The METALLURGICAL LABORATORY

University of Chicago

May 9, 1942

Professor S. Hecht Pupin Physics Laboratory Columbia University New York, N. Y.

Dear Professor Hecht:

I shall be in New York on Monday, May 18, and stay throughout the week. I shall be freerafter Wednesday night than before that time, but I might drop in on Monday at tea time and take a chance on finding you in.

Did you find your Princeton interview satisfactory? Having given the matter further thought, it seems to me that it would be desirable for me to accompany you to see your Washington friend before we go any further. Every additional indirect contact involves an additional risk of having the thing go out of control, and I believe, we should hesitate to take action unless we are confident that we can eliminate all indirect contacts.

If you are taking an optimistic view in this respect and if your Washington friend wishes to see me, then, perhaps, we should visit him once more. Thus the day May 21, or one of the following days I would be free to accompany you. In any case, I hope to see you soon. With kindest regards,

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Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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May 29, 1942

Professor S. Hecht Pupin Physics Laboratory Columbia University New York, New York

Dear Dr. Hecht:

I plan to go to Washington on Monday, arriving in Washington Tuesday, June 2, at 8:40 A.M. on the Liberty Limited which leaves Chicago at 3:20 P.M. If your plans are unchanged and if you arrive in Washington also on Tuesday morning I would greatly enjoy having breakfast with you at the station. Should I miss you I would then try to see you at 10:AM. at your friends office. You could reach me up to Monday lunchtime by telegram, in care of the above address. Should you be in Washington earlier than expected and spend the night from Monday to Tuesday in Washington, then I would appreciate having your Washington address, which you could communicate to me by telegram upon receipt of this letter.

With kindest regards,

Yours,

Leo Szilard

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9 June 1942

Dear Sziland, The address is

1511 - 30⁴ St. I should have sent it to you before this, but I forgot about it. I shall be in Washinfton Saturday, and Can be reached in the Matimal Academy brilding, (ommittee on Vasual Problems.

Mours Sel, Hechl