

X

G. M. GIANNINI & CO., INC.

30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

NEW YORK

Circle 7.5895-96
Cable AMITARAD

St. Anton, Austr. March the 8 th, 1936.

Mr. Leo Szillard,
%Claremont Haynes and Co.,
Vernon House, Bloomsbury Square,
London, W.C.I.

Dear Mr. Szillard,

Last summer I wrote you asking for some information about your artificial radioactivity patents, and received no answer: probably the letter was improperly addressed. I must therefore introduce myself: I am a pupil of Prof. Fermi of Rome, and studied with Amaldi, Segre' and Rasetti whom you well know either personally or by name. I am now a consultant physicist and engineer in New York.

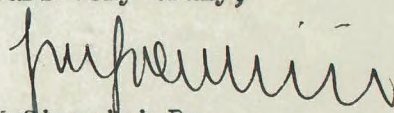
There I am handling some patents on artificial radioactivity taken by Fermi and his collaborators. A few days ago I was in Rome and understood by Amaldi and Segre' that you have met several times.

Now their applications and patents, fortunately enough, do not interfere with yours, namely the 440,023, but rather complete each other. I think therefore that it would be useful for us to meet. It may interest you that we are organizing in the U.S. a company for the manufacture of substances covered by some of our applications.

I am traveling Europe and am quite pressed. I expect to be in London the 16, 17, 18, 19: Segre' tells me that you are at the Clarendon Laboratory in Oxford, but he was not positive. We could meet in London if this is convenient to you, or otherwise I may come to Oxford or wherever you may be. Would you be kind enough to write or telegraph me an appointment for any of the above days, to Hotel Royal, Eindhoven, Holland, by the 13 th?

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you, I remain,

Yours very truly,


G.M. Giannini Pr.

c/o The Clarendon Laboratory,
Parks Road,
OXFORD.

11th March, 1936.

Dear Mr. Giannini,

I should be very pleased to see you.
I am living in Oxford - my private address is 8, Keble Rd,
and I am working at the Clarendon Laboratory, Parks Rd.
My telephone numbers are Oxford 2826 (private) and 3545
at the Laboratory.

My movements in the next few days are
somewhat uncertain, and I may be in London when you arrive.
If I am in London, I am staying at the Harewood Hotel,
74, Gower Street, Telephone No. Museum 3941.

I believe it would be most convenient
for both of us if you would send me a wire both to my
Oxford and my London addresses as soon as you arrive in
London and let me know your London address and telephone
number; I would then telephone you and we could make an
appointment. It might be advisable for us to meet not
later than the 17th.

Should you be in London for the first
time, you might like to know something about Hotels. I
believe you would find the Warldorff Hotel, Kingsway,
quite convenient, or if you want a more expensive hotel

you would probably find Grosvenor House, Park Lane,
satisfactory.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

G. M. Giannini, Esq.,
Hotel Royal,
Eindhoven,
HOLLAND.

G. M. GIANNINI & CO., INC.

30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

NEW YORK

Circle 7.5895-96

Cable AMITARAD

April 20, 1936

Dr. Leo Szilard
Clavendon Laboratory
Oxford, England

Dear Dr. Szilard:

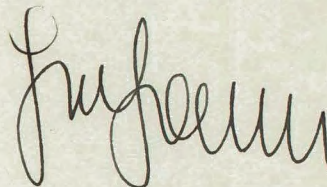
I have been waiting to hear from you on the subject of our conversations, but I have received as yet no news.

I would appreciate very much if you will be kind enough to let me know about your pending plans, so that I may eventually draw up an agreement along the lines suggested and send it to you for your examination and approval.

I am still very much interested in a corporation with you and it may interest you that at the present time I am working on plans for the formation of an independent laboratory on radioactivity, which may eventually develop into an industrial unit. The plan is very similar to the one you had for England, although a different scope.

Waiting to hear from you, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



GMG:MG

c/o Clarendon Laboratory
Parks Road
O X F O R D

8th August 1936

Dear Giannini,

I ought to have answered your letter (April 20th 1936) before and have to apologize for not having done so. I am writing this only to inform you that after your departure I have made no attempt to do anything further towards the creation of some sort of organization. Patents like those which I have taken out should not be considered as my private property and I am reluctant to dispose of them as if they were mine. It is probably best to wait until some other physicists take an interest in such matters and are willing to share the responsibility for the steps which have to be taken.

I shall be very interested to hear how your plans have developed since I last saw you. Do not follow my bad example and keep me informed as far as possible. I am convinced that we shall be able to co-operate in some form if practical applications of real importance materialize.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely,

(Leo Szilard)

P.S.

I shall be working in Oxford over the holidays and if you should pass through England do come and see me.