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February 13, 1957

Dr. Leo Sziland
Quadrangle Club
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Dr. Sziland:

Marshall may have told you that I am no longer associated with Olympic Radio, due largely to major policy involving working capacity.

I have now reactivated Commonwealth Research and we are very adequately financed by Manton Industries. Our aim is to contract a group of absolutely top engineers and scientists in various fields and to furnish industry with engineering services including draftsmen, engineers, and top consultants. In this latter category, we will use the services of Mr. Blee, formerly Chief Engineer of TVA, and at present a consultant on the St. Lawrence Waterway, Mr. Warner, formerly Chief Engineer of St. Regis Paper Co. and Robert Gair Co., one of the countries top engineers on paper and pulp mills. Other men in similar fields will be brought into our company as consultants.

At the present time, we are negotiating a major project in the atomic energy field where your services as a consultant would be most desirable. The work would involve possibly two or three days per month in a strictly consulting capacity. You would not have to worry about administration problems and the work would be undertaken by top men in this field.

I should like to discuss this in more detail with you the next time you are in New York and hope that you will call me in any case. In the meantime, please advise if you will be interested in such an association and how much you would charge for two to three days monthly.

I have enjoyed very much our few meetings in the past and do look forward very much to renewing our friendship on your next trip to New York.

Sincerely yours,

COMMONWEALTH RESEARCH CORPORATION

Anthony Easton
Anthony Easton, President

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February 18, 1957

Mr. Anthony Easton, President
Commonwealth Research Corporation
730 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Easton:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of February 13th.

If the problems concern peace-time applications of atomic energy rather than military applications, then I am interested in principle. Perhaps you can tell me when we meet in New York what the project is about, who the men may be that you hope to enlist for it, and what type of clearance that project requires. I might know by then whether I would be free to negotiate an agreement with you, or whether there would be a conflict with another consultantship about which I have been approached (see attached copy). In the meantime I can tell you what fees and expenses I would have to charge you, assuming that I am otherwise in a position to accept your proposal. These are as follows:

Plane fare from wherever I am to New York and return; and miscellaneous travel expenses, such as hotel bill, etc. not exceeding \$50. per trip.

A fee of \$800. for each trip, assuming that the conference does not exceed three consecutive days.

I would need a guaranteed yearly minimum of \$5,000. that would set a lower limit in case the number of actual consultations remains below a certain yearly minimum; this could take the form of a retainer payable a conto of the actual consultation fees.

Should this appear too burdensome to your organization, we might arrive at some other arrangement. If the consultations can take place when I happen to be in New York for other purposes and do not necessitate a special trip on my part, I could charge you a lower fee, and there would of course be no transportation costs involved.

I shall be in New York at the latest by Friday, March 1st, but am tied up both for lunch and dinner on that date. However, I could see you in between meals or else on Saturday, March 2nd, for breakfast. Perhaps you could drop me a line and tell me which of these dates would be most convenient for you. If I get to New York on an earlier date, I shall call your office over the telephone. I shall probably not stay in New York on this trip beyond the weekend of March 2nd.

I am looking forward to seeing you in two weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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February 20, 1957

Dr. Leo Sziland
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Dear Dr. Sziland:

It was very nice to receive your letter of February 18 and we are delighted that you will be interested in the program on which we are working.

At the present time, we are negotiating with the Cook Electric Co. of Chicago to furnish some 250 engineers and technicians who will be involved in the design, installation and management of several Nuclear Reactors to be located in various Universities for the purpose of student education. Certainly this work is not for military application and is entirely possible that it would not come under security regulations.

The work will be undertaken in the new Cook Electric Technical Center which, I believe, is located at Mortongrove, a suburb of Chicago.

We have discussed this program with Mr. Allen Messick, Chairman of the Finance Committee of Cook Electric Company, and we are waiting for the return of the President of this company, Mr. Hasselhorn, to finalize our plans.

As the work will be undertaken in the Chicago area, at least to start, this will certainly be convenient for you and we are more than satisfied with the terms outlined in your letter to us.

I should look forward very much to seeing you on your next trip to New York and would enjoy breakfast on Saturday, March 2. Perhaps you would be kind enough to telephone me at the office on Friday afternoon, March 1, so that we can arrange to meet the next day.

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Chicago, Illinois

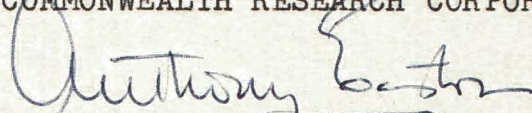
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Please advise me definitely if we can count on you
in this program and keep the above information confidential
at this time.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

COMMONWEALTH RESEARCH CORPORATION


Anthony Easton, President

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