

July 17, 1962

Nicolo Visconti di Modrone  
Milano, Italy

Dear Visconti:

I have a favor to ask. I am taking daily, and for an indefinite period of time, three tablets of 100 milligram Furandantine, which is a trade name for nitrofurantoin. The drug is sold here at an exorbitant price, so that my daily expense exceeds one dollar. I understand that this drug can be obtained much cheaper in Italy, and that the U.S. Army is buying it in Italy.

I wonder whether you could arrange with some Italian firm that they send me monthly 100 tablets at the above address, and bill me in dollars, also at the above address. Perhaps they could address the package to my wife, who is a physician, rather than to me. Her name is Dr. Gertrud Weiss Szilard.

Sorry to trouble you with this.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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*to answer*

Milano July 27, 1962  
Torre Buonaparte, 48 - Tel. 866.201

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Thank you for your letter dated July 17. I will be delighted to be of some help to you, unfortunately, also in this country the specialities containing nitrofurantoin are extremely expensive, while the bulk product is very cheap, (this is one of the misteries of our business).

I think that the best thing to do would be to send you every 2 or 3 weeks a small plastic bag containing 20 gr. of pure substance, from which you could prepare yourself a 100mg dose. This would not represent any difficulty for us and it would be so cheap that I would not have to charge you for anything. On the other hand it would be rather difficult for us to prepare a small amount of tablets and it would also take some time due to the summer vacation at our plant.

Please tell me if this would be allright for you and I would send the product at once in a normal mail envelope.

Please let me know about your health.

My very best regards to Mrs. Szilard and you.

Sincerely yours,

*Nicola Monti*



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MILANO, VIA TURATI 30

PROF. NICCOLÒ VISCONTI  
CONSIGLIERE DELEGATO

June 26, 1963  
CD/225 NV:sb

Dr. Leo Szilard  
c/o Dr. Martin Kaplan  
World Health Organization  
Palais des Nations  
GENEVE ( Switzerland)

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you for your kind letter dated June 21.

I was very glad to know that your health is improving, and I will take care that some more Nitrofurantoin tablets are prepared for you. As soon as they are ready I will let you know.

Should you come to Italy, please call me, it will be a great pleasure for me to see you again.

With my very kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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12 September 1963

Professor Niccolo Visconti  
Pierrel Società per Azioni  
Milano  
Via Turati 30  
Italy

Dear Dr Visconti,

I received your very kind letter of June 26 and I am writing to ask whether you might have some Nitrofurantoin tablets (100 mg) available sometime between September 28 and October 3. ~~During that interval~~ I expect to be in Rome on September 25 and return from Rome to Geneva via Milano. I will phone you on arrival in Milano and perhaps we can get together for a meal and on that occasion you could give me the tablets if you have them available.

If you are able to answer this letter promptly, your answer would reach me between September 18 and September 24 in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, at the Neptun Hotel.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Leo Szilard



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PIERREL SOCIETA PER AZIONI  
Milano, Via Turati 30

Prof. Niccolo Visconti  
Consigliere Delegato

Milan, September 13, 1963  
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Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

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Dear Dr. Szilard;

When I received your last letter, we were closing the plant for the summer vacation. I had the Nitrofurantoin tablets prepared after the end of the vacation, and they are now ready. I would like to send them over to you, in New York, but I do not know when I will have the opportunity of somebody going to U.S.A., in the mean time if you have somebody coming here, let me know.

My lawyer in New York, Frank Delaney Esq. is looking for an expert on microbiology regarding the law suit in which, as you know, I am involved in New York. He may call on you, and I will be very grateful to you, if you could give him some help and advice.

I hope to hear from you very soon. Please extend my regards to Mrs. Szilard.

Sincerely,

signed/ "yours, Visconti".



September 17, 1963

Professor Niccolo Visconti  
Pierrel Societa Per Azioni  
Milano  
Via Turati 30  
Italy

Dear Professor Visconti:

Your letter of September 13th to Dr. Szilard has arrived while Dr. Szilard is still abroad. Dr. Szilard is looking forward to receiving the Nitrofurantoin tablets, and I am sure that he will be pleased to know that they are ready. Since he is abroad, may I suggest that you write directly to Dr. Szilard at the following address, and make final arrangements with him regarding the tablets.

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Palais des Nations  
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Sincerely yours,

Kay M. Shannon  
Secretary to Dr. Szilard

cc: Dr. Szilard

w/note.

Frank Delaney -  
212 - Te - 29100  
591 Park Ave. N.Y.



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Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
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*Yours  
Visconti*

*Frank Delaney, 591 Park Ave.  
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MILANO, VIA TURATI 30

PROF. NICCOLÒ VISCONTI  
CONSIGLIERE DELEGATO

Milan, September 16, 1963  
CD/310 NV:gi

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Neptun  
Dubrovnik / Yugoslavia  
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Dear Doctor Szilard:

I receive now your letter dated September 12.  
Three or four days ago I wrote you a letter,  
copy of which I am enclosing. Your tablets  
are ready and awaiting for you.  
Referring to the other argument of my letter,  
I would like to talk to you in Milan.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

*Am. Visconti*



September 17, 1963

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Pierrel Societa Per Azioni  
Milano  
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\*\*NOTE TO DR. SZILARD: As I did not have Mr. Delaney's address and was not sure if there was more than one Frank Delaney, Esq. in New York, I called the one name listed, found that he was the right one, and left word with his secretary that you are abroad and when you expect to return. Kay. K.



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Prof. Nicholo Bi Visconti

Modrone, Foro Buonaparte 48

Milano, Italy

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Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Ave  
Washington D.C.

**Milano** February 7, 1964

da citare nella risposta

CD/37 NV:sb

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I delayed my answer to your letter, due to your trip in California, and the visit in Milan of Frank Delaney. I discussed with him our present situation with regard to the law suit, and to the disqualification of D.S.A. While in my letter to you I expressed my opinion that at that moment it was useless to discuss with Mr. Delaney our possible arrangement, on a second<sup>n</sup> thought I discussed this matter with him as, an arrangement between us was becoming rather complicated.

Your suggestion to incorporate in a letter the paragraph, "If on the basis of these arguments....." makes the whole agreement unclear; I would prefer that you discuss it directly with Mr. Delaney.

With regard to the suggestion of making an arrangement with a law firm in Washington, I think this is not very practical at the moment, when so little can be done, as Mr. Delaney will explain to you.

I think that the most important thing to do right now, would be to obtain the opinion of some experts as to the feasibility of developing, in a reasonable amount of time, a high producing strain.

I gave to Mr. Delaney some tablets for you.

With my kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

*Visconti*



March 16, 1964

Dr. Niccolo Visconti  
Pierrel s.p.a.  
Milano  
Via Turati 30, Italy

Dear Visconti:

I am writing to thank you for transmitting to me through Frank Delaney, whom I saw in New York, the pills which you made for me. I was sorry to hear from Mr. Delaney that things have not worked out the way he hoped they would!

You probably have seen the attached "literature". I forget how it got to me but I believe it was sent to my wife along with the usual junk which is mailed to doctors in this country.

This particular piece of literature set me wondering whether you ought not to change your tactics and instead of being on the defensive, go over to the attack. If you told your story in a magazine article and if you could, without running afoul of the libel laws and other laws which might be relevant, tell not only what happened to you but also why it happened it could make an exciting story and, moreover, it might do some good from the public point of view and it might also do some good from your own point of view.

The above is just my own off-the-cuff opinion and you had better check with your legal advisors before making any moves.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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