

June 25, 1947

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Dr. Ward Darley
Office of the Dean
School of Medicine & Hospitals
University of Colorado
4200 East 9th Avenue
Denver 7, Colorado

Dear Dr. Darley:

I am about to leave Chicago for Cold Spring Harbor where I hope to learn some techniques working with phage (Biological Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York up to July 20th).

Soon after you left I talked to Dr. O. H. Robertson about Dr. Puck's work. I have the highest regard for Robertson and was very pleased to hear that he gave an excellent recommendation for Dr. Puck thus confirming my own impressions. All the equipment which you saw and the techniques which are now in use in that laboratory were worked out by Dr. Puck. I was not fully informed about these points when I saw you and could, therefore, not answer your question with certainty.

Both Puck and I will spend much of the next year trying to learn special techniques. Puck will go, in September, to Beadle's Laboratory at Cal. Tech. on a fellowship from the Committee on Growth. I hope to spend my time between now and the first of October in various laboratories but will be in Chicago steadily from the first of October until the end of the year.

I was very glad that you could stop over in Chicago and that we thus had an opportunity to meet.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
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July 1, 1947

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Leo Szilard, M. D.
The University of Chicago
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My dear Doctor Szilard:

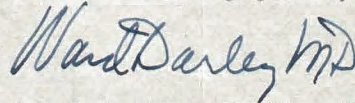
Thank you very much for your recent letter of June 25, 1947.

I was very much impressed with both you and Dr. Puck, and I sincerely wish that we here at the School of Medicine could see our way clear to instituting a Department of Biophysics during the coming year.

We have just finished setting up our new budget, and unless we are fortunate enough to obtain help from some outside source, foundation or otherwise, it will not be possible for us, from the financial standpoint, to take this important step. The only thing that we can do within the limits of our own resources has been to send one of our good physiologists to the University of California for the three-weeks' course which it is offering in biophysics.

Regardless of our inability to give serious consideration to a Department of Biophysics, I hope that when you visit Colorado this summer you will have time to pay our School a visit. In the meantime, I am forwarding the file that concerns you and Dr. Puck to President Stearns, with the hope that the Boulder Division of the University might find it possible to do something in this particular field.

Most sincerely yours,



Ward Darley, M. D., Director

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July 25, 1947

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Dr. Ward Darley, Director
University of Colorado
Medical Center
4200 East Ninth Avenue
Denver 7, Colorado

Dear Dr. Darley:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 1st of July. I was sorry to see that you feel at the present discouraged about creating a biophysics department at the Medical School. In many ways a biophysics department fits in better with the Medical School than with any other part of the University. On the other hand, there is no particular reason why you should build such a department in a hurry and in a sense it does represent, from a point of view of the Medical School, something of the sort of a luxury.

Owing to a change in my vacation plans I will probably not go through Colorado this summer (unless there is a second change), but I am sure that I will get to Denver before long and I shall certainly pay your school a visit at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
BOULDER, COLORADO
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 7, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
Institute of Radio-Biology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Leo:

I shall be in Chicago on October 29 returning to Denver from a meeting in the east, and if you are going to be in town I should like very much to have luncheon with you. Mrs. Darley and I shall have a room at the Palmer House for the day, so I would like to suggest the Palmer House as the place for us to have luncheon.

If you find that it is inconvenient for you to be in Chicago at this time, please do not make any radical change in your plans.

Sincerely yours,

Ward Darley

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October 19, 1953

DEPARTMENT OF BIOPHYSICS

Dr. Theodore Puck
University of Colorado

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ted:

Since seeing you last week, I have given a great deal of thought to our situation relative to Dr. Szilard. My thinking had to come to a head more or less yesterday when I held my monthly session with my key administrative people.

First, as I am sure you know, I am very sympathetic to the ideas relative to Szilard that you have in mind, and I most sincerely wish that the resources necessary to carry out these ideas were readily at hand. I have written to Leo expressing the hope that we might get together in Chicago during the day on October 29. When I see him and think out loud with him once more, the following will almost have to be my line of reasoning:

(1) That we are most desirous of having him with us on a full-time basis.

(2) That I can well appreciate that the time has come when he feels he cannot stay longer in his present situation.

(3) That we also are anxious that nothing happen to deprive us of the stimulating association with Dr. Weiss.

(4) That the resources necessary to placing him on a full-time tenure basis are not in sight at the present time and the only immediate hope I can see of obtaining these resources will depend upon the outcome of the forthcoming Legislative session.

(5) That I wish I could be honestly hopeful of a significant increase in Legislative support this coming winter. We will be dealing with the same Legislature this time as last. No increases were forthcoming last time, and while I think we will obtain some increase this year, I am fearful that the amount we will gain will not permit any expansion of present faculty or program.

(6) That I would like to hope his situation for next year with Brandeis University would be such that our present arrangement could continue so that we could determine whether the outcome of next fall's election and the attitude and interest of the resulting Legislature would be such that we could obtain the additional Legislative support we need.

(7) That in the event this new Legislature lets us down, even though Szilard might find it necessary to set up tenure at the new Brandeis University, we could still keep an arrangement in effect that would bring him to us frequently.

Dr. Theodore Puck -2

October 17, 1953

I realize that, with justification, you feel that the University should increase the amount of its support to your department, particularly to the extent that would permit you to add Dr. Szilard as a permanent staff member. I think you realize that as fast as we can, this support is being increased, but whether or not it can be increased enough to meet your desires as far as Dr. Szilard is concerned will depend upon developments. Only time will tell if developments can take place soon enough to keep Dr. Szilard from making a permanent move to New England. In the event that worse comes to worst and both Leo and Gertrud slip from our grasp, we will certainly make every effort to see that the amount of money now ear-marked for Szilard can be kept intact so that he can still visit us periodically.

Sincerely yours,

Ward Darley

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DR. WARD DARLEY

Executive Director

December 9, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
DuPont Plaza Hotel
DuPont Circle
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leo:

Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Chief, Division of Public Health Methods, Office of the Surgeon General, USPHS, is becoming very much interested in the problem of the world's increasing populations. I have told him of your interest in this same problem and I expect that he will be contacting you within a few days in the hope that you might be able to discuss this matter of mutual concern.

I was pleased indeed when Trudy telephoned me the other day from O'Hare to learn that things have been going so well for you both.

Kindest personal regards.

Most sincerely yours,

Ward Darley

Ward Darley, M. D.
Executive Director

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Dictated but not signed
by Dr. Darley

January 22, 1964

Dr. Ward Darley
Executive Director
Association of American Medical Colleges
2530 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Dr. Darley:

Many thanks for your letter of December 9.

I shall be very glad to talk to Dr. Prindle if he calls me but I cannot say anything to him at this time that is not common knowledge. Also, for the next few months, I will be in and out of La Jolla, spending comparatively little time in Washington. Still, Dr. Prindle may be able to catch me at the Hotel Dupont Plaza when I am in Washington.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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