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June 8, 1949

Dr Leo Szilard, Quadrangle Club, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr Szilard,

Some three years ago I spoke to you by phone when you called to make inquiry concerning my brother Lawrence Annenberg. Although I did not tell you at the time, he did not speak to you or get in touch with you as suggested by you, because he was ill with a nervous disorder suffered as a result of his war service.

For the past three years Larry has been a patient at Chestnut Lodge Sanitarium, Rockville, Md, which is one of the outstanding institutions for illnesses of this kind, and has made a great deal of progress. However, the expense (\$660. per month), has been a terrible burden on me and I have gone into debt in an effort to keep him there. During all this time I have been trying to get the government to maintain him there but thus far have been unsuccessful.

Recently I was instrumental in causing a private bill to be introduced into Congress, which, if passed, would provide for Larry's hospitalization at Chestnut Lodge. In the near future a hearing thereon will be held, and in that connection it would be helpful if I could get a letter from an outstanding person like you stating that you know of Larry's outstanding abilities and pointing out that because of these abilities and his potential usefulnes, he is worth all kinds of special effort to save. I was wondering if I could presume to ask you for such a letter.

Larry has been making continued progress at Chestnut, and the doctors are quite encouraged. But if this bill does not pass, I shall have to remove him contrary to the advice of the staff at Chestnut Lodge who are definitely of the opinion that he should remain there. Hence you can appreciate how important this matter is.

Please accept my thanks for any help you may give me.

Sincerely yours,

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June 17, 1949

Mr. Norman Amenberg 29 Broadway New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Amenberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 8th, and I regret very much to hear that your brother has been ill for such a long time as a result of the mental strain imposed upon him by his military service. I know from conversations with Professor Ritt and Professor Koopman, both of Columbia University, that he was considered to be a mathematician of unusual originality and great promise. There is a great scarcity of men of this sort in our universities, and if by continued treatment there is any chance to restore him to health and to the community of scientists, there is no better use to which the taxpayers money could be put.

Simperely yours,

Leo Szilard

file 5 WASHINGTON 7, D. C. LAW OFFICES THE HILLYARD HOUSE NORMAN ANNENBERG TOTI NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., N. W. FEDERAL 7-4595 200 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK 19, N.Y. CIRCLE 5-7575 March 19th, 1962 Mr. Leo Szilard Dupont Plaza Hotel Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. Szilard: You will probably recall that I am the brother of Lawrence Annenberg, the mathematician and physicist in whom you were interested many years ago. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I read of your recent recovery. I hope that you will be around for many years to continue the fight for peace and the development of science. Sincerely yours, NORMAN ANNENBERG NA:fs