cyclotron emits
1400 millicuries radon beryllium
equivalent. Congratulations."

As you have probably correctly guessed the telegram should have said "curies" and not "millicuries"; otherwise this would have been a case calling for sympathy rather than congratulations.

I understand that Fermi has written this morning to Smyth and may visit you with Anderson some time in the course of the week.

From the conversation which I had yesterday with the man who is manufacturing your graphite, I gather that it will take five or six weeks before you will get delivery, since the material is not yet in the furnace.

With kind regards to all, I am

Yours sincerely,

LS:H

(Leo Szilard)

October 29, 1947

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Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

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The endorsement of the group could take either of three forms. The group could either say that they are in agreement with the article; or they could say that they are in agreement with the general sentiment which motivated my writing this article; or finally, they could simply say that they endorse my request to be permitted to transmit a letter following the text of the article, to Mr. Stalin.

Naturally, in each case, the actual wording is a personal matter for those who phrase the wire. The BULLETIN may wish to refer to letters or wires of this sort, and might even print some of them. This is a point which should be understood when writing any wire to me or to the BULLETIN in connection with this matter.

I would particularly appreciate it if the wire reporting the opinions of the Cornell group were signed by you, provided that this is convenient to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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THIS LETTER, WITH SLIGHT VARIATIONS, WAS SENT THE FOLLOWING:

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in Power

February 24, 1962

Professor Robert Wilson
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Cornell University
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Dear Wilson:

Would you be good enough to read the attached "speech" and let me know whether you are sufficiently interested to be willing to be part of this operation.

I am enclosing some indication of the responses, and if you are interested I shall mail you a set of press clippings and photocopies of a sample of my mail.

Please let me know as soon as you can what you think about all this by writing to me at my Washington address given below.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Enclosures