

Copy for H. A. Compton

January 20, 1942

Progress Report to Dr. Doan and Dr. Hilberry on the Search for a Site in the New York Area.

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Dr. Anderson has taken over the task of looking for a site within a radius of about 15 miles from New York. The main requirement for this site is that it should be possible to turn it over gradually into a fully equipped development laboratory, but have it equipped within three months sufficiently to put up a pile and build it up quickly to the point where energy is liberated at a rate of a few watts. Until the new place is equipped, intermediate scale experiments could be performed at Columbia University, and if the required materials can be obtained, two or three intermediate scale experiments could be run simultaneously at Columbia.

In order to ascertain to what extent facilities at Columbia would be available for the purpose of intermediate scale experiments and other research work which is connected with the metallurgical project, I had an interview with Professor Pegram on January 19, who gave me the following information:

1. For the purpose of intermediate scale experiments, Columbia University would make available in the basement of Schermerhorn, in addition to the large room No. 106 which is already in use, another large room at eight weeks' notice, and the rest of the basement of Schermerhorn at four months' notice.

2. For the purpose of other experiments connected with the metallurgical project, Columbia University would make available in the Pupin Building, in addition to the laboratories on the 7th floor which are already in use, the following rooms and laboratories: one large room in the attic, the 12th floor at two weeks' notice, and the 11th and 13th floors at eight weeks' notice each.

3. In the basement Columbia University would make available the cyclotron room and the adjoining control room from which the cyclotron room is serviced, and, in addition to this, at the discretion of Columbia University either the rest of the basement or one section (about one-half) of the 10th floor.

*L. Szilard*

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Copy to Professor Pegram.

METALLURGICAL LABORATORY

TO: RESEARCH ASSOCIATES  
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RE: EXTENSION OF ACADEMIC CONTRACTS

All contracts for Research Associates and Assistants which were in effect on December 31, 1942, have automatically been extended to June 30, 1943. Therefore, those employees who have already signed contracts in the previous period will not receive new ones at this time.

R. L. Doan

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January 14, 1943

Mr. R. L. Doan

Mr. L. Szilard

Yesterday I received a mimeographed notice bearing your name which reads as follows:

"All contracts for Research Associates and Assistants which were in effect on December 31, 1942, have automatically been extended to June 30, 1943. Therefore, those employees who have already signed contracts in the previous period will not receive new ones at this time."

I had previously told Professor Compton that, my contract having expired December 31, 1942, I would not wish to be put on the payroll of the University of Chicago for a period immediately following that date, but would rather remain off the payroll as from December 31, 1942 until such later date as may be agreed upon.

I understand that Professor Compton intended to discuss in Washington various aspects of this question and I expect to hear from him in this connection upon his return. In the meantime I am writing you this note in order to ask you to keep my name off the payroll until you receive a statement from me to the effect that I would accept a further contract.

*Lh.*

L. Szilard

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