

c/o Clarendon Laboratory
Parks Road
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30th January 1937

Dear Segrè,

I have not heard from you for a long time. How are you, and how is your work? Enclosed I am sending you a M.S. which will appear in "Nature". I also wanted to tell you that I have been approached about the patent which we discussed some time ago, and that I have signed an agreement but have reserved the right to give the right to manufacture in cases in which Fermi or ~~and~~ certain other physicists who work in the field of nuclear physics are of the opinion that such rights ought to be granted; the chemical separation of the radioactive elements from their irradiated isotopes is however for the present excepted from this reservation. Perhaps you could inform Fermi and Giannini if you think that they ought to be informed. I saw Giannini last year in April, I believe, but I have not heard from him for a long time and I do not seem to have his address.

With kindest regards,

Yours,

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c/o Clarendon Laboratory,
Parks Road,
Oxford.

30st January 1937.

Messrs. Haseltine, Lake & Co.,
28 Southampton Buildings,
Chancery Lane,
London, W.C.2.

Dear Sirs,

Will you please kindly note the fact that I have concluded an agreement concerning the American patent, for which you have power of attorney on my behalf, with Konsul Isbert Adam, Stadtgraben 14, Danzig, and that it is my wish that you shall carry out his instructions and charge him for the expenses in case I should be prevented by circumstances from taking the necessary steps with regard to this application.

The American patent ^{application} as it stands at present does not contain all of the subject matter which was contained in the original application but only that part of the subject matter which corresponds to my published English patent on the same subject. The rest which may form the subject of a second American application which I might file before the application in the present form is accepted does not concern Mr. Adam.

I shall be indebted to you for an acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Leo Szilard)

c/o Clarendon Laboratory,
Parks Road,
Oxford.

29th January 1937.

Messrs. Haseltine, Lake & Co.,
28 Southampton Buildings,
Chancery Lane,
London, W.C.2.

Dear Sirs,

Please kindly note that I concluded an agreement with Mr. I. Adam, of Danzig, concerning the American application for which I gave you power of attorney. Dr. A. Brasch, c/o Edwin H. Bloch, Long Island City, 3516 34th Street, N.Y., U.S.A., the nephew of Mr. Adam, wants to be kept fully informed of the progress of the American application and whenever it should happen that I fail to give you instructions at the proper time I wish you to follow the instructions of Dr. Brasch. In order to enable him to give you such instructions I should appreciate it if you could send him a copy of all correspondence on the subject from now on and also a copy of the official action which you recently received.

I shall appreciate your acknowledging this letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Leo Szilard).

P.S. Dr. Brasch must not be informed on the subject matter which does not form part of the present application but was contained in the application as originally filed. I intend to bring the subject matter which I have deleted from the present application into a second application which ought to be filed before the acceptance of the present application. The second application however does not concern Dr. Brasch.

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25th January, 1937.

Dr. L. Szilard,
c/o Clarendon Laboratories,
Parkes Road,
OXFORD.

Dear Sir,

re Your United States Patent Application
Serial No. 10500 of 1935.

In connection with your above numbered United States Patent Application we have received a further Official communication from the Examiner.

The newly drafted descriptive portion of the Specification has been entered upon the Official record and no further objections have been made in this respect. The new claims 24 to 51 have been rejected on the publications cited in the Official Action of the 17th June, 1935. We suppose that you have copies of these publications and should be obliged if you would forward them for our consideration. The Examiner suggests that claims 24 to 34, and 47 to 51 recite only the broad concept of producing a radiation containing neutrons and utilising the neutron radiation to produce radio-activity in normally non-active bodies. It is further alleged that this broad concept is fairly

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anticipated by the disclosure on pages 156, 157 of Vol. 13 of the Bell System Technical Journal (January, 1934), and by the disclosure on page 110 of this same publication. Where the claims are not completely anticipated by this publication, it is suggested that there is no patentable step in deriving the subject-matter of the claims given this publication. The apparatus claims 35 to 46, are rejected as defining obvious apparatus for obtaining the results set out in the publication mentioned above. The Examiner further alleges that the apparatus claimed in these claims would be obvious to any worker skilled in the art who had the publication referred to, in his possession.

It will clearly be necessary to make a careful study of the publication relied upon by the Examiner, and as stated above, we should be obliged if you would let us have a copy of the publication if it is in your possession. At the same time please let us have your comments on this publication in regard to your invention. If you so desire we can obtain photostat copies of the pages of the publication indicated by the Examiner as being pertinent.

We are allowed up till the 14th July next to file a reply to this present Action. Your instructions should be in our hands before the end of May next in order that we might have adequate time for the preparation of a full response to the Action.

Yours faithfully,

Dr.L. Szilard,

28th January, 1937.

P.S. This letter is being despatched to you since we have not yet been informed of the name and address of the Company referred to by you on the telephone last Monday. As soon as you let us know the name and address of the Company, a duplicate of this present letter will be despatched to them as requested.