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October 31, 1950

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Dear Dr. Ephrussi:

Enclosed you will find two manuscripts on the chemostat which are at present in print. I shall send you some blueprints of the new model and some other data on the new gadget as soon as I can get them together.

It was very nice having you with us in Chicago, even though your visit was short. Give my kind regards to your wife. We were very much impressed with her results.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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Nov 13, 1957

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13, RUE PIERRE CURIE, PARIS V'

TÉL. : ODÉON 16-40

Dear Mr. Tzotaid,

Karietta and I are going to spend incognito the coming week end in Chicago. We will probably arrive there on the 17th and leave in the evening of the 19th. We both would like very much to meet you; unfortunately our schedule will be very full and is unknown to us in detail. I would therefore appreciate if you could drop us a few lines at the Ambassador West Hotel, telling us where and when we can reach you.

Looking forward to meeting you again and with best regards from us both,

Sincerely

Boris Ephraïm

P.S. Please do not abandon any plans for the week end which you might have, for we are not certain that we will have time outside of official engagements.

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February 4, 1952

## LABORATOIRE DE GÉNÉTIQUE

13, RUE PIERRE CURIE, PARIS V'

TÉL. : ODÉON 16-40

Dear Szilard:

You must have considered it very tactless on our part not to have written to you about the outcome of our Chicago talks, after all the precious hours you gave us. Well, surprisingly enough, the whole business collapsed! The reason I have not written earlier is that I kept hoping that I will soon understand why it collapsed. However, two and a half months have now passed, and we still do not understand.

After seeing you in Chicago, we consulted several people in the East, saw the farm in question, and, as a result of all this, arrived at a favorable impression. We did not doubt that an offer was forthcoming and that we will accept it. However, just before leaving New York, and before I could convey to the trustees the favorable impression of all the talks and visits which they had prompted me to undertake (at the meeting held the next day after we saw you last), I was informed that no offer would be made to me. Both Beadle and Sonneborn were most surprised at this turn of ~~event~~ events, and ever since are trying, without any success, to find out what happened in the minds of the trustees. In fact, their letters remain without answer.

We were of course extremely disappointed. In many ways, it was a very attractive proposition. Besides, on our return to Paris, we found that the situation here had further deteriorated, on the moral level. This only strenghtens our desire to get out of here. Several of my friends in the USA are informed about this desire. It may, however, be difficult to find a job which will sound to me sufficiently attractive: I am very anxious to have as little teaching and administration as possible, and anxious also, of course, to find a place where Harriett could also work, either on a salary or on some sort of subsidy. On the whole, I would prefer a research institution to a University.

May I ask you to keep us in mind when you hear of openings which, in your opinion, would suit us? And what about Denver? I understand Puck is developing a biology group there. Do you think there are any possibilities there?

Needless to say, we should like <sup>to</sup> avoid useless publicity.

Aside from that, nothing essentially new here. The Lab is working fine, but Europe's future looks to me as gloomy as before.

With kind regards from both of us ,

Sincerely

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May 8, 1952

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Dear Ephrussi:

I owe you an apology for replying so late to your letter of February 4th. I was sorry to hear that nothing came of the plans of which you told me. Some time after I had your letter I saw Mr. Prentice (who is helping us in some work which we have started on bull sperm) and I saw him again recently. He mentioned to me his problem with the Miner Foundation and told me of meeting you. He seemed to be very sorry that nothing came of it, but didn't say what the reason for the decision had been (which obviously was not of his making).

Naturally I will keep your problem in mind, but I am not very likely to hear of the kind of openings in which you are likely to be interested. My two direct connections, Denver and Chicago, do not look promising. Denver is a small place which can grow only very slowly, and Chicago is on a regimen of economy at the present time.

Let me hear from you occasionally how you feel about things in general. Maybe you will come to the conclusion that the situation in Europe is not as bad as it was some time ago. One almost gets this impression from reading the newspapers.

With kind regards to you and Harriett,

Sincerely,

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Leo Szilard