

# REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in accordance with the  
Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

*Leo*

(First name)

*Szilard*

(Middle name)

(Last name)

*420 West 116 St., New York, N.Y.*

(Place of residence)

(This will be identical with line 2 of the Registration Card)

has been duly registered this *15* day of *February*, 19*42*

*William H. Kana*

(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board

*Columbia Univ. N.Y.C.*

(Number)

(City or county)

(State)

**THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR  
PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES**

(Registrant must sign here)

# DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
	✓	5'6"		175		Sallow	✓
White		EYES		HAIR		Light	
		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
Negro		Gray		Red		Dark	
		Hazel		Brown	✓	Freckled	
Oriental		Brown	✓	Black		Light brown	
		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
Indian				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification none

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Penalty for Private Use to Avoid  
Payment of Postage, \$300



(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

STATION 1

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

*M. Leo Syland*

*420 W 116 St.*

*Eng.*

CORRESPONDENCE POSTAL CARD

Your Order No. is 10,322, Serial No. 1597

Always refer to these numbers when writing.

BE ALERT { Keep in touch with your Local Board.  
Notify Local Board immediately of change of address or status.

*W. L. Gray*

Selective Service

307 Lenox Ave. Rm. 205  
New York, New York



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STATION J

(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Mr. Leo Szilard

c/o Metallurgical Laboratory

Univeristy of Chicago  
Chicago, Ill.

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Appeal from classification by local board or board of appeal must be made by signing appeal form on back of Selective Service questionnaire (Form 40) at office of local board, or by filing written notice of appeal, within 10 days after the mailing of this notice.

Before appeal, a registrant may file a written request for appearance within the same 10-day period; and if he does so, the local board will fix a day and notify him to appear personally before the local board. If this is done, the time to appeal is extended to 10 days from the date of mailing

of the new Notice of Classification (Form 57) after such appearance.

There is a right in certain dependency cases of appeal from appeal board decision to the President; see Selective Service Regulations. For advice, see your Government appeal agent.

The law requires you—1. To keep in touch with your local board.

2. To notify it of any change of address.

3. To notify it of any fact which might change your classification.

4. To comply with the instructions on the notice of classification part of this form.

## NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION

App. not Req.

Leo

Szilard

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 10,322 has been classified in Class IVH

(Until \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_)

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.  
☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_).  
☐ President.

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(Date of mailing)

(Member of local board)

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer.

DSS Form 57. (Rev. 11-16-42)

(Cut along this line to detach card)

(Cut along this line)

(Registrant must sign here)

TELEPHONE  
UNIVERSITY 4-2700



## KING'S CROWN HOTEL

OPPOSITE  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

UNDER KNOTT MANAGEMENT

420 WEST 116TH STREET, NEW YORK N.Y.

May 19, 1942

Professor A. H. Compton  
Metallurgical Laboratory  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Compton:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter which I wrote to my draft board. I would appreciate it if you could write a few lines for the purpose of confirming the statements which I have made in my letter. In writing to them it would be useful to quote the serial and order numbers which are given in the enclosure; and it would also be useful for me to have a copy of your letter. Sorry about all this trouble.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS:c

TELEPHONE  
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## KING'S CROWN HOTEL

OPPOSITE  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

UNDER KNOTT MANAGEMENT

420 WEST 116<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.  
May 14, 1942

Local Draft Board No. 36  
107 West 116th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Serial No. 1597  
Order No. 10322

Gentlemen:

I am returning enclosed the Selective Service Occupational Questionnaire which you sent me. I have not marked any of the statements under paragraph 15 and 16 since none of those statements cover truthfully my present work status. I wish, therefore, to explain that I have been working since March, 1939, on certain inventions which at present are classified secret. While I had been carrying out this work privately until November, 1940, from then on the importance of this line of research for national defense was recognized and I was employed by Columbia University under the contract of this University with the National Defense Research Council and the O.S.R.D. I was a member of the Scientific staff of the National Defense Research Division of Columbia University until the first of February, 1942, when my work was transferred to the Metallurgical Laboratory at the University of Chicago. While I am at present connected with the laboratory and continue my work, technically I do not have a job, since I am not on the payroll of the project which the laboratory is carrying out under the contract with the O.S.R.D.

Very truly yours,

Leo Szilard

LS:c

Local Board 36  
May 8 - 42

Draft Question  
May 1942

No. 29 - Physicist.

Registered with National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel

Serial No. 1597

Order No. 10,322

Date of Birth - Feb. 11, 1898

Single

Alien-have filed papers for citizenship.

8 years College

Telephone - Un. 4-2700

White

Height 5'6"

Weight 172 lbs.

Title of job. Research physicist

20 yrs. experience

Began 1922.

Duties: Research and development, secret in nature.

Title of job for which you are best fitted: Research work in physics.

Title of job for which you are next best fitted: Professor of physics.

Length of experience: 6 yrs. 1925-1931

Duties of job for which you are next best fitted: teaching physics.

Is this job the same as your present job? No.

## COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 29, 1942

Mr. Leo Szilard  
420 West 116 Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Szilard:

Under the United States Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, all "male persons residing in the United States" are required to register for military service. Under certain conditions, and for limited periods of time, citizens of other countries temporarily in this country are not required to register for military service if they file an application for Determination of Residence.

It is our understanding from your sponsoring agency that you may be one of those who should file such an application. However, you are not required to register for service if you are in one of the following six groups:

- (1) Diplomatic representatives, consuls, attaches, etc., of a foreign country;
- (2) Employees of a foreign embassy, legation, or consulate who are nationals of such country and who have been "notified" to the Department of State;
- (3) Officials or employees of a foreign government who are nationals of such country, who have been "notified" to the Department of State, and who have been declared by the Department of State to be nonresidents;
- (4) Dependents of any person described in (1), (2), or (3) above;
- (5) Members in the active service of the armed forces of a belligerent or a neutral country;
- (6) Aliens who entered, or hereafter enter the United States lawfully and do not remain after May 16, 1942 or for more than three months following date of entry, whichever is later.

If you are not in one of the above groups and expect to remain in the United States after May 16, 1942, or more than three months after the date of your entry into the United States, whichever is later, you should file with the local draft board nearest you the enclosed Application for Determination of Residence and Alien's Personal History and Statement.

You need not register while awaiting a reply from the draft board after filing your application, nor during the period covered by your Certificate of Residence if the draft board issues such a Certificate to you.

However, upon the expiration of your Certificate of Residence if you remain in the United States you should register with the Local Draft Board nearest your residence.

If you are not included in any of the above provisions you should register. If you are undecided as to your status you should consult the nearest draft board for further information and advice.

Sincerely yours,

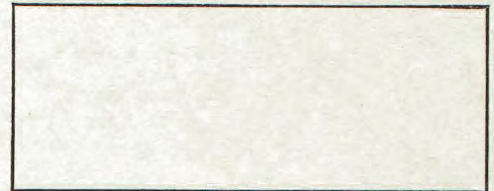


H. P. Martin, Director  
Administrative Service Division

# ALIEN'S APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESIDENCE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE LOCAL BOARD:



(Local board stamp with code)

## APPLICATION

I hereby make application to the above local board for a determination as to whether I am "a male person residing in the United States" within the meaning of section 2 and section 3 of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended.

## NOTE

If the person making application is applying for the first time, this application must be accompanied by the Alien's Personal History and Statement (Form 304).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	ACTION BY SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

## INSTRUCTIONS

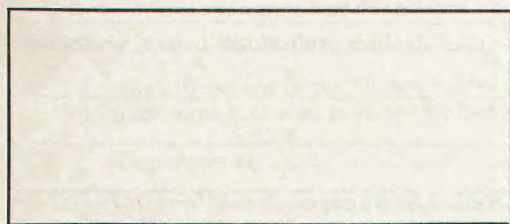
If the person making application is registered, this form should be filed in his Cover Sheet (Form 53). If the person making application is not registered, this form should be kept in a file in the local board office with similar forms executed by other persons who have not registered. If such a person should later register, this application should be filed in his Cover Sheet (Form 53).

A notation as to every action taken in connection with this application should be entered in the space above, continuing on the back of this form if necessary. In the event of appeal to the Director of Selective Service, this form, together with the Alien's Personal History and Statement (Form 304), shall be forwarded to the Director of Selective Service. The Director of Selective Service shall enter the results of his determination in the space above, continuing on the back of this form if necessary, and shall then return the file to the local board.

# ALIEN'S PERSONAL HISTORY AND STATEMENT

Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of mailing \_\_\_\_\_



(LOCAL BOARD STAMP WITH CODE)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Number and street or rural route)

(Town—[City, town, or village])

(County)

(State)

## NOTICE TO ALIEN

You are required by the Selective Service Regulations to complete this Alien's Personal History and Statement truthfully and to return it to this local board on or before the date shown below. Willful failure to do so is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

**THIS ALIEN'S PERSONAL HISTORY AND STATEMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO LOCAL BOARD ON  
OR BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Member or Clerk of Local Board.*

(The above items will be filled in by the local board)

## INSTRUCTIONS

This form is used for two purposes:

- (1) It is to be completed by an alien who files an Alien's Application for Determination of Residence (Form 302). It must be filed with the first such application.
- (2) It is to be completed by every alien classified by the local board in Class I-A, Class I-A-O, Class I-B, or Class I-B-O. Each such alien is required to complete this form and return it to the local board whose address is stamped above on or before the date shown above.

The oath required by this Alien's Personal History and Statement may be administered by any civil officer authorized to administer oaths generally, any commissioned officer of the land or naval forces assigned for duty with the Selective Service System, any member or clerk of a local board or board of appeal, any government appeal agent or associate government appeal agent, any member or associate member of an advisory board for registrants, any postmaster, acting postmaster, or assistant postmaster.

Advisory boards for registrants will assist aliens in completing their Alien's Personal History and Statement. No charge will be made for this service. Information as to the location of a member of the advisory board for registrants who will assist in completing this form may be obtained from the local board office. If there is no advisory board member available, you must nevertheless complete your Alien's Personal History and Statement.

1. Make no alterations in the printed matter in this Alien's Personal History and Statement.

2. All spaces in this Alien's Personal History and Statement must be filled in with the proper words. Where ☐ appears, an X should be put in the proper ☐.

3. If you furnish additional information or affidavits with your Alien's Personal History and Statement, attach the same securely to it.

4. After this Alien's Personal History and Statement has been returned, report to your local board at once any change of address or any new fact which may affect your status.

## USE INK OR TYPEWRITER IN FILLING OUT THIS FORM

(Do not write in the space below—To be completed by Corps Area Commander (or representative of the Navy or Marine Corps).)

### ENDORSEMENT BY ARMED FORCES

is

The person named in Item 1 of this Alien's Personal History and Statement is not, if otherwise qualified, acceptable for training and service in the \_\_\_\_\_

(Branch of service)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Rank)

(Organization)

## Section I.—IDENTIFICATION

1. My name is (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)
2. My alien registration number is \_\_\_\_\_
3. I entered the United States under the name of \_\_\_\_\_
4. In addition to the name(s) given above, I have also been known by the name(s) of (include professional names, nicknames, and aliases) \_\_\_\_\_  
(If none, write "None")
5. The address where I am now living is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street or rural route)  
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (County) (State)
6. I have resided at the following places in the United States:
- |                                 |         |      |         |        |    |         |        |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|---------|--------|----|---------|--------|
| (Town—[City, town, or village]) | (State) | From | (Month) | (Year) | to | (Month) | (Year) |
| (Town—[City, town, or village]) | (State) | From | (Month) | (Year) | to | (Month) | (Year) |
| (Town—[City, town, or village]) | (State) | From | (Month) | (Year) | to | (Month) | (Year) |
7. During the last 5 years I have lived at the following places:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
8. I was born in (or near) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (State or Province—Country)
9. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
10. I am: ☐ single, ☐ widower, ☐ divorced, ☐ married. I \_\_\_\_\_ live with my wife; if not, her address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(do, do not)
11. My race is: ☐ White, ☐ Negro, ☐ American Indian, ☐ Filipino, ☐ Chinese, ☐ Japanese, ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
12. I am \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in. tall, weigh \_\_\_\_\_ lb., have \_\_\_\_\_ hair and \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.  
(color) (color)

## Section II.—CITIZENSHIP

13. I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ and subject of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Country) (Country)
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (first papers). Declaration filed  
(have, have not)  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) (Month) (Day) (Year)
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ filed a petition for naturalization (second papers). Petition filed at \_\_\_\_\_  
(have, have not) (Place)  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
16. I \_\_\_\_\_ had any petition for naturalization denied. It was denied on \_\_\_\_\_  
(have, have not) (Date)  
at \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Court)

## Section III.—ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

17. I last arrived in the United States at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Port or place of entry) (Date)
18. On this (last) trip, I came as a: ☐ Passenger, ☐ crew member, ☐ stowaway, ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. On this (last) trip, I came in by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of vessel, Steamship Company, or other means)
20. On this (last) trip, I entered the United States as:  
☐ A permanent resident, ☐ a visitor, ☐ a student, ☐ a treaty merchant, ☐ a seaman, ☐ an official or employee of a foreign government, ☐ an employee of a foreign government official, ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. I first arrived in the United States on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
22. I have been in the following countries during the time and for the purpose indicated (list all countries, including your native land):
- | FROM—(Date) | To—(Date) | Country | Purpose |
|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| _____       | _____     | _____   | _____   |
| _____       | _____     | _____   | _____   |
| _____       | _____     | _____   | _____   |
23. ☐ I expect to remain in the United States permanently.  
☐ I do not expect to remain in the United States permanently, but for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years and \_\_\_\_\_ months for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Number) (Number)  
 (State purpose in detail; if necessary, attach statement)
24. Have you ever been deported from the United States, or are deportation proceedings now pending against you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If so, state all facts \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section IV.—EDUCATION

25. I have received the following education:

School	Location (town and country)	Years attended	Degree
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

#### Section V.—OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

26. Work status: ☐ I now have a job, ☐ I do not have a job, ☐ I am now a full-time student.
27. My present job (if any) is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Give full title)  
 (For example: Construction draftsman, automatic turret-lathe operator, dairy farmhand, stationary engineer, shipping clerk, or retail clothing salesman.)
28. My present employer is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of employer—Street or rural route, city, and State or Country)  
 whose business is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For example: Dairy farm, furniture factory, construction project)
29. My usual occupation is \_\_\_\_\_
30. During the past 5 years, I have been employed as follows: (If unemployed, write "None")

Employer	Employer's Address	Years Worked		Occupation
		From—	To—	
_____	_____	19____	19____	_____
_____	_____	19____	19____	_____
_____	_____	19____	19____	_____

#### Section VI.—MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE

31. My military or naval service has been as follows: (If none, write "None")
- | Country | Branch of service | From (Date) | to (Date) | Rank  |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| _____   | _____             | _____       | _____     | _____ |
| _____   | _____             | _____       | _____     | _____ |
32. I have the following living relatives who are in or have been in the armed forces of the countries named:
- | Name  | Relationship | Country | From—  | To—    | Rank  | Service |
|-------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| _____ | _____        | _____   | 19____ | 19____ | _____ | _____   |
| _____ | _____        | _____   | 19____ | 19____ | _____ | _____   |
| _____ | _____        | _____   | 19____ | 19____ | _____ | _____   |
33. The following persons now deceased who were related to me served in the armed forces of the countries named: (Cover period of last 30 years only)
- | Name  | Relationship | Country | From—  | To—    | Rank  | Service |
|-------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| _____ | _____        | _____   | 19____ | 19____ | _____ | _____   |
| _____ | _____        | _____   | 19____ | 19____ | _____ | _____   |

## Section VII.—RELATIVES

34.	Relationship Name	Place of birth	Present address (If not living, enter "Not living")	Occupation (If none, enter "None")
Father	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mother	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wife	_____ (Maiden name)	_____	_____	_____
Children:	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brothers and sisters:	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Section VIII.—COURT RECORD

35. I \_\_\_\_\_ been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense, or offenses. (Do not include minor traffic violations.)  
(have, have not)  
 These offenses are: \_\_\_\_\_  

Nature of offense	Date of arrest	Place of arrest	Disposition or sentence
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

## Section IX.—ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

36. I am or have been, within the past 10 years, a member of, or active in the following clubs, organizations, or societies (if none, write "None"):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

37. Within the past 10 years, I \_\_\_\_\_ been affiliated with or active in (a member of, a worker for) the following organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a government, other than that of the United States: (If none, write "None") \_\_\_\_\_  
(have, have not)

## Section X.—POLITICAL BELIEFS

38. Do you understand the principles of Government of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Do you fully believe in the form of Government of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

40. Are you a believer in anarchy, or the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you belong to or are you associated with any organization which teaches or advocates anarchy or the overthrow of existing Government in this country? \_\_\_\_\_

## Section XI.—STATEMENT OF ALIEN

41. I \_\_\_\_\_ object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States.  
(do, do not)  
 You are informed that if you are an enemy alien or subject of a country allied with the enemy, you will not ordinarily be acceptable for service in the land or naval forces of the United States if you indicate in Item 41 above that you object to such service. If you are a citizen or subject of any other country, you may indicate in Item 41 whether you do or do not object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States but such objection may be disregarded. If you are a citizen or subject of a neutral country, and you do not wish to serve in the land or naval forces of the United States, you may apply to your local board for Application by Alien for Relief from Military Service (Form 301) which, when executed by you and filed with the local board, will relieve you from the obligation to serve in the land or naval forces of the United States, but will also debar you from thereafter becoming a citizen of the United States.

## Section XII.—STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE OF ALIEN

42. I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the person named in Item 1 of this statement, that I have read (or have had read to me) every item and every answer or statement made herein, and that each and every such answer and statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of officer administering oath)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Official position)

**Instruction.—If the alien is unable to read the foregoing statement in English, the following certificate will be completed and signed by a qualified interpreter:**

I CERTIFY that the above alien stated to me that he could speak and understand the \_\_\_\_\_ language, that I correctly translated the above statements into that language in his hearing and correctly translated his answers from that language into English and wrote them in the appropriate blank spaces, and that I correctly translated the oath into his language, above stated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of interpreter)

M-7  
June 6, 1942

Local Board No. 36  
107 W. 116th Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I am returning my Selective Service  
Questionnaire. Would you be kind enough to send me, to  
the above address, Form 42-A?

Very truly yours,

Leo Szilard.

LS:g

June 8, 1942

L. Szilard

Order No. 10322

Local Board No. 36

107 W. 116th Street, New York, N. Y.

Questionnaire dated May 29, 1942

To be returned on or before June 9, 1942.

Member of Local Board: Louis Zucker.

Name: Leo Szilard

Residence: 420 W. 116th Street, New York City.

Telephone: University 4-2700.

I was 44 years of age on my last birthday.

*slight injury to right foot  
possible slight disturbance of metabolism*

I have completed 4 years of elementary school and 8 years of high school.

Budapest Institute of Technology. Electrical engineering -- 2 years.

Berlin Institute of Technology. Electrical engineering -- 2 years.

University of Berlin-Physics -- 2 years.

I am now working as a research physicist.

Research work secret in nature.

I have had 8 years of experience in this kind of work.

My monthly earnings in my present job are

In my present job I am (see also attached statement) a regular or permanent employee working for salary, wages, etc.

I have worked 4 months in my present job and expect to continue indefinitely in it.

I am now employed in National Defense work. My employer is Metallurgical Laboratory, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Whose business is research work for OSRD(OEM)

Other business or work in which I am engaged is none.

I have also worked at the following occupations other than my present job during the past 5 years. Research work in physics, atomic physics.

My usual occupation is research physicist.

I have worked in the following state or states during the past two years. New York.

I prefer the following kind of work, research in physics.

I was born in Budapest, Hungary, February 11, 1898.

White

I am not a citizen of the United States.

I am, was last a citizen or subject of Hungary.

My alien registration is No. 4350937.

My permanent residence has been the United States since December 25, 1931.

I have filed a declaration of intention at New York City, April 8, 1937 under No. 395734.

I have not filed a petition for naturalization.

In view of the facts set forth it is my opinion that my classifications should be: occupational deferment. See attached statement.

Signed, 5th day of June, 1942.

June 8, 1942  
L. Szilard

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Whose business is research work for OSRD(OEM)  
Other business or work in which I am engaged is none.  
I have also worked at the following occupations other than my present job during the past 5 years. Research work in physics, atomic physics.

My usual occupation is research physicist.  
I have worked in the following state or states during the past two years. New York.  
I prefer the following kind of work, research in physics.

I was born in Budapest, Hungary, February 11, 1898.  
White

I am not a citizen of the United States.  
I am, was last a citizen or subject of Hungary.  
My alien registration is No. 4350937.  
My permanent residence has been the United States since December 25, 1931.  
I have filed a declaration of intention at New York City, April 8, 1937 under No. 395734.  
I have not filed a petition for naturalization.

In view of the facts set forth it is my opinion that my classifications should be  
: occupational deferment. See attached statement.  
Signed, 5th day of June, 1942.

Statement Attached to Selective Service Questionnaire of Leo Szilard  
Order No. 10322, Local Board No. 36, New York, New York.

I have been engaged since March, 1939 in work on developing certain inventions which are at present considered to be important for National Defense. I have communicated the results of my work to the U. S. Government in October, 1939, and work along this line is being carried out at present by the Government under the auspices of the OSRD.

During the period of March, 1939 to November, 1940, I carried out this work as an independent worker, "working on my own account, not hired by anyone, and not hiring any help". From November, 1940 on, up to the present, I was mostly employed by various universities who have been carrying out work along this line under contract with the NDRC or OSRD. During part of this period I was a member of the scientific staff of Columbia University National Defense Research Division. In February and March, 1942 I was employed by the Metallurgical Laboratory of the University of Chicago as a visiting research associate. During April and May of this year I was not on the payroll of the University of Chicago, but at present I am again employed in the same capacity by the Metallurgical Laboratory of the University of Chicago as before.

During all the time since March, 1939, my work was exclusively connected with the same development work which is at present being carried out under the OSRD by the Metallurgical Laboratory at the University of Chicago. This work is at present classified as secret by the U. S. Government and I am not free to make any statements concerning its nature.

In view of the above stated facts I do not know whether it is more correct to describe myself as an independent worker or as a "regular or permanent employee" though I am at present in fact employed as stated above.

I am maintaining my legal residence at 420 W. 116th Street, New York, New York.

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