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Dear Dr. Sizer:

In response to your inquiry of 19 March I want to say the following:

Dr. Fox is a personal friend. After he received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry he started his career in Biology with me at The University of Chicago. Even after he left Chicago to join the Rockefeller Institute I followed his work very closely. I believe that he is eminently qualified for the position you have in mind.

This statement is based not only on his capability as a scientist which is first-rate but also on his personality which makes it a foregone conclusion that he will be liked by his students as well as his colleagues.

Since, as I said above, Fox is a personal friend of mine, I must ask myself not only whether he would be a desirable addition to your staff but also if he would be well-advised to accept the position that you are about to offer him. It seems to me rather ir-

relevant whether you offer him an associate professorship or a full professorship even though he would, of course, qualify for the latter professorship, but if you cannot offer him at least \$14,000. on a nine month basis, my advice to him would have to be to stay at the Rockefeller Institute. He has a low price apartment just across the street from the Institute and in many respects very satisfactory working conditions at the Institute.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard
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Washington 6, D.C.

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Dr. Leo Szilard
DuPont Plaza Hotel
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Dear Dr. Szilard:

We are considering the appointment of Dr. Maurice Fox as Associate Professor of Genetics at M. I. T. He would be in charge of the undergraduate courses in genetics and in addition would set up his own research laboratory in the field of microbial genetics. The M. I. T. Administration would appreciate very much any comments which you might make concerning Dr. Fox's qualifications for this position.

Sincerely yours,



Irwin W. Sizer
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