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GANO DUNN
43 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

Thursday,
March 17th, 1932.

Charles F. Kettering, Esq., Vice President,
General Motors Company,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Kettering,

Will you allow me to introduce Dr. Leo Szilard, of Berlin, who is joint inventor with Professor Einstein, of a new electrical principle for a refrigerator pump, which Professor Einstein described to me on his previous visit, inquiring whether I could help him in its commercial introduction.

Dr. Szilard is a physicist whom I have come to know thru Professor Einstein's introduction and to whom I have given letters of introduction in several directions in this country.

The device is already under consideration by the Frigidaire people and the matter may be referred to you, in which event it might be of assistance to you, as well as to Professor Einstein, for you to meet Dr. Szilard.

I shall greatly appreciate and I know Professor Einstein and Dr. Szilard will also greatly appreciate any courtesies you may show to Dr. Szilard.

With very kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gano Dunn

September 13th, 1939

Mr. Gano Dunn
80 Broad Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I wonder if you still remember me. About six years ago you were kind enough frequently to help me with your advice. This was in connection with a new type of household refrigerator which Professor Einstein and I jointly devised and for which we tried to find interest in this country.

Today I am writing to you about a very different matter: Experiments on uranium, with which I have been connected during the last six months, lead to the conclusion that a nuclear chain reaction could be maintained under certain specific conditions in a large mass of uranium. Large quantities of energy would be liberated and great amounts of new radioactive elements would be generated in such a chain reaction. The experiments have now reached a point which makes it necessary to proceed on an almost industrial scale, working with tons of the material rather than the minute quantities hitherto used.

It would seem that this is a matter which requires the cooperation of a number of people and organizations, and it would

hardly seem proper to put the matter in the hands of one single industrial corporation and to look upon it primarily from a business point of view.

I would very much appreciate having an opportunity to discuss this matter with you and to have your advice.

Yours very sincerely,

(Leo Szilard)

P.S. Enclosed you will find a reprint of the first of a series of papers dealing with this subject.

GANO DUNN
80 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

Thursday
September 14, 1939

Mr. Leo Szilard
Kings Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 13th and the reprint on the subject of uranium have been received during Mr. Dunn's absence in Maine on vacation.

Immediately upon his return, which will be the latter part of the month, they will be called to Mr. Dunn's attention.

Very truly yours,

Margaret Flynn
Secretary to Mr. Dunn.

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