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August 9, 1941

Dr. Joseph Rosin
Vice-President
Merck & Co., Inc.
Rahway, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Rosin:

For some research work which is carried out by Columbia University for the Government, we would require 5 or 10 tons of calcium chloride. We have tested some of the grades of calcium chloride which you list as stock items and found certain brands which are satisfactory whereas all other brands both from you and from other manufacturers cannot be used for our purpose.

We have counted on obtaining this material from your firm and learned only recently from your sales department that the quantity required is not in stock. Unfortunately the work which we are doing is part of a very extensive project and the whole project would be held up and endangered if we are unable to secure this material in the near future.

I wonder if it would be possible for me to see you and explain to you the emergency which has arisen so that you might use your own judgment in giving directions to your plants concerning the manufacture of calcium chloride for our needs.

Tuesday, August 12, or any day after that date would be convenient for me, but if those days are inconvenient to you, I could come to Rahway on Thursday, August 7, preferably in the afternoon if that would be agreeable to you.

Yours very truly,



(Leo Szilard)

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PLEASE REPLY TO
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Mr. Leo Szilard
Department of Physics
Columbia University
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your two letters of August 9th,
I shall be glad to see you Thursday, August 14th, either
at 10 o'clock in the morning, or after 2.30 in the
afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Rosin

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Friday, 11th, 1941

August 12, 1941

Dr. Joseph Rosin
Merck & Co., Inc.
Rahway, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Rosin:

Many thanks for your kind letter of August 11. I called you over the telephone today after the receipt of your letter, and I am writing you in order to confirm that I shall come to see you Friday of this week at 11 o'clock in the morning, instead of Thursday as was suggested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

LS:H

Leo Szilard

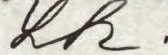
August 18, 1941

Dr. Joseph Rosin
Merck and Company
Rahway, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Rosin:

I am enclosing a University order for the experimental batch of calcium chloride solution which you so kindly consented to make for us. A sample of this batch will be analyzed by the National Bureau of Standards as soon as we receive it. Though I have not yet heard from the Union Carbon and Carbide Corporation, owing to the absence of Dr. Kinzel, I feel that we should go ahead in order to save time. I discussed with Professor Urey your suggestions, and he also thought that in the circumstances they are well worth trying.

Very truly yours,



(Leo Szilard)

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September 29, 1941

Dr. Joseph Rosin
Vice-President
Merck & Co., Inc.
Rahway, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Rosin:

I am writing to let you know that the experimental batch of calcium chloride which you so kindly had prepared for us does not seem to be sufficiently pure for our purpose. Since there is an additional difficulty in having this solution calcined by Union Carbon and Carbide preparatory to further treatment, it appears at present not advisable to move further along this line. It may be that later on we shall have to approach you again about one of your crystallized products.

I am writing to you today primarily to thank you for your helpful collaboration in connection with this matter.

Yours sincerely,


(Leo Szilard)

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