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23 March 1955.

Dr. Leo Szilard

Dear Dr. Szilard,

This brief letter is in answer to your request for more detailed information on the members of the committee. Since my secretary is absent today, I will omit social niceties and proceed with details:

Organization: Committee for Basic Research in Biological Ageing

Personnel: Bernard L. Strehler, ⁽³⁰⁾ temp. chairman, Ph.D. Johns Hopkins Biol., biochemist, bioluminescence, photosynthesis, biol. energy transfer. Asst. Prof. Univ. of Chicago, Biochem

Murray Eden, ⁽³⁴⁾ temp. secy. Ph.D. Univ of Md., physical chem. biophysics, mass spectrography of large molecules, mathematical biology, NIH, on leave at math. dept. Princeton.

Henry Mahler, ⁽³⁶⁾ Ph.D. Univ. of Calif. (Calvin) organic chem. Biochemistry, (fat, carbohydrate, metal, phosphate), Enzyme Inst. Univ of Wisc.

Henry Linschitz, ⁽³⁵⁾ Ph.D. Phys. Chem. (N.Y.U.?), photosyn. luminescence, photochem., information theory, Assoc. Prof. Syracuse Univer. Chem. Dept.

James Ebert, ⁽³³⁾ Ph.D. Johns Hopkins, Embryology, (Willäer), chemical embryology, immunology, etc. very original and broadly trained. Assoc. Prof. Univ. of Indiana, Blomington Zoology Dept.

Martin Gibbs, ⁽³²⁾ Ph.D. Biochemist, carbohydrate metabol. energetics, etc., Brookhaven Natl Lab.

Joseph Hoffman, ⁽²⁹⁾ Ph.D., Princeton Univ. Parpart, Biology (cell physiol.) Red cell structure, function, hemolysis, electron microscopy.

Wm. Arnold, ⁽⁵⁰⁾ Ph.D. Harvard, Biology, Photosynthesis, Biophysics, Mathematical Biol. Principal Biol. Oak Ridge National Lab.

Kimball C. Atwood, ⁽³²⁾ Columbia M.D. Neurospora Genetics, general biol. Biologist, Oak Ridge Nat. Lab.

Nathan Shock, ⁽⁵⁰⁾ Ph.D., Chicago, Cell physiol., Head gerontology section, NIH--considerable work in field.

Informally associated: Bentley Glass, ^(50?) Ph.D. Univ. of Texas, Genetics, Evolution, Gen. Biol. Prof. J. Hopkins.

Board of Advisors:

James Franck--you know details

A.J. Carlson--Pres. Gerontology Soc. etc. Univ. of Chic.

Sidney Spector--Research Director, Council of State Govts.

A. Szent-Gyorgyi--Woods Hole

Prof. August - Sociologist - currently interested in aging problems.

Others pending:

H. Urey, E.N. Harvey, H. Muller, Robt. Loeb

Plans: Recognition and sponsorship by AIBS in May.

Acquisition of funds

Association with a university.

You realize that the various members of the planning committee are not committed to join the research team unless the opportunity is promising. Shock would, for example, probably not be interested in joining the research group but is interested in promoting it as an adjunct(not formally) to his existing interests.

I believe that the contained information will meet your requirements. If not let me know specifically what is needed.

Kindest regards,

Bernie

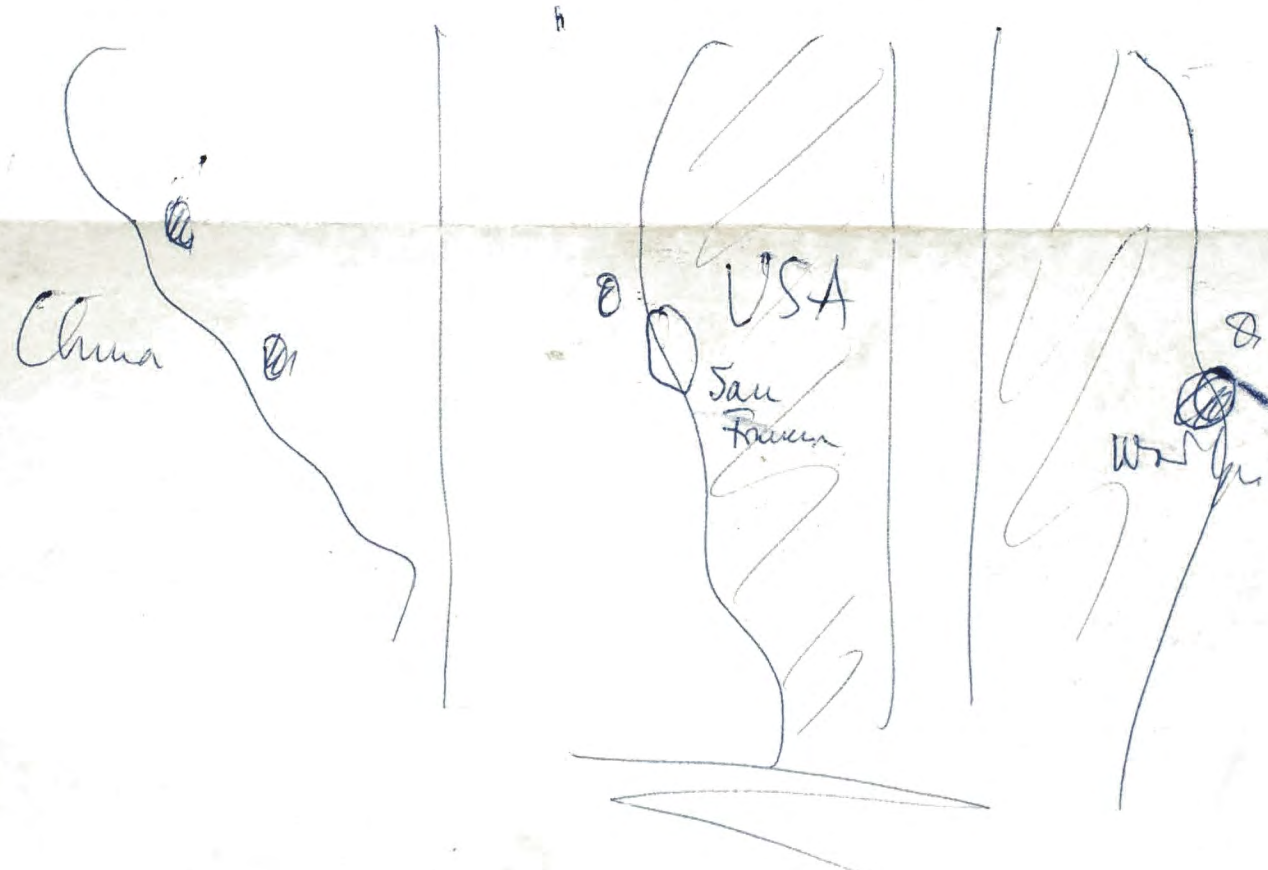
Bernard L. Strehler

Mr. PRESIDENT

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~~WE APPEAL TO THE SENSE OF FAIRNESS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE~~



April 25, 1955

Senator Estes Kefauver
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Estes,

This letter will serve to introduce a friend and colleague, Dr. Leo Szilard. During a recent visit to Washington, I had occasion to learn that he was desirous of speaking with you, and I therefore suggested that, in view of our past acquaintance, I would write this letter of introduction.

In Washington, he may be reached at the Sheraton Park Hotel. I hope that you will make such arrangements as are possible and convenient to visit with him in the event that he should contact your office for an appointment.

Sincerest regards,

Bernard L. Strehler

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May 4, 1955

Dr. Abram L. Sachar
President
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Sachar,

Last week-end our Committee was officially sponsored by the A.I.B.S. Events are proceeding generally smoothly.

The purpose of this letter is to get your opinion on the best time for a meeting at Brandeis. Szilard and the rest of us feel that a date in late May or early June would be desirable, but we would like to arrange it so that we can become acquainted during the course of the conference, not only with the physical environment, but also meet with some of the scientific and administrative personnel of Brandeis, including yourself. Would you please indicate at your earliest convenience what time would be preferable and what times are absolutely excluded so that this may be taken into account along with the desires of the membership, which is now being polled with respect to this matter.

Thanks, also, for the generosity of the travel reimbursement.

Kindest regards,

Bernard L. Strehler
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Committee for Basic Biological
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University of Chicago

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cc: Leo Szilard
Murray Eden