

5650 Ellis Avenue

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Mr. Charles W. Ferguson  
Editorial Office  
The Reader's Digest  
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of March 4th. The stuff I left with you was not meant to be suited for your purposes. Neither, I believe, is the Mark Gable Foundation. They were just exhibits to show that I can read and write.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Chicago. You might find the Shoreland Hotel a very pleasant place to stay. It is not far from the University, facing the lake, and about 15 minutes by taxi from downtown Chicago. My home phone number is HYde Park 3-8601 and the address is the Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street. If I am not home the switchboard will take a message for me and I can call you back. During the day you may also reach me, or someone who knows how to get hold of me, at Midway 3-0800, extension 2585. This is my laboratory which, incidentally, you might like to see. The address is 5650 Ellis Avenue, room 308.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS/sds

cc: Norman Cousins



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Dr. Leo Szilard  
c/o Dr. Robert B. Livingston  
National Institute of Health  
Bethesda, Maryland

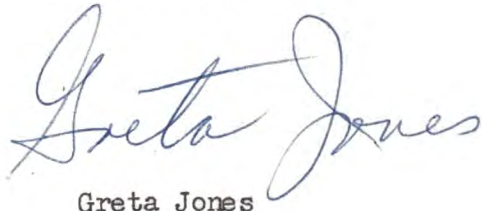
Dear Dr. Szilard:

An official of the National Education Association in Washington recently wrote us pointing out that you and Drs. Edward Teller, Eugene Wigner and John VonNewman, all world renown atomic physicists, had all attended the same school in Budapest. It occurred to him that perhaps the school itself or a teacher there had in some way influenced or inspired all of you. He thought it was interesting, too, that all four of you had come to the United States and made great contributions here, and he wondered why it was you had all chosen the U.S. rather than some other country. He has suggested that there might be an article in this for us.

Would it be possible to call me collect (phone listed below) at your earliest convenience to let me know whether or not you give any credence to his theory that your achievements (and residence in this country) may have in some way be tied to your early schooling?

We would very much appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

  
Greta Jones

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

I must say we thoroughly enjoyed our luncheon session with you. There is no doubt that you have a good sense of journalism and I am glad to know that you have reached a point now where you want to write.

Unfortunately the material you left me is not quite along proper lines for our purposes. The Mark Gable Foundation seems to me closest and I'll get some other readings on this one. The other material I'll hold here and return it if you feel that you'd like it back.

I plan to be in Chicago March 12th and 13th. I'll ring you up to see if we can have a session and talk over specific ideas.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles W. Ferguson

Dr. Leo Szilard  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

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