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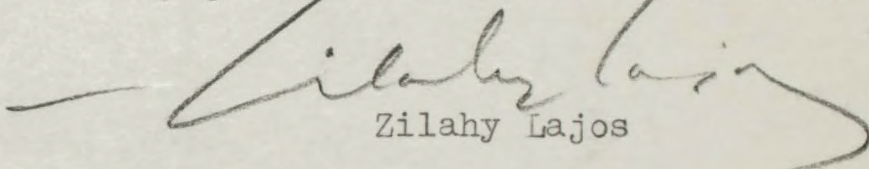
"My contact with the Russians" címmel nagyobb cikkso-rozatot tervezek az amerikai sajtó részére, de ehhez csak a jövő hónapban ülhetek neki, mert egyelőre a kiadóm nagyon sürgeti új regényem kéziratát.

Volt szives megigérni, hogy átnézi azt a részt, amely 1927 Berlinjéről szól. Ennek a néhány oldalnak természetesen semmiféle tudományos igénye nincs, kissé irónikus hangnemben van írva, de azért mégsem szeretnék valami teljes abszurdumot leírni. A regény műfaja az ugynevezett "historical fiction", ne lepődjék tehát meg, ha Berlinben egy nemlétező von Johnen professzort is szerepeltetek.

Nagyon hálás volnék, ha iskolai dolgozatomat tanári piros ceruzája átnézné, még akkor is, ha szekundát kapok. Könnyebbség kedvéért lehet a kézirat szélére is jegyezgetni.

Édesapja máma kivételesen jól érzi magát, amikor beléptem a szobájába, hosszú levelet írt "egy nagyon kedves kanadai asszonynak" és megmutatta, hogy éppen ezeknél a szavaknál tartott: Auch mein Sohn Leo...

Mindnyájunk részéről szives üdvözlettel


Zilahy Lajos

5650 Ellis Avenue

April 9, 1952

Mr. L. Zilahy
Saw Mill River Convalescent Home
1188 Saw Mill River Road
Yonkers, New York

Dear Mr. Zilahy:

I have read with much pleasure the fragment of your manuscript which you sent me. It made me quite homesick for Berlin in the 1920's.

From the point of view of an "expert" there is not much I can object to. I made only two marginal marks, one on the bottom of the first page and one on the top of the second page. On the top of the second, there ought to be inserted the factor k. On the bottom of the first page, the actual facts were as follows: Haber, believing that there is gold in the sea water, particularly off the coast of Brazil near Rio--as stated by the text books--spent several years working out in his laboratory an industrial procedure for separating minute amounts of gold from sea water. Having achieved this, he chartered a boat equipped as a pilot plant for the process and sailed to Brazil. The ~~text~~ books proved to be wrong.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS/sds
Enclosure

5650 Ellis Avenue

April 9, 1952

Mrs. L. Zilahy
Saw Mill River Convalescent Home
1188 Saw Mill River Road
Yonkers, New York

Dear Mrs. Zilahy:

The other day I had a letter from my father reporting that a doctor finds him anemic, and I am a little concerned that with his extraordinarily restricted diet he does not get enough iron to replace the loss of iron due to a small amount of bleeding in the colon. Since he appears to have objections to injections, I wondered whether you could look into the possibility of having one of the doctors approve giving him a very small quantity of iron in the form of pills which he could take with his meals. This could be a very small amount of iron indeed, just about equal to the amount of iron contained in a normal diet or even less than that. If the doctor agrees, I would appreciate your telling him that I wrote you about this and explain to him the theory of replacing the iron which he loses. If he accepts the theory he will probably accept the pills, particularly if they are small and contain only the minimal iron requirement so that they don't upset his digestion.

Why not tell him that I wrote you about this and that you are looking into the matter?

I appreciate very much the kindness which you show to my father.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

LS/sds

Leo Szilard

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April 15, 1952

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I was hardly in receipt of your kind letter of April 9th, when your brother had returned from his holiday and took up once again the supervision of your father's care.

I spoke to him at length about the problem of the iron deficiency which you raised, and he told me that he himself will take care of the matter and he most likely will inform you of the conclusions.

It is a pleasure to be of service to your father, and if you feel at any time that I can of assistance please don't hesitate to write to me.

Yours sincerely

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