

THE QUADRANGLE CLUB

Leo old friend, Monday

I know all the statisticians out
and know that if there ever
was a man who defied
statisticians at every turn of
his life - it is you.

Think of Milton Grodzins
instead.

Much love from your
old friend

Hans



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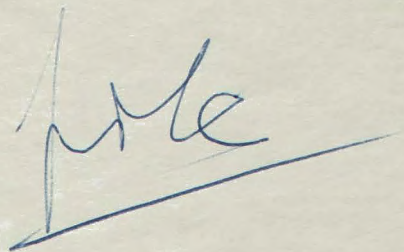
**FROM
JEAN, JOHN
EVA AND HANS
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CHRISTMAS 1947



HANS ZEISEL



TEA BUREAU INC.
500 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

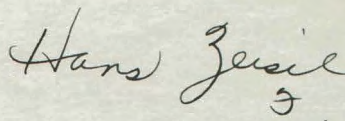
October 17, 1951

Dear Leo:

Here's the report. If you are interested in more details than are given in the Appendix, I can, of course, provide you with the photostats of the complete text.

It would be nice if we could do something together.

Cordially,



Dr. Leo Szilard
Kings Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York, N. Y.

P. S. - It was an elapse of mind to say that caffeine increases the speed of growth and adenine reduces it. It is the other way around, of course,

October 21, 1951

Mrs. Eva Zeisel
431 Riverside Drive
New York City

Dear Eva,

Very sorry to bother you with the following: Enclosed you will
find the receipt of the Prompt Cleaners who are in your vicinity. I
2907 Broadway
forgot to call for the suit before I left New York and it gets lost after
thirty days. Could you possibly pick it up and keep it in your apartment
until I get to New York again? Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

No 9969

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Encl.

TEA BUREAU, INC.

500 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

HANS ZEISEL
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

LONGACRE 4-4925

November 15, 1951

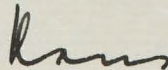
Prof. Leo Szilard
Quadrangle Club
University of Chicago
Chicago 30, Ill.

Dear Leo:

Tannin grows with the tea plant. The only way to have the tannin content vary for the same plant is to take Assam tea shoots in May (12% tannin) and in September (22% tannin) - if this would form the basis for experiments.

How about your adennine experiments?

Cordially,



hz hmf

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
November 19, 1951

Dr. Hans Zeisel
Director of Research
Tea Bureau, Inc.
500 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Hans:

We have completed the adenine experiments and adenine does not antagonize caffeine as far as production of mutations is concerned. Incidentally, your pamphlet does not say how much adenine is in tea. Incidentally, the data the pamphlet gives on the panthotenic acid content seems to be off by a factor of one thousand, i.e., where you say milligrams it ought to say micrograms. Many thanks for the information concerning tannic acid. I hope to talk to you more about this when I see you in New York.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS/sds

Liquor-Filled Chocolates Trip Dealer

Buffalo, April 3 (AP)—Police seized 150 pounds of candy filled with liquor and wine and arrested a man they accused of selling the intoxicating chocolates.

The candy came in several flavors—gin, martini, wine, rum and whiskey.

Kurt Haberman, 63, was charged with violation of the state agriculture and market law and released in \$25 bail.

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NEW YORK POST, THURSDAY.

TEA BUREAU, INC.

500 FIFTH AVENUE

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HANS ZEISEL
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

April 18, 1952

LONGACRE 4-4925

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

Dear Leo:

As you will see from this letter we spent some time to investigate the feasibility of your tea-rum pill.

Aside from the Pure Food and Drug Administration problems which can probably be easily overcome, the following problems arise.

Firstly, the amount of alcohol tax to be paid. If alcohol is bought in this country the full Federal tax is \$10.50 per proof gallon and whatever state tax is due (in New York \$1.50 per gallon is to be paid). If this alcohol is used for certain purposes, such as medicinal and in the making of spice extracts, part of this tax is refunded later on. Whether or not, and to what extent, such a refund can be obtained for this particular product would depend on a ruling which would have to be obtained in this matter. Essentially, the same holds true if this product would be imported into the United States.

The question of distribution looks as follows: legally any liquid which contains alcohol of ~~1~~¹/₂% or more by volume can be sold only through stores which have a special license. For practical purposes, all grocery stores have such a license. There are certain tolerated exceptions to this rule, such as, liquid candy which is sold through candy stores. This goes under the pretext that the alcohol in candy is only a flavor and not the real stuff, but, as you will see from the attached clipping, one never knows and a candy manufacturer might be held responsible for the manufacture of such liquor.

Dr. Leo Szilard

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April 18, 1952

Thus, it appears that there is no legal difficulty in distributing such a product through the normal grocery channels. As to the partial refund of the alcohol tax, there is no way but getting a sample product and obtaining a ruling from the Department of Internal Revenue. There seems to be in this connection the question of the capsule or container which is also of importance; it, too, has to be cleared by the Department of Internal Revenue. I don't know too much about this point, except that there are certain rules, such as, the container, if there is one, must not be used for refilling, etc. I doubt whether this would be a major obstacle.

Looking at the matter now from a practical point of view, it seems to me that it would be quite important who would be the manufacturer and distributor of such a product. The standing of such a corporation in the public eye would facilitate dealings with the authorities. In this connection, I suppose that a direct tie-up with Puerto Rico might not be bad since the United States is most anxious to help the economy of Puerto Rico, and since you have good personal contacts with the government there, you might consider this.

You know, of course, that there is a Puerto Rican Rum Institute here in New York with a large promotion budget and you might care to get yourself an introduction from the Puerto Rican government to the people here in New York. If you want me to, I could establish a bridge to them without difficulty, but the Puerto Rican way would be, of course, better.

Last but not least, you would have to produce some sample products and I am quite eager to hear from you about it.

It does not look as if I would come to Chicago before I leave for England on June 1 but I hope that you will be here before that time. How does your autobiography come along? I hope it does!

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

You might care to look at the attached Klaus letter

5650 Ellis Avenue

May 12, 1952

Mr. Hans Zeisel
Tea Bureau Incorporated
500 Fifth Avenue
New York 18, New York

Dear Hans:

Many thanks for your letter of April 18th. Your letter does not seem to cover one issue, i.e. does the manufacturer who does not buy but produces rum and doesn't sell rum but bottles only the tea extract with rum flavor have to pay federal alcohol tax?

At this time I am not satisfied that the product which I can concoct will keep at room temperature indefinitely. I rather have the impression that it does not keep. The chance that it may keep if stored in the ice box is, of course, much better, but I have no certainty on this point either. It should be, however, easy to decide this point if we first decide that we are in earnest about it and if we decide that the next step looks hopeful. There must be some rules about what percentage of alcohol constitutes an alcoholic drink that is subject to federal alcohol tax. Your letter doesn't seem to state what the rule is. I wonder who in New York could give us information about this?

My plans regarding travel are uncertain but I will let you know as soon as I know more. How long will you remain in Europe?

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS/sds

David,
Borowitz

Bradley
Lamps

412 North
Orleans St.

Dr 7-4665

May 11, 1954

Mrs. Eva Zeisel
4926 S. Kimbark
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Eva:

I am writing to confirm what I have told Hans already who promised to transmit it to you. At the fund raising meeting for Brandeis in Chicago, I met Mr. David Borowitz who chaired the meeting. His company, Bradley Lamps at 412 North Orleans Street, DE 7-4665, manufactures lamps which have ceramic bases. They own and operate a factory in Ohio where they manufacture the ceramic base for the lamps. They are interested in finding a designer for modern ceramics and I told Mr. Borowitz about you. He was very much interested and wants you to get in touch with him when you are in Chicago. I would suggest that you call him and arrange a visit with him and that you take with you the album about yourself which you have shown to Abe Spanel.

Perhaps you have seen him already but if not, I would move fast before he forgets the conversation which I had with him.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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