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BOULDER, COLORADO  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
December 29, 1950

Professor Leo Szilard  
University of Colorado

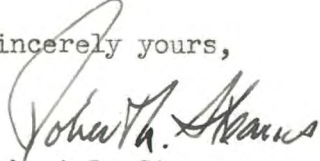
My dear Professor Szilard:

With the approval of the Board of Regents of the University, I am happy to inform you of your appointment as Visiting Professor of Biophysics in the School of Medicine on a part-time basis effective with the beginning of the Winter Quarter of 1951 with a total salary at the rate of \$4,500 a year on a twelve-month basis.

This appointment is for one year. I hope it may be possible, if it proves agreeable to yourself and to both Universities concerned, to continue your visiting appointment for further periods of time.

Will you kindly report to the Payroll Accountant in the Business Office in order to fill out the withholding tax certificate as required by federal law.

I shall be glad to receive your acceptance of this appointment.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Robert L. Stearns

1155 East 57th Street  
Chicago 37, Illinois  
January 13, 1951

Mr. Robert L. Stearns  
President's Office  
University of Colorado  
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Mr. Stearns:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 29 informing me of my appointment of Visiting Professor of Biophysics in the School of Medicine on a part-time basis and to say that I am happy to accept this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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Chicago 37, Illinois

King's Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th Street  
New York, New York

Denver - March 4, 1955

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President, Boettcher Foundation  
828 Seventeenth Street  
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Dear Dr. Stearns:

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The enclosed memorandum gives you an idea of what it is that I might want to try to do. Naturally, I also have some preconceived notions as to the basic premises from which such a group would start and as to the kind of conclusions with which they might emerge.

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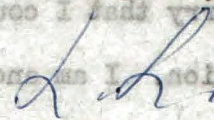
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President, Boettcher Foundation  
825 Seventeenth Street  
Denver, Colorado

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420 West 116th Street  
New York, New York  
March 14, 1955  
With kind regards

Dr. Robert L. Stearns  
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828 Seventeenth Street  
Denver, Colorado

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or else you, yourself, could take it up with them directly. I am grateful for the consideration which you are giving to this matter.

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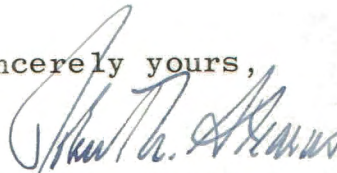
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With genuine regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Stearns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert L. Stearns  
President

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