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May 17, 1933
K.W.
(above all in folder $R-1$ )

Lieber Szilard,
Entschuldigen Sie mej.ne Schreibfaulheit, ich habe aber ungeheuer viel zu schreiben und zu tun. Ihr Plan leuchtet mir nicht recht ein. Ich habe das starke Gefuhl, dass man auf diese Weise nur die gemachten Männer unterbringt, dass aber für die noch unbekannten jungen Universitätslehrer und für die Studenten auf diese Weise nicht gesorgt werden kann. Ich bin vielmehr der Ansicht, dass man versuchen sollte, eine Art jüdische Flüchtlingsuniversität zu bilden, die am besten in England ihren Sitz haben sollte.

Mich zu besuchen hat jetzt wenig Zweck, da ich sehr uberlastet bin.

Freundlich grisst Sie
Ihr
4. Ěinstei.

Lay 4. 1933

Sir william Beveridee.
London School of Economics Aldwych, Wi.C. 1

## Dear Sir filliam:

We talked last tine about the fact that some Jewish eroups may wish to raise money for purposes which are different from ours. There are two such plans: A. to raise money for the palestine University, B. to raise money for an emigrants* university to be founded somerhere in Europe. I saw to-day Sir Philip Hartog. and spent the day attending the meeting of the Jevish commettee of which he in the chaiman.

Sir Philip Hartog agrees that adternative B. is not desirable. I informed Sir philip that there is a vague jope of getting oxford, Gembridec and London universities to take the matter into their own hands in England, end that they may take some stepe to raise funds. He secmed to be quite willing to prevent anything that would counteract or interiere with such an action on the part of the universities. As he vill lunch with you on Friday, I need not go into further details.
Dr. Weizmen's secretary wrote ae a letter saying that Dr. W. will see me one of these deys.

I do not think I can do anything to persuade weizman to divert funds from Pesestine university for our purpose, but I shell inform him of the cors ensus of opinion as far as our project is concerned, among those German profeesors whom I happened to meet in London during the last few days.
myolosed I an sending you a copy of a letter which I had to-day fron Belgium. As you see fron this letter, there are many Eroups everywhere already in existence, and there is a definito need to coordinate theae groups.

A possible way of doing this would be to heve an internstional board of some twenty scientiets and scholars, including aome German professore who are remaining in office, for instance planck and Hilbart. This board rould not need to meet but each of the menbers would assume reaponsibility for selecting fellows in his field.

If we had auch a central body of prominent scientists and scholars, the fellowships which would be granted through this body would not earmark those scientists who get then, even if some of the groups who raised the money would be antagonistic to the German regime in one wey or another. The statutes of the board would merely have to state the willingness of the board to cive advice if required concerning research fellowships, and the cooperation with the individual groups could be es loose or as close as would prove suitable.

I have tslked over this point with several people, slso with professor Laski, and I would very much like to have your opinion on it before I inform accordingly our Belgian and American friends. Professor Laski and myself agreed that it would not be wise to appoint such a board at the present time, but thet we could secure right now the consent of those who would be officially asked later.

I shall possibly try and see you some time to-morrow morning, and will eet in touch with Lrs. Iurin for this purpose.

Yours Sincerely,

PS. I happened to meet professor Donnan (physical chemistry, U.C.) He has already been in touch with Lord Kelchett who promise. him his help, and it may be of some use that you meet him sooner or later. I also happened to see Sir John Russell at Harpenden.

LONDON, T.C.1.
Nay 7, 1933.

Dear Dr. De,
Enclosed you will find an outline of the work beione นร.

I would like also to inform you of my part of tho work. I got in touch in Vienna with Sir william Boveridge the Director of the London School or Eeonomics, who happoned to be there, and I discussed with him and other friends tha situation.

Bome
Sir villism Beveridge promisod to try and enlist the sympathies of one or two or tha univercities, and since his return to London he has been very active in this respect.

AIthough I cannot as yot say derinitely what may or may not be the Xinal result of the interviews which have taken place between Sir y. Beveridge and the Vice-Chancellors of London, Cambridge and orford univorsities, I foel ceriain that within a month or so we shall have an Enclish Eroup undor the leadership of come outstanding personality who will undertake to raise funds, and I real equally certain that that such funds will be applied to good purpose.

I do not wish to intoriere in any uny with the formatian of the English group wifich is entirely in the hands of Eaglish univexsity ppople, nor can I represent such a group in any vay. hat I ain concerned with at the present is to co-ordinate the forefgn. groups thich are aiready in existence, and to stimulate the formation of groups in coumtriea where there are no suitable droups as yet.

- Of the difrerent proups already in extstence, I would like to mention the conmittea of the Jewish Board of Depruties and Anglo-Jewish Association, appointed for the purpose of awarding fellowahips to exiled Jewish scientists. Sir Philip Hartog is the Chifrman of this Conmitteeg of whilch I have attended tho first meetine.

Sir Philip Hartog will, I an convinced, see that notifing should interfere with the formation of a broader Enclish group. I also had a long and eatientactory interview with Dr. ${ }^{2} \mathrm{eizmam}$, to that effect.

All going well, in England, I an free to leave for Beletiun whero I have an appointment with tho Director oi the Inero Univorsity, tre Duisberg, on Saturday next, say 23tin in Bxussels (I shail be ot the Pondation Oniversitaire). I hope he will toke up the matter with the

other Bel gian universities.

You probably know that Dr. Liebowitz is in touch with the Anthropologist Franz Boas of Columbia Univensity and that he has had an interview with Niels Bohr in Copenhagen. He has arranged an interview between Bohr and Boas and hopes to hear soon from Boas about the steps. which have been taken in the U.S.A. as a result of that interview.

I had conversations here with Niels Bohr, Harald Bohr, Sir John Russell (Agricultural Chemistry), A. V. Hill (Physiology), Professor Hardy (Mathematics, Trinity College, Cambridge), and Donnan (Physical Chemistry). They all agree regarding the spirit in which constructive work should be carried on and would be glad to co-operate in one way or another if funds were available.

It seems now to be important that an international Board of some twenty scientists should be created, and I hope to have conversations with some personalities on the subject whom we would wish to be chairman of such a Board. I hope I can do something along these lines before I leave for Belgium.

This is all the information I can give you today, and also I am not able to make any suggestions as to the details of how to co-operate with Bristol University. If you have an opportunity to discuss this matter with your friends there, please do so. I hope Dr. Liebowitz will be able to send you within the next 48 hours information of a confidential character. He will act instead of me during my absence from London in the next few days. He would also be glad if required to come to Bristol and discuss the matter with you personally, if the ViceChancellor should care to have more detailed information.

Yours very truly,

Probably to Delbrüch (K. $\omega_{1}$ )

There are at present in various countries movernents for raising funds to assist dismissed German scientists and scholars so as to enable then to continue their work as guests either as researchers or as lecturers at Universities.

It would be of importance to unite all these efforts with a view to the creation of an Intemational framework which could be of permanent value. It has been suggesfed that an International Organisation should be set up which should be able to advise on the awarding of Fellowships to scholars and scientists who are at present without the means to continue their work. Fellowships would be granted if possible for a period of three to pive years, and the scholars and scientists concerned would be allowed to work in any country of the world, so as to have a good charice of being permanently absorbed, in the course of time, in the countries to which they 80.

A possible way of co-ordinating the distribution of Fellowships woula be to form immediately an International Board of some 20 to 50 scholars and scientists who would be willing to give advice if required on metters comected with the award of Fellowships, and to assume responsibility, each in his own field, for selecting those who should be awarded Fellowships. According to the Statutes of the sugcested organisation, the Fellowships would be given to the most able men who are not in the position of pursuing their work, whatever their country of origin. At present, naturally, most of the Fellowships would be awarded to Germans who Have to leave

## their country.

Such a Board is needed for the following reasons:-
(a) The funds which will be saised in one country, Sor instance Encland, may be larger them noeded for the sraml number of seientista tho could corveniently work as guests in this country. There would be no point in crowding the luboratorios in magland with Gemmen seientiots who could not be absoried in the lony zun. part of the funds raised in Encland Ehouzd therefore be used for scientists and scholars who would do research work or who would lecture in less developed countries like India, Rovit, the Balkan States etc.
(b) Some groups in some countries nay amphasise in their offort to raise funds, one or the othe aspect of the acute situation, and thus become antagonistile to the Gexmin Govemuncmt.

From the point of view of the scientist who may have a fanily livinj in Germany it is highly importent that Fellowship be not ear-marked in any woy. The scientist would be safegramded against this if he had to deal with a neutral Internutional Board which could have anong its members prominent Germon scientists who are in office at present.

# IMPERIAL HOTEL, Russel Square; LONDON, W.C.I. 

Eth May, 1933.

Dear Dr. $D_{2}$
As far as the main details of our worknis concerned it would be best for the Vice-Chancellor to get in touch with Sir William Beveridge to whom I shall write simultaneously. I wired to-day:-
" Suggest Vice-Chancellor communicate with Sir William Beveridge London School of Economics. Letter following."

As far as individual cases are concemed I would suggest that if funds are available and if laboratory places are available (Tyndall to dispose of both for a period of only one year) if the best way would be to use these funds in giving fellowships of $£ 100$ a year, and applying for an additional flo to a committee which already deals with individual cases.

You may write to me either c/o Irs. Hicklin, 65 Ridgenuount Gardens, W.C.I., or to Slr Philip Hartog, Woburn House, Fourth Floor, Upper Wobum Place, W.C.l.

I hope that within one year there will be a more general solution of the problem with which we have to deal.

With kindest regards,
Yours Sincerely,


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(Probably Marschak K.W.)

This is to inform you of the following.
I saw Professor Guilbert Murray in oxford and I had two long interviews with him. He is entirely of the opinion that international cooperation is imperative for us so ss to be able to use money raised in America and in Fhgland for lecturers who would like to go to other countries where their chance of being absorbed may be greater.

He constiors to take the initiative in order to unite all of the outstanding scientists and scholards throughout the world in tho Intemational Board. We were on the point to invite scientists in America through a cable which was to be sent to Boas, but decided after arrangement at which Beveridge and myself wero present to postpone action of this type for later because wo felt that Beveridge was not very mach in favour of it.

Before I left London I asked Laski to come in touch with larry and Beveridge on this point and to see that we get such an International Board which wo need very badly as soon as possible.

I sam today einstein. Though he is still at sone sympathy for his original plan, he is porfectly willing to cooperate in view of the fact that our plan is further advanced than the other one. I shall stay in touch with him and will ask for his help in such a way as I shall think fit.

Please do not forget that my last letter was "Confidential"
Professor Mannheim is now in Brussels and will go to Holland on Monday. He will stay there about one week and he wii stimulate tire formation of a group in Holland. .

I am in touch in Belgium with Duesberg, Recteur of the Liege Universify, Jacques Error and Heinrich do Man. I do not yet see clear hove as I have only boon here for twelve hours.

Yours,
P.S.- Please use my pormanomt London address.


I saw Profeosor 致netean in Brussels． Bo had formerly the plan of creating an besant University but he has boom convinced that this would not be an easy task．

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I hey pret bim in touch with professor Gilbert Hurray and if you consider to go to oxford i could arrange

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                        Yours
    Dear Professor Laski．
this is a copy of my letter to
Beveridge．I met Mannheim in Bruessels on his way to Amsterdam ：he offered to help in this work there and I informed him about the appeal which will be launched in England．He had some doubt a gout the advisibility of making this appeal through the press in the near futur and I suggested that he should write about it to you．Of course one can not stop any move which leads to raising funds and I do not know whether it is possible to make an appeal without using the press channel．I thought it will be in any case int resting for you to get the vie of sacks somebody who just left Gemany and that you may like to have Mannheims address in Holland．

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L. SZILARD
c/o Mrs. Hicklin
65 Ridgmount Gardens
London, W.C.1.
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Brussels, May 14, 1933

Professor Guilbert Murray,

Dear Professor Murray,
I have scen Professor Einstein, whom I know from Berlin, here in Belgium and told him of our Oxford interview.

He also fools very strongly that one ourght to take some initiative in order to get international cooperation and be able to distribute lecturers so as to have a good chance of their staying permanently in the countries to which they go.

He will be in oxford in some 10 days and I hope that you will have an opportunity to meet each other and to decide on some sort of initiative along the lines to which, apparently, the ideas of most of us will have converged.

## With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

May 23, 1933.

Sir William Beveridge, London School of Economies, Houchton Street, Aldruch, LONDON.

Dear Sir William,
I herewith enclose a brief report on my visit to Belgium and Switzerland. I suggested to the Rectors of the Belgian Universities that they keep Professor Gilbert Hurray informed about the steps that they contemplate taking, and to Dr. Kuliman of the Intellectual Cooperation section of the League of Nations that he discuss the matter both with you and with Professor Gilbert Murray in England in the course of the next few days.

> Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard.

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Fropomar Jacgues Erreza and M. Hemdrik do Nan would be willing to devote tine to any worta thet may be found useful.

## Swrexnu MD (Geneva)

Frofessor Zryda, who it the contre of this work in Follend, come with wo to Coneva. There wo sam Dr. Kotechmeg of the International Stutent Servico ona Dr. Frvtran of tho Intollaotual Comparation section of the League of Nations. Wie essoussed with them and with Dre Sohlesinges of Viema the problem both of protoseors and of studentse

The Intemationay. Studont servioe is preparod to deal with the studemt guosti ch and will have a raeting in London on Saturday noxt to arrive at a Sinas decision with regard to thie mattor.

 allbert thuray.

1. Following some conversations which took place in Vienna with Sir William Beveridge, Director of the London School of Economics, a committee is being formed in England, which will make an appeal to the English public in order to raise funds. These funds are to be used in order to help scientists and'scholars, who for various abnormal reasons are deprived of the possibility of pursuing their works. G.M. Trevelyan, former Minister in Education and Hopkins, Presdent of the Royal Society, cooperate with Sir William Beveridge in creating this committee, of which Viscount Grey will probably be the President, and the Presidents of the Royal Society and the British Academy will be the leading members (the constant of the Royal Society has been voted on the day on which I left London.)
2. There are in England three possible ways of raising funds: a. Voluntary contributions from university professors (a commitre set up from the staff of the London School of Economics voted unanimously in savour of a voluntary contribution of two to three percents of the salaries for three years; but we do not yet know how far this movemont will spread;
b. Contributions from wealthy bankers otc.
3. Contributions from the general jewish relief funds which is controlled through Montefiore and the Nevill Laski.
4. If funds were available one possible way of using them would be to give fellowships for three to five years to scientists and scholars in order to enable them to work as guest researches or guest lectures in such institutes which are suitable and which would like to have them as guests.
5. If other countries were willing to cooperate, it may become possible to establish a sort of international research fellowship, it would then be possible to use money raised in England or America for fellows who would go as guests to other coontries where funds can not be raised, but where one or the
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Boarshill, Oxfond (England). (It would be Gillbort Murray, Yutsconb of letters sont to ray sooretary Hicklin heso hulprul to have copias London IV.C.I)

Geneva, Kay 23, 1933.

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Glemilla Road,
LOmON, 0.3.
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Dear Professor isemurray,
I left london in such a hurry that $X$ couldn't tell you about my Visit to oxford, and so I an writing you now about it. Professor Gilbert curry was very sympathetic towards our ideas and would have tekon immediate steps to eatoblish intemational co-operation in the ratter, but after a discursion with Six William Beveridge, at which I vas present, it seeroc that it would be miser to wait until other countries followed the English example.

The day I Lott Highland the consent of the Royal Society was voted to the notion of Ate President. I do not now tho exact date on which the appeal of the Exithah group will be maceio through the press. Since I left Inion, the staff of the London school of Yeoncmios voted unanimously a voluntary out in salary, to be used for the starting of a fund; this was preceded by a unentmous vote on the pert of a Commission specially appointed ty the start to dour with this question.

I Was not allie to see the Vaster of Balliol for moro than five minutes, as the appointment he gugcestad clashed with that made with Eroceccor Lurgy.

Fr vols information I am enclosing a brief report on my visit to Belgium ane centra.

With kind regards and many thence for the help you have given mo,

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)
houghton street,
ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

25th May 1933

Dear Dr. Szilard,
Many thanks for your letter and report about Belgium and Switzerland. I shall look forward to seeing Dr. Kullman and Professor Murray next week.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Szilard, c/o Mrs. Hicklin, 65, Ridgemount Gardens, W.C. 1 .

Dear Dr. Szilard,

Many thanks for your letter and the information contained in it. Here is a summary of what has been done in Belgium:
1.- General. The Fonds Francqui grants each Belgian University a sum of 25.000 Fr per year for two years. This means the possibility of providing a position for one scientist in each University.
2.- Brussels. Funds are being raised by subscription. It is hoped with help of these funds and of the Fond Francqui contribution to provide for two "big" positions (salary 50.000 Hr per year) for two years.
3.- Liege. It has been proposed officially by the Hector that each lecturer of the University gives $\frac{1}{2} \%$ of his salary to a special Fond, which would provide for one position more in Liege (also for two years). Until now there have been many adhesion to this proposal, as well as some resistance from chauvinistic circles.

On account of the regretable influence of these circles (you will understand that in that respect a small, but arrogant minority is sufficient to spoil the whole thing!) it is advisable that Liege University (in Brussels this difficulty does not arise) takes up only non german elements (russians with Nansen passport, austrians, \&cc.).

Until now it is certain that Goldfinger (an assistant of Haber's) and Lasareff (Privatdozent in Berlin) will be secured a position in Liege. The case of Rosen (Pringsheim's assistant) is also being examined.

With kind regards,

> Yours sincerely,


Dr. Loo Sailing
Imperial Total
Russell Scuaco
London, June 23,1933

## Dear professor gibson:

I would like to put dow on paper what I discussed with you the other day so that a decision of the execrative committee eon be brought shout.

Professor Franz Boas, the well-known anthropoldetist of columbia University has invited Dewey, Pound, Tcussíc, Rayaowa pearl, Walter Common and possibly sone others to serve on a board which was supposed to be put up for the purpose of giving advice on motors of fallen ships and to have as members scientists on sololare who would be grilling to give advice if required, each in his own field.
Correspondence with Boas has been carried on in my aiosenco from London bet owe tho Academic Assistance cobol came into existence, and Boas noted on the assumption that similar steps are being taken in Tube arid that Somas invitations to serve on such a board will be made from here through Professor Gilbert hurray, chairmen of the Learrue of Nations Co nitteo for Intellectual Cooperation.

The situation being dif?scent Prom whet be sumposci it to be, I would like to suggest, the following: It is douvtrul whether scientists are scholars who will "e granted a fellowship by the Academic Assistance Council for a certain period of time will all get permanent popintments in snglend. It is therefore important to take wo every cree as soon as possible with America and other count iss in order to cot a more miform distribution as A ar as permaknot appointments acre concomed. A certain number of American seiontista and scholars should in view of this problem be asked to act as corverponient members of the focaraic Assistance council and those who have already been approached by $B$ as could ct in such a copacity. In order to cover names, field, the Avademic. Assistance council could suggest. Further names, and I an eqoiosing d list of names which might be hejofol as
a burris of discussion.

If it were possible to get the decision of the executive committee on this subject and to let me know
a) if the comittee is in favour of asking American scientists and saiolars to act as correspond nt members,
b) ir they accept those who have already been asked by
c) 10 processor vinery or somebody else rill who crake to invite the professors in question, andi-st the committee Wishes that Professor Boas should so on to get the provision el consent of all of these,
then I would be able to Inform Professor Boas accordingly and
stop diverging actions.

Delbrueck telephoned to me from Serlin after he has talke. with Laue . Laue wished that $I$ should get in touch with Ehrenfest. (He also emphesised very much that nothing should be published) swan So I got in touch with Zhrenfest whom I went to ZEXZ see in Leiden.
 orgenised something along the same lines but I found literally nothing. I believe if we want to achieve something in Aneriha before the term is of we ought to go over soon. Ehrenfest could come along betwween June 2 and July 4 he must be in Leiden on theae days. axparixal I found out that he also was a litijle worried about 300 Gulden which he would loose if he wer absent in June (some exanination fees ) I think that if Bohr, Ghrenfest Stamp and ourselves would stir up the people we could achieve something. Ehrenfest couldv represent on one Hand the cerman physicists nd on the other hend he could represent dere Zinetein.
Ehrenfest hasex a shiall fund to invite thenreticel Prysicists for a few mol and I shall try to get the Delcians to invite the seme people ardercotiongex terist when they leave Holland. The Leadng people in Berin are quite desperate and at \& loss. Seven people have been distiased from the phycalisches Institut in Berlin anong the younger set. All coworkers of Lan: (Brasch and Lence) for instance ; I am very much impreosed and quite de termined to nake further efforts.
$P_{1}$ ease read enciosed report of Ehrenfest (confidential jxi ) and have il and the enclosed List copiod.
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In paris I shail stay probably in the Hotel Teminus Nora but not certi Therefor you better note also Harschaks Adress

22 rue Theophil Gcutier Paris 26, Telephone Auteul 3914.
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Yours I. Szilard

Den Brief, der sie gestern mir gaben, habe ich nun durchgesehen und habe mich ausserordentlich gefreut, dass sich im Auslande wirksame Hilfe für die in Not geratenen Gelehrten regt. Ich möchte aber dazu bemerken und Sie bitten, dies, soweit niöglich, weiter zu geben, dass es mir fïr den Zweck ausserordentlich bedenklich erscheint, wenn dies Hilfswerk eine auch noch so geringe politische Färbung erhält. Deswegen halte ich es nicht für gut, wenn man sich dafiu der Mttwirkung politischer Tageszeitungen bedient. Mag' ein Aufruf, der auf diese Weise verbreitet würde, auch noch so unpolitisch gfasst setn, so gibt es doch kein Mtttel zu verhindern, dass nicht eine Zeitung einen Kommentar mit politischem Beigeschmack dazu gibt.

Soweit Gelehrte anderer Länder aufgefordert werden sollen, an dem Hilfswerk mitzuarbeiten, scheint mir ein Aufru* in den wissenschaftlichen Zeitschriften der verschiedensten Länder ein geeigneter Weg. Wenn z.B. die "Nature" ihn bringt, wird er den Naturwissenschaftlern auf der ganzen Erde schnell bekannt. Wte man die finanziell in Betracht kommenden Stellen benacheichtigen soll, dafïr weiss ich freilich keinen Rat zu geben. Jedoch möchte ich annehmen, dass die beteiligten Kreise Mittel und Wege dafür besitzen.

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Doar Sir Hugo,
You kindly offored a fev weoks ago, to introduco mo to a Director of your Company and I suggested that this Interviow should be postponed until I had furthor nows from Dr Lange. Though I had a roport irom him from Borlin I am not yot in the possossion of all the relevant facts.

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## RESEARCH LABORATORIES of the

 General electric Company, LTD.
## Wembley.

 27th July, 1934.Dr.L.Szilard, 6, Halliwick' Road, Muswell Hill, N.W. 10.
Dear Dr.Szilard,
In accordance with the discussion we had when you were here last week, Dr.Campbell has examined the specification you left with us. As a result, we have come to the conclusion that we should not be interested in this invention, for the following reasons.

In the first place, we do not think it contains anything which is really new; in the second place we are not convinced that even if the patent could be upheld, it would be of any practical value.

As regards other ideas which you might care to submit, we have noted the suggestion in your letter to Dr.Railing that this should be done through a third party in one of the Universities. We do not see how this scheme could help, since it would in any case be necessary for this third party to communicate your ideas to us before we could decide whether or not they were of interest to us.

We/
ire should much prefer that any ideas you put forward for our consideration should first be covered by patents; this will allow us to study them and discuss them freely with you without any fear of subsequent misunderstanding.

Meanwhile, we should like to thank you for having brought the matter before us, and we shall be pleased at any time to examine any concrete proposals you may put forward, subject to the above proviso. We return your specification herewith.

Yours very truly,
For and on behalf of the Research Laboratories.


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6, Hallinmick foad, Hoswol 21 H211 London N.W. 20.<br>31st July, 1934.

C.C. Paterson, Esq.,

Rosoarch Laboratorios of the Gonoral Electric Company Lta.,
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Zour Rer. TDC/ROR28.
Dear ins. Paterson,
I an vory craterul to you indeed for having come to a quick cecision. This is most essential for me in the elrounstances.

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C.C. Patorson, Esq. $\quad 20 \quad 325 t$ JuIy, 29340

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Yours vory truly,

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## General Electric Company, Ltd.

## Wembley.

9th August, 1934.
L. Szilard Esq.,

6, Halliwick'Road, Muswell Hill, N.in. 10.

Dear Dr. Szilard,
In reply to your letter of the 31st July, the reasons for our belief that your patent application lacks novelty is that the discovery that disintegration could be produced by neutron bombardment was made by the Joliots and was prior to your patent. After that discovery it was naturally to be expected that neutrons could disintegrate heavy as well as light nuclei.

As regards your second point concerning the commercial value of your invention, it appears to us that original particles, first producing neutrons and then alpha particles, would produce not more than one alpha particle for 1013 original particles. Accordingly to produce a current of 10-12 amp. carried by alpha particles would require the expenditure of several thousand kilowatts. That does not seem to us a commercial proposition..

We note that you think there is a slight misunderstanding concerning the rest of our letter, and that you
may revert to this matter later on.
Yours very truly,
For and on behalf of the
Research Laboratories.

## CePatersm Lst. <br> Director.

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> Yours Paithfully,


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Strand Palace Hotel,
Strand, London W.C.2.
14th August, 1934.
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## Dear Mr. Paterson,

Many thanks for informing me in your letter of the 9th August of the reasons for your belief that the manufacturing of radio-active bodies for medical use which I discussed with you would be:

1) too inefficient to be of any practical value, and
2) that the process for which I filed a patent application could not be considered as new at the time of filing.

I am afraid I have to contradict almost
every statement you make in your last letter. I an enclosing a detailed statement on the subject from which you will see that the efficiency of the process is in my opinion $10^{7}$ to $10^{10}$ times larger than stated by you, and that the process involved is entirely different from that discovered by the Joliots. As I told you I limited the conversation with you to one issue because I was anxious to make oniy statements for which there is evidence already available in form of experiments that have already been published. Therefore I am in a position to prove every statement that I make on this issue on the basis of publications from the Cavendish and the Paris and•Rome Laboratories. I am aware that it must be very difficult if not impossible for any of your experts to form an opinion on the subject without being
in possession of the reprints of certain recent publications which are not avallable in your libraries, but I can let you go over those reprints.

May I emphasize that while the assumptions on which you based your decision, which has been communicated to me by Magnet House, can in my opinion not be upheld, it is not my intention to ask you to reconsider your decision. On the other hand I would rather not leave the matter where it is, and am certain you will appreciate my reasons.

As you know I discussed the possibility for practical applications of nuclear physics with Dr. Railing "which go much beyond the scope of the issue with which we have to deal here; if I am to go on with these discussions it is essential that no doubt should be cast upon my statements through the fact that there is a divergence between your opinion and mine expressed by a factor of $10^{77}$ to $10^{10}$. If I were wrong by a factor 10 in the present issue $I$ certainly would have no right to claim the full attention of Magnet House as I intend to do.

I wish to thank you once more for having substantiated the reasons on which your decision was based.
Yours very sincerely,

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Enclosure to the Letter of the l4th August, 1934 to
Mr. Paterson.
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## 1. Efficiency.

You state that in your opinion original particles first producing neutrons and then radio-active atoms would not produce more than one radio-active atom for $10^{13}$ original particles. I can show that your figure is wrong by a factor $10^{7}$ to $10^{10}$.
2. Novelty.
a). You state that the discovery of induced radio-activity by neutron bombardment was made by the Joliots. I assume this statement of yours is a clerical error and that what you meant was that the Joliots induced radio-activity by alpha particle bombardment, as evidently the effect in question was discovered by Fermi. b). Whether after the discovery of the Joliots it was natural to expect a similar effect for neutrons for light elements is a question which we may leave open for the present. All I have to say on this point is to emphasize the fact that in the three months that elapsed between the Joliots and Femi discovery no other laboratory made Fermi's unquestionably important discovery, and that in spite of the fact that it takes a few hours to improvise an experiment for its demonstration in the laboratories where Geiger counters and Radon are tools of routine work, and that your expectation for the Fermi effect as stated in your letter is off the mark by many powers of 10 . c). As to the question whether a similar effect was to be expected for neutrons in heavy elements I wish to state that such an effect was not to be expected and has not been found. What has been found is a different process
in which there is no chemical change as the neutron apparently gets swallowed without a simultaneous ejection of a proton or an alpha particle and this peculiar process is 100 to 1000 times more efficient than anticipated. (See one of Professor Fermi's papers in "Nature")

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C.C. Patemson, Esc.,
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Doar Mr. Paterson,
I wish to thaniz you for your letter of
August 9th in which you aro kind onough to disciose the information on which you basodyour opinion coneerning tho novelty and tho offscioncy of tho mothod which I suscested.

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Thanking you again for the attention you gave to the matter, I remain

> Yours very truly,

RESEARCH LABORATORIES OF THE Wembley.

1st October, 1934.

## General electric company, ltd.

Dr. L. Szilara, 6, Halliwick Road, Muswell Hill, N.W. 10.
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Dear Dr. Szilard,
In our letter of August 9th 1934, we stated that disintegration by neutron bombardment was discovered by the Joliots. In your letter of September 5 th you challenged that statement.

We realize now that you are right and we are wrong and that this statement is false. We ask you to accept our apologies for an inadvertent error. But we fear that the recognition of it does not change our decision on the main issue.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Research Laboratories.


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April 23, 1940
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Dr. Alexander Sachs Lehman Corporation
1 South William Street New York City

Dear Dr. Sachs:
I refer to the memorandum contained in my letter of April 22, and enclose a photo-stat copy of a short paper which I sent to the

Physical Review and in which it is show that a chain reaction can be maintained in a system composed of uranium and carbon. The publication of this paper as well as the publication of a detailed paper on the same subject is being delayed pending the outcome of the April meeting of the Special Advisory Committee appointed by the President.

With reference to Point 2 of Part I of my memorandum I have asked Dr. G. Placzek at, Cotumbia University af New York to submit a memorandum on the subject of the propagation of neutrons liberated in the chain reaction in air along the surface of the earth or along - and lin Cnakiorror a water surface $\downarrow$ I am herewith forwarding whemorandum whoh he poparod-on this subjoet. My statement that human beings could be killed within a radius of $l$ kilometer by the physiological action of the radiation is consistent with the calculations carried out by Dr. Placzek. I am sending you both enclosures so that you mi cht put them before the April meeting of the Special Advisory Committee. If the Committee anaz wanty a copy of my detailed paper on-ohain reactions in a system composed ofmoarbon and umanium I should be

Letter to
Dr. Sachs - 2- April 23, 1940
glad to send photo-static copy on request.

Yours sincerely,
(Leo Szilara)

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May 30, 1940

Dr. Alexander Sachs
c/o Lehmen Corporation
One South William Street
New York City
Dear Dr. Sachs:
Our work conceming systems composed of carbon and uranium has now reached a stage at which it seems necessary to organize a large scale experiment. only through actually carrying out such an experiment can it be demonstrated beyond doubt that a nuclear chain reaction can in fact be maintained in a system composed of carbon and uranium.

Since it appears necessary and urgent to obtain certainty in this matter we desire to stari organizing a large scale experiment. This experiment would require about 100 tons of graphite and perhaps 10 to 20 tons of uranium metal. It would also require elaborate mechanisms designed to stabilize the chain reaction and to safoguard against overheating and the possibility of an explosion. Realizing that this is an enterprise which may require to its conclusion an expenditure of $\$ 200.000$ to $\$ 500.000$, we propose to carry out this project in successive stases. If the results obtained during the first stage are satisfactory, then the expenditure necessary for the second stase would appear to be justilied, and the second stage could be started according to schedule, etc. If this procedure were adopted, then the expenditure would gradually rise parallel to the increase in our assurance of the smooth functioning and final success of the large scale experiment.

In the first stage we would propose to carry out a general survey of all nuclear constants involved with a view to confirming the values previously obtained and to narrowing down the limits of experimental error of the observed values of these constants. A successful conclusion of this survey would strengthen our assurance of the ultimate success of the experiment and would enable us to find the optimum conditions for its performance. Concurrently with this survey, certain other work would have to be done in order to prepare the ground for the experiment. Such work would include the designing of constructional details, the carrying out of technological tests on samples of materials which have to be
used in large quantities in the ultimate experiment, and obtaining bids for the manufacturing of such material in the required quality and quantity. An expenditure of $\$ 50.000$ would probably be sufficient to bring this first stage in the organization of the large scale experiment to its conclusion, so that we would be in the position of entering into the second stage of the work, provided that the result of the proposed survey of the nuclear constants is favorable. In this second stage the expenditure would gradually rise and might reach a total of $\$ 500.000$ by the time when the large scale demonstration experiment will be completed.

If a fund were set up under the direction of a board of trustees who had the confidence of the Government, as set forth in the letter by Dr. Einstein that was written following his conversations with you and read by Dr. Eriggs at the meeting of April 27, Dr. Fermi and I would be glad to accept the responsability for carrying out this work under the direction of such a board, and would be pleased to have our work supervised by a small committee of scientists who might be entrusted with the task of advising the board.

In my personal opinion, it would be advisable that the proposed small committee of scientists be left some latitude in devoting, as was suggested at the last conference, up to $25 \%$ of the total expenditure for investfgating the possibility of a fast neutron reaction. It is further my personal opinion that, if the study of the separation of the uranium isotope were to be included in the program of work, then Dr. Urey of Columbia and Dr. Beams of the University of Virginia ought to be asked to accept the responsability for the direction or coordination of this line of work in the same way in which Dr. Fermi and I are prepared to take upon ourselves the responsability in connection with the work on commercial, unseparated, uranium.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Leo Szilard, Metallurgical Laboratory, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:
12 December 1944.
CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED Date $10 / 3 / 56$
For The Atomic Ensergy Commission


Reference is made to your letter dated 30 November 1944, relative to drafting of a supplemental agreement to your contract No. W-7401-eng-156.

Your suggestion as to a revision of the payment terms to provide for a payment of $\$ 4,000$ prior to 31 December 1944 and the balance before 31 karch 1945, has been considered and it is not practicable to arrange such terms at this late date. While the wording of the contract indicates that you presumably received payment of the total amount of $\$ 15,417.60$ on 3 December 1942, I can furnish you wjith a photostat copy of the paid voucher which indicates that payment was actually made 21 November 1944. This will be sufficient evidence of date of payment and can be used in whatever manner you wish.

With regard to your desire to accept a lesser amount, it is suggested that you accept the checks covering payment in full, now in the possession of Captain McKinley, Area Engineer. When you determine the exact amount of the excess, it is requested that your personal check in the amount you wish to return, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the United States be forwarded to the undersigned.

It is hoped the foregoing meets with your approval.
For the District Engineer:

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rightly, that is, with legal justice, toward John, and if he had not, how this fact is to be remedied or how such acts in the future are to be prevented.

Why can't this be done simply, somewhat after the example of the cry of haro? John complains to some competent authority who, as an expert on legal justice, ought to be able to decide at once whether John has been wronged or whether his claim against Richard is just, and once this is decided, get redress for John either from Richard or from some public agency.

But of course even the most determinedly prejudiced lay observer would on slight reflection realize that before anyone, however competent or expert, can determine whether Richard has acted rightly in the situation John described, it is necessary to know whether Richard acted at all or whether the situation was not quite different from the one asserted.

It is this latter determination which is the main task of legal procedure. Since this is so, clearly before the court can do anything, it must investigate the situation John has presented. And as its first step, the court must get in touch with Richard. Indeed, although we began by saying that the determination of the fact must precede any question of what is just, that is not quite true. A fundamental question of justice lies at the very beginning of legal procedure, to wit, the requirement that somehow Richard must be brought before the court. No man must be condemned unheard. Nothing must be determined unless both sides have been given an opportunity to present their conflicting views, not of what is just but of what has happened.

This has always been one of the great stumbling blocks of any system of legal procedure. In one sense, when there is a dispute, the determination of the fact is quite impossible, strictly speaking. However promptly John complains, it is ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 'past fact that he must bring before the court, and in many instances; a long past fact. Knowledge of the past for those who did not experience it can be derived only from inferences, which must be drawn from the statements of those who did experience it and from such vestiges of the past events as are still observable.

So far as the actual participants are concerned, they must depend on their memories for their reconstruction of the past. How precarious a basis this is for any accurate reproduction of the past need not be insisted on. Even at best, on the assumption that John or his witnesses observed carefully and correctly and that they remembered with the utmost fidelity, it is evident that they can have noted only some of the circumstances and not all of them, and it is further evident that only in rare instances does anyone's



Dr. Theodore Puck
University of Colorado

## PERSONAL AND CONFTDFNTIAL

Dear Ted:
Since seeing you last week, I have given a great deal of thought to our situation relative to Dr. Szilard. lily 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 fulltime 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 âny 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.

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, 

# BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY <br> Waltham 54, Massachusetts 

Office of the President
August 14, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard King's Crown Hotel 420 West ll6th Street New York, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:
I waited until now to write to you again because I had to get clearance for the statements in this letter. We want very much to bring you here, for you have a great deal to give to a young school like Brandeis. It is my understanding that you could obtain a leave of absence from the university of Chicago and that you have been considering part time service for us during the first year.

If you came on the days when lax Lemer is here, namely, Thursday and Friday, I would recommend the professorship at a salary of $\$ 9,000$ for this part time service. We should expect you to help us in planning the new science building, and I know that our faculty would be very much interested in meeting with you whenever possible to explore your suggestions with reference to the science curriculum. You indicated great interest in counseling some of our students who wish to specialize in the sciences. One course of your own we would expect you to take, and I know that you would have pleasure in giving it.

Naturally, it is our hope that in the following year you could come to us for good and give us a fuller measure of yourself. The base salary for full-time service for you would be $\$ 12,000$.

All of these matters would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, but this letter indicates that you can go on the assumption that this is what Brandeis would have to offer. I am really very eager now to clinch our negotiations, and I am hopeful that within a week or so we can have definite word from you.

With all good wishes,
Cordially yours,

A. L. Sachar

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

|  |  | Date November 18, 1952 |
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| To Professor Leo Szilard. | Department | Radiobiology and Biophysics |
| From I. T. Coggeshall, MoD. | Department | Biological Sciences |

IN RE:

With reference to our recent conversation in which you contemplated withdrawing from the LE contract and to the request that you be informed of the salary in case you accept a 30 appointment, I have discussed the matter with Vice-President Harrison and we agree that a one thousand decrease or an annual salary of $\$ 9,500$ would be appropriate under these circumstances.


# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO 

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
4200 EAST NINTH AVENUE
DENVER 7. COLORADO

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o Mr. Spancel International Latex Corp. 350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N. Y.

## Dear Leo:

On my return to Denver, John Benjamin told me that you had discussed with him the letter which I had left here for you, and that you wondered whether I had meant to hint thereby that there was to be any change in the arrangements which we had previously discussed. I am most sorry to have given any such impression. Undoubtedly, it was due to the haste with which the letter was written before I got away. The information therein contained was simply that which I had transmitted verbally to all the members of the department, in order to acquaint them with the current situation, and also to help induce everyone to exercise every possible economy in the work of the coming year.

I still hope that you can start experimental work here this year, and am still expecting to find funds for your assistant, if you do. I am not discouraged by the current outlook; however, these uncertainties are ones which I thought you should know about. My personal feelings at the moment are, as they were, that unless something unexpectedly bad happens, the current arrangement with your halftime appointment is safe. Similarly, unless something unexpectedly good happens, I think it would be most difficult to get a full-time appointment in the near future.

I hope to see you at Cold Spring Harbor, where we can discuss this more in detail. In the meantime, I am sending this out as soon as possible in order to correct any wrong impression I may inadvertently have given.

It was good to see you in New Mexico.
With all regards,

## Ted

Theodore T. Puck

[^0]Mr. Leo Szilard

Dear Mr. Szilard:
Under authority granted by the Board of Trustees of The University of Chicago, the Chancellor has adjusted your appointment effective July 1, 1954 to the following:

Professor of Social. Sciences on indefinite tenure in the Division of the Social Sciences on a fulltime basis from July l, 1954 with salary at the rate of $\$ 10,500$ per annum.

This is a four-quarter appointment (4E) as described in University Statute 16.

This appointment cancels and supersedes your previous appointment as of June 30, 1954.

If you wish to accept the appointinent, please sign your name in the indicated place on the enclosed duplicate of this notice and return at once to the Office of the Comptroller.

The receipt of this acceptance will be required before the appointment is effective.

Very truly yours,
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO


Note.-All academic appointments to the staff of The University of Chicago are subject to (1) the provisions of the Statutes of the University as adopted or amended by the Board of Trustees, and ( $($ ) any reductions in salaries that may be enacted by the Board of Trustees.
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# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO <br> CHICAGO 37 - illinois 

THE DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
July 12, 1954

## Dear Mr. Szilard:

I an glad to set down below what I understand to be your responsibilities as a full-time member of the faculty of the Division of the Social Sciences.

1. For the year beginning July 1, 1954, you will have no responsibility to take up residence in Chicago. I understand that you will probably study recent advances in microbiology. I take pleasure in contemplating that a great physical scientist joins Chicago's social science group in order intially to devote himself to biology.
2. For the years following, we will work out to our mutual satisfaction, from year to year, a program defining what period of the year you shall be in residence on the quadrangles. You wish to define this period as not exceeding three months in any one year. I see no need now to setthe this question, since it must obviously be determined from time to time in the light of your interests and desires and the University's needs. But I can nevertheless give you now the following assurance: the University will be satisfied with three months of annual residence provided that the University considers your activity while not in residence as being of substantial service to the University, to scholarship or to the public interest; or the University receives income under your $4 \mathbb{3}$ contract which it deems to be satisfactory, or both.

Mr. Kimpton, in whose office a carbon of this letter will be filed, has approved this statement. Both of us look forward with pleasure to your long-term affiliation with the Division of the Social Sciences.


Mr. Leo Szilard
The Quadrangle Club
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois
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## October 12, 1945

Mr. R. Gustavson Office of the President Faculty Exchange

Dear Mr. Gustavson:
Mr. Szilard asked me to send the inclosed letter to you. He would like to talk to you'about it when he returns to Chicago. There is considerable background to this matter which is not revealed in the letter attached.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary to Mr. Szilard

## October 11, 1945

Mr. Robert Redfield
Division of Social Sciences
Faculty Exchange
Dear Mr. Redfield:
Could you please persuade Mr . Shils to drop a number of his classes as soon as possible? The reasons for this request are the same as the ones stated in my note to Mr. Hutchins concerning another member of your Division.

## Very sincerely yours,

## Leo Szilard

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January 31, 1961

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Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies
5630 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois
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Dear Dr. Szilard:
Enclosed herewith are six (6).Manhattan Project letters and memoranda, listed below, which are now declassified:

1. Letter dated 7-4-45, Szilard to Cohn
2. Undated Petition by scientific personnel of Clinton Laboratories
3. Letter dated 7-19-45, Szilard to Compton
4. Memo dated 7-24-45, Compton to Nichols
5. Letter dated 8-27-45, Murray to Szilard
6. Letter dated 8-28-45, Murray to Szilard

In addition to the above, there are also enclosed four (4) other Manhattan Project documents which a review has indicated were previously declassified and in some cases published in whole or part. These are:
7. A petition to the President of the United States dated 7-3-45. This was declassified in 1957.
8. A petition dated $7-13-45$ (Appeared, in substance, in the publication "Atomic Quest, 1956").
9. Memo dated 7-13-45, Daniels to Compton (The substance of this document was published in the February 1948 issue of the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists").
10. Undated "Petition to the Administration of Clinton Laboratories" (This document was mentioned and the 2nd and 4th paragraphs were quoted verbatim in the publication Atomic Quest).
These documents were transmitted to the AEC for declassification review some time ago. They have just recently been received from Harry S. Traynor, Assistant General Manager, AEC.

Please note carefully the following paragraph which Mr. Traynor included in his letter of transmittal:
"It is suggested that if any of these documents are publicized, that the names of the individuals therein be deleted or their permission be secured to use their names."

I am pleased that these documents have finally come through and I am sure that you will be.

With my very best personal regards.
Very truly yours,
ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY


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THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS
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Dear Szilard.
I ans sorry you were unlucky in your hew Yo hs efforts.
I rather think that people who are foworable to the soviet Government and are not personally acquainted with Ba juba will not undentend the sersoumsess of che situation and will he unwilling to take any action against Mesossa. They will look upon it only as an affair between a Thasian subject and his our governments, and will not appreciate that Mafinga was borkech won almost as an Englishman. However, Millikan, and prisably also coirs who are note as favorable to the Soviet Government, would be give willing to autpore a boyesec. In fact Inclickem suggested a bageate to me in his talk e with mine in Waskingtiw. I am ratios afraid through, that umber supfore for this kind of action is almost unanimous, it would wot be of any use. Do you dirk it is any woe proceeding
 Stirk he would have much influence in puraeading the friends of the soviets to toke any anion.

Your simcenly,
r.a.m. Dirac.

## UNITED STATES

## ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Dr. Leo Szilard The quadrangle Club University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:
Attached herewith is an additional group of documents which were discovered and forwarded for clearance. We have reviewed them, declassified them, and are returning same for your files.
I. Letter dated $12 / 12 / 44$ from C. Vanden Buick to Szilard, EIDMV-a MD-7401-eng-156. (Secret, Defense Information, undocumented).
2. MUC-PA-7084, letter dated $11 / 15 / 44$ from H. E. Metcalf to Szilard. (Secret, Defense Information, Copy IA).
3. Memorandum from A. H. Compton to Szilard dated 10-7-42. (Secret, undocumented).
4. MUC-LS-ill - "Memorandum on Metallurgical Problems Connected with the Power Unit Which is Cooled by Liquid Meta $I^{\prime \prime}$ dated June 12, 1943. (Secret, Defense Information, 2 pages).
5. Draft "Proposed Conversation with Bush" dated February 28, 1944, Part I. (Unclassified, 9 pages).

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dr. W. C. Johnson Dr. H. D. Young
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Attallurgical laboratory
PRO. BOX 5207 CHICAGO BO, ILLINOIS

15 November 1944


To: Dr. Leo Szilard
From: H. E. Metcalf

In accordance with your telephone request I took the matter up with Captain Lavender on supplying you with a copy of your December 3, 1943 contract with the deletions rendering the contract non-secret. Captain Lavender informs me that only the Manhattan District can supply. you with such copy.

H. E. Metcalf

Lt. Col. C. E. Advisor on Patent Matters O.S.R.D., Chicago Group

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> CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
> Date -10/3/56
> For The Atomic Energy Commission
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[^0]:    P.S. We are reimbursing you for the equivalent of travel expenses in connection with your last visit here. Mrs. Weaver will mail the check at the next pay period.

