

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 5, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
King's Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York, New York

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 12, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
5850 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am sending on to you a copy of my letter sent you last week. After calling the hotel in New York yesterday, I learned that you had checked out. Apparently the letter never reached you.

I am wondering whether we can bring you here for a conference at your convenience. I am very eager to discuss possible opportunities for you here at Brandeis.

Cordially yours,


A. L. Sachar

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June 30, 1953

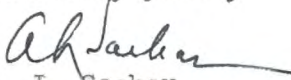
Dr. Leo Szilard
Institute of Radio-Biology and Bio-Physics
6650 Ellis Avenue
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420 West 116th Street
New York, New York

July 13, 1953.

President A.L. Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham Mass.

Dear President Sachar:

I am writing to thank you for your very kind letter of June 30. I need not say how very much I appreciate the confidence which your letter expresses. I should have responded earlier except that I understood from Max Lerner that you were down in Florida.

I am leaving tomorrow for Chicago and expect to be there for ten days. After this time I hope to be back East and to come up for another visit to Brandeis at your convenience. There is only one question that I should like to ask in the meantime, and perhaps you could drop me a line in answer to it at my Chicago address.

While I know from our conversation that it is contemplated to have key positions on the staff of Brandeis carry tenure, your letter does not state explicitly whether the appointment to the professorship offered by your letter carries tenure. If you are able to make a definite statement at this time on this point I should appreciate your letting me know in Chicago. When I have your answer I shall discuss the situation with the Administration of the University at Chicago and subsequently come to see you at Brandeis.

I hope that you had your well-deserved rest in Florida,
and I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours

Leo Szilard

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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 15, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Your letter asks whether your appointment to a professorship at Brandeis will carry tenure. When new people come to our staff, we usually feel that there ought to be a year's trial, and at the end of the year, tenure is assigned for those in the professorial class.

However, in the case of a man of your distinction and international repute, it would be absurd to ask you to come here without offering tenure along with the appointment. Hence, if we should bring you here, it should be understood that your appointment will certainly be on a tenure basis.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


A. L. Sachar

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January 6, 1954

Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi
Laboratory of the Institute for Muscle Research
At the Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Szent-Gyorgyi:

I am delighted to have your letter and to learn from it that we may have the privilege of welcoming you to the campus on Thursday, April 29. I appreciate your acceptance all the more because I know that you work under great pressure and that it is a real sacrifice for you to come. We are properly budgeted for this experiment in education and shall send our check in the amount of \$200 to the Institute for Muscle Research.

As we come closer to the date of your appearance here, we should like to have the details so that you may be met and so that provisions may be made for your comfort. Please plan to stay over for Friday morning in order that you may meet with interested students and faculty. But we will release you before noon on Friday and you can make your plans accordingly.

Heartily reciprocating your good wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

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CC: Dr. Leo Szilard ✓

Department of Biophysics
Medical School
University of Colorado
Denver, Colorado

July 24, 1954

Dr. Abram Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

I believe we were supposed to reach a final decision about my connection with Brandeis for the coming academic year during this third week of July. I called you today, Saturday, at 9:30 Denver time, at Brandeis, on the assumption that we could discuss and settle the matter over the telephone. I then learned that you had just left for Europe and would not be back until September. I hope you will have a good rest which is certainly well deserved.

There was some mixup with my mail and as a result of this, mail sent to me to my New York address lately will not reach me until Monday next, so I hope you didn't write me there and fail to get a response.

I shall try to contact you in September as soon as you get back.

With kind regards to you and your wife,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 14, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
King's Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I waited until now to write to you again because I had to get clearance for the statements in this letter. We want very much to bring you here, for you have a great deal to give to a young school like Brandeis. It is my understanding that you could obtain a leave of absence from the University of Chicago and that you have been considering part time service for us during the first year.

If you came on the days when Max Lerner is here, namely, Thursday and Friday, I would recommend the professorship at a salary of \$9,000 for this part time service. We should expect you to help us in planning the new science building, and I know that our faculty would be very much interested in meeting with you whenever possible to explore your suggestions with reference to the science curriculum. You indicated great interest in counseling some of our students who wish to specialize in the sciences. One course of your own we would expect you to take, and I know that you would have pleasure in giving it.

Naturally, it is our hope that in the following year you could come to us for good and give us a fuller measure of yourself. The base salary for full-time service for you would be \$12,000.

All of these matters would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, but this letter indicates that you can go on the assumption that this is what Brandeis would have to offer. I am really very eager now to clinch our negotiations, and I am hopeful that within a week or so we can have definite word from you.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,


A. L. Sachar

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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 9, 1954

Dear Leo:

You made a promise to us that you would be helpful to the University wherever it was possible for you to do so. Here is the first opportunity.

We need you to share a program with me in Los Angeles on October 25 and 26. We would have a press conference on the first day and the meeting itself would be on Tuesday. The University is prepared to offer an honorarium of \$500 for this service. You can be of tremendous assistance to us because the combination of the President of the University and a distinguished international figure like yourself would give us a very receptive audience.

Last year, I had the privilege of sharing the program in Los Angeles with former-Chancellor Robert Hutchins. I know that the community would go for this combination that I now suggest even more enthusiastically.

May I trouble you for a wire response and I hope that it will be affirmative.

Cordially yours,



A. L. Sachar

Dr. Leo Szilard
International Latex Company
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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March 15, 1955

President Abram Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

I believe in Los Angeles we talked about the possibility of setting up an institute for the study of aging. It now turns out that a group of splendid young men have banded together for just this purpose. They did this entirely on their own initiative and approached me at a fairly late stage of their deliberations. They think they might be able to obtain perhaps a half a million dollars a year for five to ten years, and are looking around for a home. If you think you could raise enough funds to put up a building of about 20,000 sq. ft. of laboratory space on the campus, they might be tempted by the location. I assume that Brandeis University could charge 10% overhead; i.e., \$50,000.00 a year, and would not have to provide for maintenance, but the university could not charge rent against the funds provided. The connection with the university would, of necessity, be a loose one, as the members of the institute would not want to engage in teaching.

I do not know what your situation is at present, but if this sounds attractive to you, drop me a line and I will explore the situation with the group. They will have to move quite fast in finding a home in order to put in an application for funds with the U. S. Government at an early date. Would you be able to move fast?

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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May 23, 1955

Dr. Bernard L. Strehler
Biochemistry Department
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Strehler:

I note from your letter that the weekend of June 17 and 18 is most convenient for the majority of your group to visit our campus. This will be fine for us and we shall welcome you here. I hope that just as soon as possible you can let me know how many we may expect so that proper arrangements may be made for the comfort of those who come.

We shall be glad to cover travel expenses and care of living expenses here. We shall cover the costs just as soon as we have the expense statements of those who come to the campus.

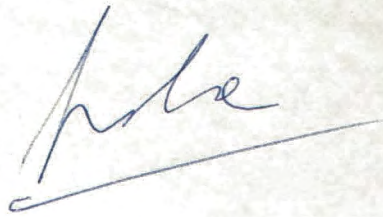
With every good wish.

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

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cc: Leo Szilard



June 30, 1955

Dr. A. Sachar, President
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

I talked to Strehler in New York after I left Boston and found him a little disheartened by the conversation which he had with you. I also talked to Mr. Consolazio in Washington and find -- as I suspected I would -- that he has not shifted his position in the least and is as favorable towards Strehler's group as he was before. The only explanation I can offer for Strehler's raising of the ante is a combination of his exhaustion through the 3-day meeting which we had and perhaps some lack of communication between you and him due to the different usage of the language.

On the basis of the discussion which I had with Consolazio the position is as follows: A 5-year grant given to an institution for a study of the kind which we discussed could probably not exceed \$100,000 a year if it has to come out of the budget just passed by Congress. The grant would be given to an institution and the salaries of the group could be paid out of it.

A 5-year grant out of the general budget of the National Science Foundation that would come out of the budget that Congress may pass next year, might go up to \$200,000 a year, would be given to an institution and salaries of the group could come

out of it as well as other expenses.

Any larger 5-year grant or a 10-year grant would have to come out of a special Congressional appropriation to the National Science Foundation rather than the general budget of the National Science Foundation.

If I interpreted your intentions correctly, you might be willing -- if a strong enough group expresses its intention to move to the Brandeis campus -- to set up a Research Institute which would be a wholly owned subsidiary of Brandeis, provided:

(a) You can have an assurance of a 5-year grant which takes care of the salaries of the group;

(b) You are able to raise about \$1½ million of endowment. This endowment, if invested in common stocks by the trustees of the Research Institute could bring an income of about \$100,000 which could be used for paying salaries after the first period of 5 years is over. In the meantime the income would be added to the capital to strengthen the endowment of the Research Institute;

(c) The Government grant is sufficient to reimburse Brandeis University in the form of rent or overhead or otherwise for the expenses which it would incur by making available to the Research Institute 20,000 square feet of laboratory space.

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If this correctly represents your intentions, you might formulate it in a letter addressed to Strehler. There is no urgent need for you to write such a letter and if in any way you don't feel comfortable about it, the matter may be postponed. On the other hand if you do write such a letter, I think it would hearten Strehler and set his thinking on the right track as far as Brandeis University is concerned.

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I wrote to Max about Karl Polanyi, for whom I really have a very high regard.

Sincerely yours,

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Leo Szilard

Enclosure

December 28, 1955

University of Chicago
The Quadrangle Club
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dr. Abram Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

Just a few lines to tell you that I did very much appreciate your frankness. I knew before I talked to you that I had no right to feel hurt and I know it even better now.

I have postponed writing the letter to Rosenstiel, which I feel I owe him, hoping that in the meantime your contract would come through. Naturally, my letter will make no reference to Brandeis University. Officially, I have no knowledge where the money is going to go.

Your plan of finding out through an intermediary how Rosenstiel would feel about my involvement in your project, seems to me excellent. I would appreciate your clearing up this point soon after receiving the contract.

As soon as it is cleared up, and provided I am supposed to be involved, I should like to get together with you and Cohen for a further discussion.

Setting up a medical research unit will create many problems for Brandeis. There is probably nothing I could say to you on this subject that you couldn't also learn from Cohen, but you would have to drag it out of him, while I am quite prepared to blurt it out, without being asked.

If your contract with Rosenstiel gives you enough freedom to set up a medical research unit, you might be able to go from this initial gift within a year or two, by striking the iron while it is hot, all the way towards permanently establishing at Brandeis a research unit that is small in size but financially secure. A research laboratory which might become in the future a drain on the general funds of Brandeis, would be a white elephant.

Letters sent to my Chicago address will reach me with some delay. The secretary of A. N. Spanel at Longacre 3-5000 can always tell you where I can be reached, if you want to contact me. ~~With~~

With kind regards,

Leo Szilard

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 24, 1956

Dear Leo:

You will be wondering why I have not yet replied to your letter of several weeks ago. I have been waiting eagerly for confirmation either from Judge Marx or from Louis Rosenstiel of the purposes of the promised gift. I sent a memorandum to Mr. Rosenstiel which would give us plenty of elbow room in the development of the research program. He felt that it was quite satisfactory, but he preferred to have it cleared with Judge Marx. But Judge Marx has been holidaying in Arizona and in Mexico. He will not return until the middle part of February.

I imagine that we must wait until that time so that I can have my conference with Judge Marx, work out all of the definite details, and then we will be in a position to make the public announcement of the gift. At that time we shall begin organizing the project itself. You may be sure that as soon as there is anything definite to report I shall be in touch with you.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,



A. L. Sachar

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 9, 1956

Dear Leo:

Finally, we have successfully concluded negotiations with the Rosenstiel Foundation, and the gift has been consummated. Last week I went into the Schenley offices and worked out all of the legal details with Judge Marx. The announcement from the Rosenstiel offices followed, and you have probably seen it in the general press.

We have had discussions with Lew Rosenstiel with reference to the organization of the research project. On the administrative side, he showed no enthusiasm for turning direction over to you, and apparently you must know the reasons for his reluctance here. On the research side, he has the utmost respect for you. As we begin the exploration of our long-range plans, I should like to invite you to participate as fully as you can. If you can become a member of the research team, it would add immeasurably to its creative importance. Please let me know where and when we can meet.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,


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June 1, 1956

MEMO TO DR. SACHAR

ON THE PROBLEM OF STAFFING THE ROSENSTEIN RESEARCH
LABORATORIES AT BRANDEIS AND RELATED PROBLEMS

FROM: LEO SZILARD

For once I am in favor of a bolder approach and would like to advocate to make three senior appointments, each with a salary budget of \$25,000 a year. This would mean three senior tenure positions and three major non-tenure positions. I understand that the names of three biochemists were seriously discussed -- Kalckar, Racker and Horecker. (Racker has an offer from Bethesda which he seems to prefer to anything that Brandeis might be able to offer him. Moreover, he will probably want to stay in New York so that we might just as well cross him off the list.)

Kalckar, I understand, would be the first to try and if he could be gotten -- which would be very good -- he would want to operate on a fairly large scale. You could offer him 6000 sq. ft. lab space and he could presumably command \$100,000 a year in outside grants.

This scale of operation in biochemistry would be as much as any major university would want to have. I think it would be a mistake for Brandeis to expand this type of biochemistry beyond this scope.

The two remaining senior appointments should therefore fall on the biological side of the biochemical borderline between biology and chemistry.

I assume that Kalckar's salary is \$14,800 a year and I would suggest that any offer that may be made to him should be attractive from a salary point of view.

If Kalckar could be gotten, I would be in favor of going right ahead and making the appointment without waiting to see who the other two senior appointments might be. Unfortunately, the odds are rather against being able to get Kalckar or even Horecker. If this somewhat pessimistic forecast

should prove to be correct then I would strongly urge not to try to make individual offers any further but rather to try to think about three very good men for the three senior positions who would be likely to come to Brandeis for each other's sake as much as for the sake of Brandeis. You could invite these three men to Brandeis at the same time and make them a collective offer which they may talk over with each other while they are under the spell of the beauty of Brandeis' campus.

I talked to Cohen about the possibility of getting Gell-Mann, a theoretical physicist, one among the most gifted of the younger generation, who is at present at Cal Tech. As you remember, I was not very much in favor of building up physics at Brandeis. Brandeis has far more chance of being outstanding in the field of biology and capturing the best young men in biology, than of accomplishing the same in physics. However, since it has been decided to build up physics, perhaps one should try to get ^{one} really first class man in this field. ~~that~~

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Whether it would be wise to make such a commitment is not for me to decide. If you want to go after Gell-Mann, then before contacting him, it would be wise to get more information about him. Cohen could write to Weiskopf with whom Gell-Mann worked in Cambridge, Mass., to E.P. Wigner in Princeton, who might be more reserved, to Bethe at Cornell, to Feynman at Cal Tech, and to Uppenheimer in Princeton.

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1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Ill.
June 2, 1956

Dr. Abram Sachar
President
Brandeis University
Waltham, Mass.

Dear Dr. Sachar:

I said that I would send you a memo on the problem of staffing the new research laboratory. After I last saw you, I visited Boston once more and had lunch with Cohen. I don't think that our positions are too far apart but there still remains -- as might be expected -- a slight difference in emphasis. I am sending you a memo in duplicate so that you may pass on a copy to Dr. Cohen if you so desire.

My own situation has become somewhat clearer now and therefore I am now coming back to the question that we discussed in our last conversation. It seems that I can, if I want to, have a five year appointment as a Senior Research Scientist At-Large from the National Science Foundation. This would leave me completely free to pursue my scientific interests anywhere I wish in connection with some university or research laboratory. So far the Rockefeller Institute, the California Institute of Technology, the Department of Pharmacology at the Medical College of New York University and the Department of Biophysics of the Medical School of the University of Colorado in Denver have expressed the desire to be involved, and these four institutions will act as sponsors of the proposal that I may send to the National Science Foundation. The California Institute of Technology would be the contracting agency. I assume the University of Chicago would also want to be affiliated but I have not discussed it with them yet.

In practice I assume that I would spend at least six months out of the year at the Rockefeller Institute in New York and during those six months it would be easy for me to come up to Brandeis whenever the need arises.

June 2, 1956

As I told you I am troubled by a very tough retirement problem. I am trying at present to straighten out this problem also.

This might be a good time to see if we can define what my relationship with Brandeis should be, if any. It seems to me that the next three to five years will be most critical for building up research activities at Brandeis. I therefore assume that my role would be initially more giving advice on staffing and general policy, and later on, as the research activities expand, more that of acting as a catalyst in connection with research problems.

The form of compensation that would suit me best would include a "retainer" to be paid for "life". Under this arrangement I would be at the disposal of Brandeis for consultation until such time as I may resign. It would be up to Brandeis to decide from time to time how much consultation they need, but unless mutually agreed upon, this should not exceed ten consultations per year and ~~each individual consultation should not exceed three days.~~ *a total of 30 days*

For these consultations Brandeis would pay travelling expenses and a per diem. However, in each calendar year the retainer would be deducted from the per diems due. Moreover, as long as I remain with the University of Chicago (where on the first of July I shall join the Institute of Nuclear Studies), or as long as I may hold a full time Fellowship of the National Science Foundation, I shall not charge Brandeis any per diems, so that Brandeis would pay only the retainer and travelling expenses.

As to the amount of the retainer, I would suggest that it be fixed at not less than \$1000, and not more than \$2500 per year.

As to the amount of the per diem, I would suggest that we fix it at a fairly low sum and let the agreement provide that it be increased \$3.00 per day each year up to a maximum of \$150 per day. This would take care

Dr. Abram Sachar

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June 2, 1956

of the expected inflation and increase in the standard of living.

I wonder whether the above detailed proposals fit in with the general concept which you have, and I would appreciate it if you would let me know your reaction and possibly some alternate suggestion.

When you have decided what my relationship to Brandeis would be then we would have to discuss what the designation of this relationship should be, and to find the right designation, I believe, would be quite important.

I am on the point of returning to Chicago, but I shall be back in the East by June 19th when I am supposed to attend a meeting at Johns Hopkins and another meeting in New York over the weekend of the 22nd. After that, on Tuesday, the 26th, I could come up to Boston unless I have to fly to Pasadena, in which case I could be back in the East during July, if necessary.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

Charles Edison

Alfred Cohen

Reference to Harry Parker
Littauer of Farmington
(Earl P. Osborn -
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Dr Harry Parker

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 4, 1956

Dear Leo:

My staff knew that letters from you must be covered personally by me and cannot be handled routinely. So they waited for the "respite" from travel, which apparently never comes. I do not remember a two months period which has been so harried.

We were alerted by our faculty about the recent Congressional action which authorized participation of the Government in financing facilities for research related to health. We wrote to the National Institute of Health for information, and we now have the application forms. As luck would have it, we shall probably get a handsome half million dollar gift from one of our Florida friends for "medical science facilities." Our architects and our School of Science Council are therefore working together on building plans, and we shall apply for matching funds from the Government. The Science Center, spearheaded by the Hayden grant, has now become a two-and-a-quarter-million dollar structure, and it has now been completed and is in use.

We are avoiding any too narrow terminology, as you suggest, for we can accomplish our purposes very much better by staying with the much broader research terms.

You have probably wondered about my silence on further negotiations over involving you as a University consultant. Silence was not indifference. We did a lot of thinking and exploring. We now feel that a consultant's relationship is not really using you with greatest effectiveness. If you could join our research family, living here and working here, it would be a privilege to have you. Is there a chance?

We all join in sending warmest good wishes.

Cordially yours,



A. L. Sachar

Dr. Leo Szilard
The Quadrangle Club
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois



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December 10, 1956.

Dr. A. L. Sachar, President
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Mass.

Dear Dr. Sachar,

I am writing to say that I received your letter of December 4th and I appreciate your advising me of the decision that you reached concerning the issue of my relationship with Brandeis which I had raised.

With best wishes for the coming holidays.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Letter

February 13, 1957

Dr. Abram Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

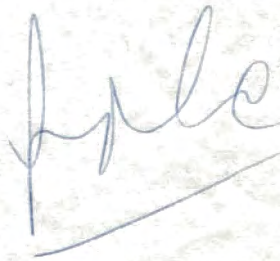
I write you in order to congratulate you on two excellent appointments; i.e. Linschitz and Greenberg. This is not meant to say that I do not approve of your appointments in Biochemistry on the Rosenstiel grant, except that I do not think - as you already know - that the appointments should have been in Biochemistry.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lh.

Leo Szilard



The Quadrangle Club
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois
August 31, 1956

Dr. Abram Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

Of course, I know better than to persist in giving advice free of charge or, even worse, in giving "unasked for advice", but I want to make sure that you are aware of the facts presented below before I lapse into dignified silence.

I understand that Congress has just passed a law which authorizes the participation of the government in financing facilities for research work which is related to health. If a research lab is built by a reputable institution for research in the medical sciences, in the broad meaning of the term, the government may pay half of the cost. Thirty million dollars have been appropriated for the current fiscal year.

I should perhaps say that I have not read the law and have learned about it only incidentally because I was consulted a few days ago by an institution that is drawing up plans to build a basic biological research laboratory (including biochemistry) at a cost of half a million dollars, and they are assured that they can get \$250,000. from the government under the statute.

August 31, 1956

This leads again back to the question which I raised in my last letter to Saul Cohen, of which I sent you and Lerner a copy. Would it not be wise to return to our original concept of a research laboratory dedicated to the medical sciences? Even though it is conceivable that the present designation "biochemistry" might not bar you from applying for federal support under the new law, I do not know whether the government would be willing to interpret the statute as broadly as that. Why use such a restrictive term as "biochemistry" if it makes it more difficult to raise funds for the lab both from the government and from a number of private sources?

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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cc: Dr. Saul Cohen
Mr. Max Lerner

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 16, 1960

Dear Leo:

Press reports have been referring to your illness and this brings great sadness to many of us here who have great affection and respect for you. We all ardently hope that your illness will be contained and that you may be spared for many years to come to continue as conscience and gadfly in a world that desperately needs better moral yardsticks and more effective prods.

We have made great progress here, especially in the sciences, since your last visit to the campus. Several magnificently equipped science research centers are now serving as tools in a brilliantly coordinated science research program that would warm your heart. I hope that we may have the privilege of a visit from you after you are fully restored.

Mrs. Sachar joins in sending you affectionate greetings.

Cordially yours,



A. L. Sachar

Dr. Leo Szilard
Memorial Center for Cancer and
Allied Diseases
444 East 68th Street
New York, New York

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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 24, 1961

Dear Leo:

This is a cordial invitation for you to participate in a special convocation of the University and to receive its honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. We are celebrating accreditation of the University by Phi Beta Kappa, an achievement rather unique for a young university since no other has so quickly been thus accredited since the 18th century. Princeton waited 126 years!

The University has grown gratifyingly and you will be astonished when you compare what you saw when you were part of our faculty with what the University has now become. I am especially proud that developments in science, and particularly in bio-chemistry, have won a favorable place for the University in the academic world.

We want very much for you to be there because few people in our generation have your stature in science and in the moral basis where you have always grounded knowledge and service. None of us can forget the Odyssey which you undertook to prevent the destructive uses of atomic power. We feel that we shall be honoring ourselves in honoring you.

The convocation is scheduled for Sunday, October 8. We hope you can come a day or two earlier so that we may renew our friendship more adequately. But, in any case, I do hope that the date of the convocation is free and that we may welcome you back.

With affectionate greetings,

Cordially yours,


A. L. Sachar

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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August 31, 1961

President A. L. Sachar
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar:

I greatly appreciate your very kind letter of August 24 and I am writing to say that I shall be pleased to attend the ceremonies on Sunday, October 8. My wife (who is also my doctor) and I would plan to arrive in Boston Saturday sometime after lunch, and we could then be available for whatever you might suggest that we do.

I take it that on Sunday I would be expected to suffer in silence, and that I need not prepare an address.

I wonder whether you have seen "The Voice of the Dolphins" which is enclosed. I wrote the lead story as my political testament when I was confined to the hospital last year. If you intend to refer to it in the "citation", I would want to ask the publishers to see to it that the book be available -- in paperback -- in your campus bookstore.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Enclosure

Leo Szilard

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 13, 1961

Dear Leo:

We are all delighted that we can welcome you back to the campus and I am especially pleased that you will come in early enough on Saturday so that we can have a little time together.

On Saturday evening, October 7, there will be a dinner party for our distinguished visitors and for the University's inner family. Our theme will be "The Intellectual and The Arena". Can we impose upon you to speak for 7 or 8 minutes? No one in our generation more completely symbolizes the brilliant man of intelligence who is completely committed to the problems of the arena.

If you will alert your publishers to send us a supply of your latest volume, which I read upon publication, we will be happy to have them on display in our campus bookstore. Although the penalty will be that you will probably have to do a lot of autographing!

I am glad to tell you that you will be joined at our Special Convocation by Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward), who is coming to us from Ghana, Gunnar K. Myrdal, who is flying in from Sweden, Adlai Stevenson, Luis Munoz Marin, Governor of Puerto Rico, and three or four others of similar vitality and calibre.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM 54, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 9, 1961

Dear Leo:

We were proud to have all of the dignitaries here who received honorary degrees. But in your instance it was a happy home-coming. Through the years you have been a growing legend, for your appearances at Education S have left an enduring impact. Many of our faculty were overjoyed that we could have you share one of the happy days of the University when we attained a coveted academic goal.

For me personally it was a joy to see how well you looked. We had almost despaired of you during your desperate illness. It meant a great deal to have you with us, for your wit, irrepressible energy, and as usual as original and profound in your observations as ever. I will tell you a secret if you will keep it in confidence. Walking back with Adlai Stevenson, he said to me that we could solve a lot of international problems today if we followed what Leo Szilard had said at the breakfast.

It was a special joy to meet Mrs. Szilard and we hope that both of you will have many happy years together. With much affection,

Cordially yours,


A. L. Sachar

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

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