

Department of Physics
Urbana, Illinois
December 5, 1951

Dear Dr Szilard:

Many of Sid Dancoff's friends have been seeking a tangible and lasting way to express their friendship and sympathy to Martha and the children.

One of the first areas to be considered was the economic one. However, Martha does not need nor would she like to receive "charitable" contributions. She has enough money to establish the family in Los Angeles and maintain them until she can find a suitable job. Thus, we feel, there is no question of collecting a fund to help Martha.

A group of us have thought of an alternative. We would like to present Martha with a token gift - a gift to express our esteem for her and the children. We are, therefore, collecting a fund which will be made up of small contributions - with a maximum of about \$25. There are so many people who are anxious to join in this plan that even this token collection will yield an appreciable sum.

This money will be presented to the children, Anita and Judy, in the form of either gilt-edge stocks (e.g., A.T. & T.) or bonds. Thus the girls will have a pleasant annual treat - and, more important, they may get a feeling of security based on the knowledge that Sid left them a host of friends. The gift will be presented as an expression of warm friendship rather than as an answer to an existing or imagined need.

This plan has been discussed with a representative group of Sid's friends and they have unanimously supported it. If you would like to join in this project, would you please return whatever sum you care to in the enclosed envelope. If you include your name and address with your contribution, we will inform you of the total sum collected.

One last point: we would like to make participation in this gesture possible for as many of the Dancoffs' friends as we can. Would you, therefore, include with your gift the names of any people whom you think we may have missed.

We hope that you can understand that it is impossible to write personal notes to all or to check carefully the appropriateness of sending this letter to any particular individual. However, we are sure that you understand the difficulties and that you will join us only if you wholeheartedly support its idea.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Quastler

For: Gerald Almy
Peter Axel
Henry Quastler
Frederick Seitz
Robert Serber

Please make checks payable to Peter Axel.

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January 21, 1952

OFFICE OF THE BURSAR

Dr. Leo Szilard
5650 S. Ellis
Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Mr. Eugene T. Callahan has applied for a student loan of \$ 600.00 and has given your name as a character reference. I would appreciate receiving from you a frank statement concerning the character and circumstances of this applicant.

Student loans are made from trust funds. An arrangement is provided for repayment by installments within a period of four years from graduation or leaving school. It is very important that accurate information be available so proper care may be used in awarding and safeguarding loans.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

C. C. DeLong
C. C. DeLong
Bursar

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5650 Ellis Avenue

January 25, 1952

Mr. C. C. DeLong, Bursar
Business Office
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. DeLong:

I am writing in reply to your letter of January 21st regarding Mr. Eugene T. Callahan. Mr. Callahan worked in our laboratory for about four years. We found him very reliable and conscientious. In my opinion he has a strong sense of obligation, and I have little doubt that he will do his very best to repay any student loan which you may be able to extend to him.

Very truly yours,

Leo Szilard
Professor of Biophysics

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Bioacoustics Laboratory

November 25, 1955

Professor Leo Szilard
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois

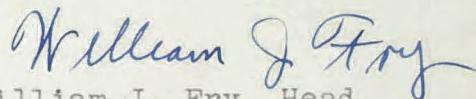
Dear Professor Szilard:

This letter is a request for an expression of your possible interest in supporting the formation of a national Biophysical Society and establishing a Journal of Biophysics. The purposes of such an organization would be to organize meetings at which biophysicists could gather to discuss problems of mutual interest and to present papers. The Journal would provide a single publication for presenting the results of research in this combination field and it would be of broad scope. The papers could be written with all the mathematical and physical analysis necessary to adequately treat the biological system of interest. We would appreciate your reaction to the proposed formation of such an organization and in particular, we would appreciate answers to the following specific questions:

1. Would you join such an organization?
2. Would you contribute papers for consideration for publication in a biophysics journal?
3. Would you be willing to sign a petition to present to the American Institute of Physics requesting affiliation with that organization and also asking that the Institute publish the biophysics journal?

We would appreciate an early indication of your feelings and we would welcome your suggesting other investigators who might be interested in such an organization.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Fry, Head
Bioacoustics Laboratory

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October 16, 1956

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

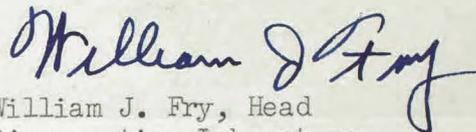
Dear Dr. Szilard:

During the coming year, the Bioacoustics Laboratory is presenting a series of outside speakers at its seminar meeting. We would be very pleased if you would be interested in presenting one of these talks. In general, these seminar speakers are scientists who have tackled research problems in borderline fields or who have seriously considered some of the broader aspects of scientific endeavors.

The talk presented should be such that it would be of interest to the physical science people, and if possible, the scientists concerned with biological problems. We can provide an honorarium of one hundred dollars to cover the expenses involved.

If you are interested in presenting such a talk, please let us know as soon as possible. The simplest procedure would be for you to just telephone me here at the laboratory. (Telephone 7-6611, Extension 3120.)

Sincerely yours,



William J. Fry, Head
Bioacoustics Laboratory

WJF:er

The Quadrangle Club
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois
October 23, 1956

Dr. William J. Fry, Head
Bioacoustics Laboratory
Department of Electrical Engineering
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Dr. Fry:

I have just written Nordsieck in response to an invitation to speak in the Physics Colloquium, and I attach a copy of my letter.

Perhaps I can fit something in for you at the same time when I visit Urbana to address the colloquium. Can you fit me in at such short notice?

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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Bioacoustics Laboratory

October 30, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The only way that you could combine your two talks here at the University would be for you to give the Bioacoustics seminar on Wednesday, the day previous to your physics talk-if you did not object to staying overnight in Urbana. It would not be possible to give them on the same day because part of the same audience would be involved and also Thursday would conflict with the Biological Seminar. Friday is not possible because of the Engineering Seminar.

We could probably work out the details with a weeks notice providing there are no other conflicts. Unfortunately, I am in the position of having to be away from the laboratory at frequent intervals to give talks and attend conferences. Therefore, I would urge you to telephone us as soon as you decide on a date.

If it is inconvenient for you to combine the two talks we would be most happy to have you talk at our seminar at a later date.

Looking forward to your visit.

W. J. Fry (EK.)

W. J. Fry
Head, Bioacoustics
Laboratory

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