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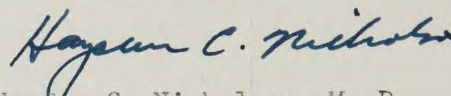
Dr. Leo Szilard
Professor of Biophysics
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Doctor Szilard:

I am writing in reply to your letter of 9 June in which you inquire regarding possible support through the Committee on Growth for a series of seminars sponsored jointly by the University of Chicago and Indiana University.

It is difficult for me to predict the reaction of the Committee on Growth to a proposal of this sort. In the past we have contributed to the support of various scientific conferences and symposia but I think nothing similar to the series which you describe. I would suggest that you write me formally requesting such support and describing the proposed symposia in a little detail, including possible topics for discussion, likely participants etc. I shall be most happy to submit such a request to the Committee who I am sure will give it their serious and sympathetic consideration. The earliest date at which the Committee can act upon such a request probably will be the latter part of September.

Very sincerely yours,



Hayden C. Nicholson, M. D.

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
June 29, 1949

Dr. Hayden C. Nicholson
Executive Secretary, Committee on Growth
National Research Council
2101 Constitution Avenue
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Nicholson:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 14th. In view of the information contained in it, I shall not make a formal application at this time but I might take up the matter in September again if the necessary funds have not been secured by that time from other sources.

I wish to thank you for concerning yourself with this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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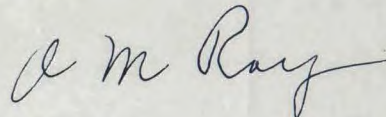
Dr. Leo Szilard
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

The Committee on Growth has received an application for a
Fellowship in Cancer Research of the American Cancer Society
from

Dr. Alan Garen
Carnegie Institute of Washington
Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York

Your name has been given as one to whom we might refer for
information regarding the qualifications of the applicant. We
should appreciate it greatly if you could take time to write us
giving us your opinion of Dr. Garen We are interested
particularly in your estimate of his general ability, personality,
initiative and originality as an investigator, but any comments
which you feel would be helpful to the Committee in evaluating
the application would be most welcome. Finally, will you please
state whether or not you feel that the applicant is well quali-
fied to undertake a career of research in the basic sciences or
investigative medicine? Your views in this regard will be of the
greatest help to the Committee on Growth in their consideration
of this fellowship request.

Very sincerely yours,



O. M. Ray
Executive Secretary

February 12, 1953

Dr. O. M. Ray
Executive Secretary
National Research Council
2101 Constitution Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ray,

In reply to your letter of January 29, concerning Dr. Alan Garen I wish to say the following:

I am well acquainted with the research which Dr. Garen performed at the Medical School of the University of Colorado in Denver. I consider him fully qualified to undertake research in the basic sciences of medicine and of the exact sciences, particularly in physical chemistry. He is intelligent, resourceful, has adequate initiative and originality, and has a critical ability to evaluate the results which he obtains. He is a man of high integrity and great devotion to scientific work.

If I can give any further information, please do not hesitate to call on me again.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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