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5 May 1950

Mr. W. B. Harrell Business Manager University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Harrell:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your 3 May letter enclosing the proposal "Study of the Growth, Adaptation, and Mutation of Bacteria and Bacterial Viruses, Carried Gut with New Biophysical Methods" by Dr. Leo Szilard.

This proposal has been forwarded to ONR Washington for consideration by the Bio Sciences Division. It is anticipated that you will be advised directly when a decision regarding possible support has been reached.

Yours very truly,

HARRY C. KELLY Head, Scientific Section By direction of the Commanding Officer

Copy to: Dr. Leo Szilard CNR Wash (439)



ONR:439:deg Ser:

Dr. Leo Szilard Professor of Biphysics Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Doctor Szilard:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your research proposal requesting support for work on "A Study of the Growth, Adaptation and Mutation of Bacteria and Bacterial Viruses Carried out with New Biophysical Methods".

This research proposal is being sent to the cognizant Branch for consideration.

You may expect to hear from the Branch Head in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

D. E. GRUBER

Exchange of Information Clerk

S. E. Gruber

Copy to: ONR, Chicago



APR 3 1951

NR 135-056 Ser: 7230

Dr. Leo Szilard Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics The University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Thank you for your letter dated 5 March 1951 with reference to your proposal NR 135-056 which is presently in the hands of the Microbiology Branch of the Office of Naval Research. I am also pleased to have the reprints enclosed.

We had hoped to be in a position to support this proposal at the level suggested in the revised budget submitted to us on 21 February 1951. Since funds are not presently available, I appreciate your suggestion that the proposal be referred to the Biochemistry Branch. I have, therefore, discussed the matter briefly with Mr. William V. Consolazio, Head of that branch, and will pass on his suggestion to you; that is, to acquaint him with the nature of the project as it is now being considered. You state that "our work has in the meantime shifted somewhat towards the biochemical side". In view of this, it would be advisable to submit an entirely new proposal directly to the Biochemistry Branch. If you should care to do this, I would suggest that you take care of the matter immediately so that it might be reviewed at the next meeting of the Biochemistry Advisory Panel, which will be held in the not distant future.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ROGER D. REID

Head, Microbiology Branch

By direction of Chief of Naval Research

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IN REPLY REFER TO ONR:442:MH:dm Ser 9179

APR 18 1951

Dr. Leo Szilard Professor of Biophysics University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Your proposal entitled "To Determine the Relationships between Chemical Structure and Mutagenic Activity" has been referred to the Biochemistry Branch of the Office of Naval Research under the code designation, GLH 146.

Your proposal will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee of Biochemistry which will probably be held in May.

Proposals endorsed by the Committee at the May 1951 meeting will be activated early in fiscal year 1952 within the limits of our allocations.

Your interest in the Naval Research program is very gratifying to us.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM V. CONSOLAZIO
Head, Biochemistry Branch
By direction of
Chief of Naval Research

5650 Ellis Avenue

October 19, 1951

Dr. I. Estermann Department of the Navy Office of Naval Research Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Estermann:

I wonder whether you could help us in the following matter:

I applied in April for a grant of \$3,834.00 to the Biochemistry

Branch of the Office of Naval Research and heard soon afterwards

through the grapevine that the panel made a strong recommendation in

its favor. According to a letter dated October 12th, ONR:hh2:LL:dm,

Serial #27574, written by Louis Levin to T. H. Davies, the Acting

Director of the Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics, my application has been approved and has been held in the hope that funds which

may become available will make it possible to activate the project.

The letter goes on saying, "It must be admitted, however, that at the

present time the prospects are not encouraging. It therefore may be

well for you and Dr. Szilard to explore other avenues of obtaining

support for this worthy project."

I am writing to find out whether it would be possible to have funds of the Physics or Biophysics Branch made available for this work, inasmuch as I am really a physicist more than a biochemist.

The project, as described in the application, deals with the relation

Dr. I. Estermann — 2 — October 19, 1951

between chemical structure and mutagenic activity. I would appreciate your letting me know at your convenience whether such a transfer of application is feasible and advisable and what we swould have to do to accomplish it.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

LS/sds
cc: T. H. Davies



ONR:419:IE:alp 2 November 1951

Dr. Leo Szilard
Institute of Radiobiology
and Biophysics
The University of Chicago
5650 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Szilard:

Since I had planned to attend the meetings of the American Institute of Physics in Chicago last week I did not reply to your letter of 19 October, hoping to be able to give you the information verbally. It is an unfortunate situation that the number of proposals received by the Office of Naval Research during the last year has increased by a large amount, while the available funds have remained more or less constant. For this reason, many worthwhile proposals had to be held up temporarily. Regarding your own project, it is quite possible to transfer it to the Biophysics Section, but the situation regarding funds there may be quite similar to that in the Biochemistry Branch. I have discussed your program with Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, who is in charge of the Biophysics program, and she will try to do whatever can be done. A formal transfer of the application is not necessary.

I regret very much that I cannot do more at this time since both Biophysics and Biochemistry are outside the scope of my division.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

I. ESTERMANN, Director Material Sciences Division

Dr. Leo Sailard Chicago 37. a year letter of all Deteber, give you the informat erbally. It is an umhe the number of pro ordinary device of Cortumate eltustic he last year had in merced by a large amount, while es to ered Beniamer constant. For this reacon, tempownfily, Regarding your had to be held up oum project, it is quite er it to the Hisphysics Section, sasat of eldis unionaper moldautia ent tud ni failt of mailine at hip of the Mochemistry Branch. your program with ico. Missbeth whatever can be done. A forms o application is not necessary. division.



ONR:441:gjs NR 119-221 Ser 31659

DEC 4 1951

Dr. Leo Szilard Professor of Biophysics Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We are pleased to inform you that your research proposal on "Study of the Growth, Adaptation and Mutation of Bacteria and Bacterial Viruses Carried out With New Biophysical Methods" has been approved for support and has been forwarded to the Contract Division for negotiation. The number NR 119-221 has been assigned to this project for reference purposes.

Since contractual negotiations are the function of the Contract Division, this notification of approval does not include authorization for contractual liabilities under the proposed contract. The Contract Division of this Office will communicate with your laboratory in the near future regarding negotiation of this contract.

Sincerely yours,

F. H. QUIMBY

Head, Physiology Branch

By direction of

Chief of Naval Research

Copy to: ONR - Chicago

Copies made for: Mr. Harrell

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Mr. Davies Mr. Short

1155 East 57th Street Chicago 37, Illinois December 11, 1951

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Kelly Department of the Navy Office of Naval Research Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly;

I am writing to say how very much we appreciate the kind interest which you have taken in the research proposal which we had submitted to the Office of Naval Research. It was exceedingly kind of you to concern yourself with this matter, and we consider ourselves fortunate in having you as a Guardian Angel in the Office of Naval Research.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

1155 East 57th Street Chicago 37, Illinois December 12, 1951

Mr. F. H. Quimby Head of the Physiology Branch Department of the Navy Office of Naval Research Washington 25, D.C.

Reference No. ONR: 441: gjs NR 119-221 Ser 31659

Dear Mr. Quimby:

I am writing to thank you for your letter of December 4th. It was, indeed, a great pleasure to learn that your branch has approved my research proposal and I appreciate very much the action taken by you.

I am enclosing a manuscript giving our latest results which have been written up. This paper will appear in the 1951 issue of the Cold Spring Harbor Symposia.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH WASHINGTON 25. D. C.

ONR:441:EKK:mpm NR 119-221 Ser

15783

Dr. Leo Szilard University of Chicago Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics Chicago, Illinois

JUN 12 1952

Dear Dr. Szilard:

After reading your "Mark Gable Foundation," I thought you might find the enclosed clipping of interest. Frankly, these new biological possibilities make life of the future sound rather dull.

After discussing the overhead problem once more with our Contract Division, it remains my understanding that it is not an ONR policy to pay a higher overhead rate than some other agency, when essentially the same research program is being supported by both agencies. If you are planning on requesting renewal of your contract, you should discuss the overhead rate with Mr. Harrell of your business office.

As always, my visit to your laboratory was most interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Head, Biophysics Section Physiology Branch

Biological Sciences Division

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Copy to: ONR - Chicago

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ENVISIONS MAN MADE TO ORDER

A University of Chicago physiologist recently envisioned the possibility of "man made to order" by control of heredity and pre-natal environment.

Dr. Ralph W. Gerard said that scientists of the future may be able to mate the eggs and sperm of selected parents in a laboratory test tube, with the embryonic infant then being transferred to the womb of a foster mother for nurture and delivery.

Such "biological tinkering" as he described would create new problems, Dr. Gerard admitted. One would be the question whether all persons should be kept uniform or different castes be cre-

ated. "A world in which all persons have the same height or brawn or beauty or longevity and the same capacity for reasoning, memory, humor or altruism could be a monotonous one." he added.

Dr. Gerard cautioned that the new ages to be ushered in by these epochal advances are still some time away.

"It is rash to mention them," he explained. "It would be foolhardy to date them."

When and if they do come, Dr. Gerard added, it will be due to the va accumulation of basic biological research that is going on throughout the nation's scientific laboratories.

5650 Ellis Avenue

June 23, 1952

Your reference: ONR:441:EKK:mpm NR 119-221 Ser 15783

Dr. Elizabeth K. Kelly, Head Biophysics Section Physiology Branch Biological Sciences Division Office of Naval Research Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of June 12th. Since you left, considerable progress was made in England in the direction of the "Mark Gable Foundation". Thirty-nine cows were inseminated with bull sperm that had been kept frozen for a while, and thirty pregnancies were obtained. This means we are practically "in business".

I shall discuss the problem of our contract with Harrison Davies, whom you have met, and if possible dump it into his lap.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

LS/sds

July 29, 1952

Your reference: ONR:441:EKK:mpm NR 119-221 Ser 15783

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Kelly, Head Biophysics Section Physiology Branch Biological Sciences Division Office of Naval Research Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:

I am coming back to your very kind letter of June 12, 1952. In this matter I suggested to Mr. Harrell that in my application for the renewal of the contract we charge either the same overhead as is allowable on grants from the National Institutes of Health or else, preferably, that we charge no overhead at all. Mr. Harrell, however, has informed me that he could not forward my application for renewal if it contained any other overhead than the standard overhead of 46% applicable to this type of contract. This leaves me no choice but to put in the standard overhead and let Mr. Harrell argue the matter with your Contract Division.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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ADDRESS REPLY TO DIRECTOR AND REFER TO:
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NR 119-221
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Ser 8954-52

15 December 1952

Mr. Wm. B. Harrell Business Manager University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Harrell:

Reference is made to Contract Néori-02038, NR 119 221, which expires on 31 December 1952.

As you know there are several contractual matters that must be complied with upon the expiration of the task order before this Office can certify and transmit for payment the final invoice and public voucher to be rendered under the task order.

Accordingly, please furnish the following documents to this Office:

1. An original and 4 copies of final certified property inventory lists of all Government property that was acquired by purchase, development, construction, transfer or otherwise.

The final inventory lists should make the following segregation of the property:

- (a) Plant equipment Equipment of a capital nature \$100 and over
- (b) Minor equipment Equipment of a capital nature under \$100
- (c) Material and Supplies
- (d) Special Tooling

Please indicate after the description or other appropriate location whether the property items were contractor purchased (GP) or Government furnished (GF). Also estimate a replacement value for any contractor constructed items.

Where an item of equipment appears to be neither on hand nor to have been expended in the performance of the task order, an explanation as to its disposition or loss must be furnished.

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Page 17 of ONR's "Contractors' Manual", in your possession, contains a type of certification that must accompany the property lists.

- 2. An original and three copies of a certification with reference to the participation agreement set forth in Section L of the contract.
- 3. Submit to the Department of Defense Auditor an original and 7 copies of a "Contractor's Release to the Government" plus such other fiscal documents precedent to final payment that will be made known to you by the Auditor. Page 35 of the "Contractors' Manual" has a suggested form for the "Release".

If any of the required documents, and particularly the property records, cannot be submitted within a short period, please inform this Office of the reasons for the delay.

Very truly yours,

JOHN O. RICHARDSON Head, Contract Administration Department By direction of the Director

Copy to: Dr. Leo Szilard SCI, CA



IN REPLY REFER TO

ONR: 441: EKK: gjs NR 119-221 2 January 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard Professor of Biophysics Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I will be in Chicago on 8 January. Would it be possible to see you and Dr. Novick at that time?

I will call your office on the morning of my arrival to find out if you are available.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ELICABETH K. KELLY Head, Biophysics Section

Physiology Branch

Copy to: ONR - Chicago

January 6, 1953

Dr. Elizabeth K. Kelly Head, Biophysic Section Physiology Branch Department of the Navy Office of Naval Research Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Kelly,

I just received your letter of January 2, as I was about to go out of town. I have to give an address before the New York Chapter of the Society of American Bacteriologists tomorrow and I don't expect to and be back by the 8th, so I will unfortanately miss you. However Dr. Novick will be here and he will be very happy to tell you what we are doing.

With kind regards, Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

DATE January 26, 1953

TO Dr. Leo Szilard

DEPARTMENT Institute of Radiobiology

FROM W. B. Harrell

DEPARTMENT Business Manager

Enclosed for your files is copy of Amendment No. 2 to Contract Number: N6ori-02038 which provides for a change in the overhead rate to 44.47% for the calendar year 1952.

the contract . Will you please append this document to your copy of

This rate will prevail until a new rate is negotiated for 1953 for Department of Defense contracts (Army, Navy, Air Force).

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WBH: F: ab Enc.

CONTRACT NUMBER: N6ori-02038
AMENDMENT NUMBER: 2

ONR: 263: CAH: bs N6ori-02038 (Biological Sciences Division)

16 January 1953

The University of Chicago 5801 Ellis Avenue Chicago 37, Illinois

Gentlemen:

To provide for a fixed in lieu of a provisional overhead rate under Task Order N6ori-02038, said Task Order, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting Section D in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION D - The percentage to be applied with respect to this Task Order in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(a)(1)(H) of the contract shall be a fixed percentage, in the amount or amounts, and for the period or periods, specified below:

%

Period for which Applied
From To

44.47%

1 January 1952

31 December 1952."

This amendment makes no change in the estimated cost of Task Order N6ori-02038.

CONTRACT NUMBER: N6or1-02038 AMENIMENT NUMBER: 2

If the foregoing is acceptable to you, please indicate your acceptance thereof by executing the enclosed two (2) copies of this letter, and return them to the Office of Naval Research, whereupon this letter and your acceptance thereof will constitute this an amendment to the above numbered Task Order.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. H. Hefler
R. H. HEFLER
LCDR, SC, USN
Contracting Officer
Department of the Navy

ACCEPTED THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

(Contractor)

By /s/ W. B. Harrell
W. B. Harrell

TITLE Business Manager

WITNESSES:

(1)
(2)

NOTE: In the case of a corporation witnesses are not required but certificate below must be completed.

CERTIFICATE

I, Howard H. Moore, certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the corporation named as Contractor in the foregoing amendment; that W. B. Harrell, who signed said amendment on behalf of the Contractor was then Business Manager of said corporation; that said amendment was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

/s/ Howard H. Moore (Signature of person certifying)

(CORPORATE SEAL)



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Dr. Leo Szilard Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics University of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

This will acknowledge receipt of your final technical report covering work performed under your Office of Naval Research Contract Nonr-1059(00). We are pleased to inform you that this report has been accepted as a Final Report.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and interest in the Office of Naval Research, and we hope that our past pleasant relationship will continue in the future.

Sincerely yours,

F. H. QUIMBY

Head, Physiology Branch

By direction of

Chief of Naval Research

Copy to: ONR/Chicago

June 11, 1954

Ref: ONR Chi/601:va U. of Chicago 1059(00)/G NR 119 221 Ser 215-54

Commanding Officer
Office of Naval Research
Department of the Navy
86 E. Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Attention: Robert A Carney
Contract Administrator

Reference is made to your letter dated January 11, 1954 regarding Contract Nonr-1059(00) which was terminated September 30, 1953 at which time Dr. Leo Szilard, Principal Investigator, left the University on leave of absence.

Accordingly, transmitted herewith are:

- 1) Original and three (3) signed copies of Certificate of Compliance with conditions set forth in Section C(2) of subject contract. May we call your attention to the fact that the certification covers only the participation of Professor Szilard and Assistant Professor Novick. No charges were made for the services of a Research Assistant or a Secretary.
- Original and three (3) signed copies of Certificate of Compliance with Contract Patent Provisions.
- 3) Original and six (6) copies of Credit Invoice showing monies received and expenses incurred, with refund check #10,112 in the amount of \$831.14.
- 4) Four (4) signed and two (2) conformed copies of Contractor's Release of the Government.

Copy of the Final Report was submitted to Dr. Morris Jones, ONR/Chicago, under date of January 15, 1954.

Very truly yours,

Irene E. Fagerstrom Administrative Assistant

enclosures
cc: Dr. Leo Szilard
Mr. C. S. Mokstad
Mr. W. L. Thaggard

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SECTION C(2) OF CONTRACT NO. Nonr-1059(00)

The undersigned contractor hereby certifies that the conditions have been complied with as set forth in Section C(2) of Contract Nonr-1059(00) to the extent of participation by Professor Leo Szilard as Principal Investigator and Assistant Professor Aaron Novick, part time.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

W. B. Harrell Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT PATENT PROVISIONS

Date	June 11, 19	54	Under:	Mask-Ord		59(00) rsity of Chicag
The undersigned contractor hereby certifies that a complete written disclosure of any and all inventions made under Contract No. Nonr-1059(00), Task Order, has been delivered to the Contracting Officer or his designee as required by the terms of the contract and that all records, including notebooks and reports, maintained or prepared in the performance thereof have been examined for any inventions that should be reported.						
The following schedule identifies, by the inventor, title and date of submission, all invention disclosures, if any, that have been submitted or are being submitted herewith in compliance with the terms of the above contract. This schedule further designates those inventions concerning which the contractor elects or has elected to file patent application. Other than those inventions reported in the disclosures listed in the following schedule, there are no inventions to report.						
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Application #320,816 was filed November 15, 1952 and permitted to lapse for lack of patentable invention.						
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (Contractor)						
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APPROVED:

(ONR Branch Office Contract Administrator or Chief

Scientist)

November 16, 1961

Mr. C. A. Lowe Grants Management Officer Division of Research Grants Public Health Service Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Mr. Lowe:

Thank you for your letter of 8 November 1961 in regard to Grant No. PHS-RG-6876 under the direction of Professor Leo Szilard.

Upon further investigation it has been determined that supplemental funds will not be required for the "Cl" and "C2" years of this grant for the purpose outlined in our letter.

We regret the delay in the submission of the final fiscal report for the initial year of the grant which terminated on 31 December 1960. However, we are advised by our Comptroller's office that one outstanding charge in the amount of approximately \$1,200 for stenographic services rendered in 1960 has not yet been received. It is expected that this will be taken care of in the near future and the report in question will be submitted at that time.

We regret any inconvenience caused you in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Irene E. Fagerstrom Assistant Business Manager (Special Projects)

cc: Dr. Carl R. Brewer

bcc: Prof. Leo Szilard

Dean W. H. Zachariasen

Mr. W. R. Rossman



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH, BRANCH OFFICE, LONDON NAVY 100, BOX 39, F.P.O. NEW YORK, N. Y.

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In Reply Refer To: 44:DEG:dp All/M2-4 Ser: 1551

1 6 APR 1957

Professor Leo Szilard Department of Biophysics University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

During a recent scientific liaison trip to India I had occasion to visit several organizations very much interested in extending their activities in biophysics and medical physics from the point of view of both research and teaching. These are: the Biophysics Division, Institute of Nuclear Physics, University College, Calcutta (Prof. N.N. Das Gupta), the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta (Dr. R.N. Chaudhury), the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Calcutta (Dr. S. Mitra) and the Indian Cancer Research Center, Bombay (Prof. V.R. Khanolkar). These groups are aware of some of the activities in the United States and are very much interested in finding out as much as possible about the problems encountered and how they have been solved. I have taken the liberty of referring these people to you and hope that you will find it possible to give them such information and advice as may be appropriate. They are scientifically of high calibre but face considerable difficulties in building up active organizations under present day conditions in India.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID E. GOLDMAN LCDR, MSC, USN

Scientific Liaison Officer

April 22, 1957 David E. Goldman, LCDR, MSC, USN Scientific Liaison Officer Department of the Navy Office of Naval Research, Branch Office, London Navy 100, Box 39, F.P.O., New York, N.Y. Reference: 44:DEG:dp Al1/M2-4 Ser: 1551 Dear Mr. Goldman: I wish to thank you for your letter of April 16th, and to say that I shall be glad to see the gentlemen mentioned in your letter if they make an appointment. Sincerely yours, Leo Szilard m