

Physical Science Study Committee

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Dr. Leo Szilard
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Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am enclosing the material that we are usually sending to prospective writers of monographs. This fact automatically puts you on our list of people whom we would like very much to write a monograph for high school students.

We have two policies: one is to match author and subject; the other is to leave the choice of the subject to the author. It goes without saying that the second policy is adopted in your case. All I am going to say is that one of our pet ideas is that the monographs should show the interrelation between various branches of science. What physics principles, for instance, are applied in biology, or chemistry or technology?

I shall be in Chicago the week starting monday May the sixth, and I hope that I shall be lucky enough to find you in town and talk over the monograph project with you. Meanwhile will you give thought to possible authors, possible topics and the monograph you are going to write?

Sincerely

Laura Fermi

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General

May 1, 1957

Mrs. Laura Fermi
Physical Science Study Committee
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Dear Mrs. Fermi:

Many thanks for your letter of April 18th. Unfortunately, I am moving about and, in addition, I am snowed under trying to write an article and also a scientific paper -- as Milt can tell you -- at the same time. It looks very much as though I will be of no use to you for the present, which I regret.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LAURA FERMI
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Dear Szilard:

I was sorry to hear that you are not well, and would like to send you my best wishes.

In the last days I had occasion to read and write your name several times, in connection with a story of atomic energy which I am preparing for young people. This, of course, has made me think often about you and about the times you and Enrico were working together at Columbia.

I realized I never had a chance to tell you how grateful I was for your interest in my children. You are probably aware that Nella and Milton have now two children, Alice ($2\frac{1}{2}$) and Paul, (4 month old). Giulio took his generals in biophysics and did alright. I think you were the first to arouse Giulio's interest in microbiology, and I am grateful for this. He seems to enjoy microbiology and working with Dr. Stent much better than mathematics and Princeton.

Best and sincerest greetings

Laura F
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