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October 1, 1951

Dr. Paul Weiss
Department of Zoology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Weiss:

Dr. Szilard has written to me that you have worried about the visa situation for foreigners. I have been one year in Europe lately, and I was extremely upset about the effects of this policy upon public opinion. I was planning to start some kind of action to change the situation. I don't know yet what suitable action would be, but I am very interested in any detailed case which I can lay my hands upon.

I wonder if it would be possible for you to write to me about your experience. I would like very much to have cases of visa refusals with as many details as possible as to the reason and the method by which it was refused. I think it is also very important to know about the type of interviews which were given even in the case where the visa were granted. Sometimes these interrogations were even worse in the effect upon the people than the actual refusal of the visa.

Any help I could get from you, I would very much welcome.

Very sincerely yours,

Victor F. Weisskopf

VFW:cas
cc: Professor Leo Szilart

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February 22, 1952

Dr. Aaron Novick
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics
University of Chicago
5650 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Novick:

This is in confirmation of our telephone conversation of today in which you kindly agreed to discuss the matter of participation in the forthcoming symposium of the Growth Society with Dr. Szilard on his return. Dr. Szilard has indicated in the past that he might be willing to take on such an assignment, and we would be very glad if he consented to ~~the~~ give the talk. On the other hand we should be equally pleased if the two of you should choose you as the speaker. I shall leave the final decision entirely to the two of you, but I take it that we can definitely count on having one or the other of you discuss the topic "Control of growth rates in microorganisms."

I am enclosing a program including the names of those speakers who have already accepted. To repeat what I said over the telephone, the primary purpose of these talks is to put the particular topic into focus in a talk of about 45 to 50 minutes duration leaving the rest of the quarter-day period for ample discussion. Of course, your own exciting work should be presented in the proper context, but technical details could be omitted in favor of a fuller presentation of the meaning of the results for the problem of the interpretation of growth rates in general. Upon my return from Europe by the middle of March, I shall be glad to give you any additional information that you might desire.

As I indicated over the telephone, travel expenses and living expenses at the symposium will be refunded.

Dr. Aaron Novick

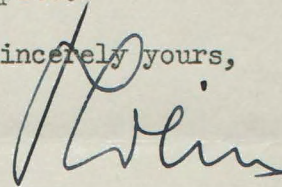
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Please communicate directly with Dr. Butler as soon as you have reached a decision. His address is Department of Biology, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

Please tell Dr. Szilard how much we are looking forward to seeing this topic duly presented at the meeting and accept our appreciation for your intervention and willingness to participate.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Weiss", written in a cursive style.

Paul Weiss, Chairman
Committee on Developmental Biology

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cc: Dr. Butler

June 10, 1957

Dr. Paul Weiss
The Rockefeller Institute
66th Street and York Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Paul,

I plan to visit Paris and Berlin this fall where I am going to give a few talks. I take it that the French Atomic Energy Commission and the German Chemical Society will take care of my travel to Paris and Berlin.

I would like to make use of this occasion to attend the International Meeting of Cellular Biology at the end of August at St. Andrews, and visit at that time some of the British laboratories (I have not been back to England since before the war).

I was wondering whether the Association, of which you are Vice President and which had some funds to dispense in the form of grants to help travel expenses to that meeting, might be willing to cover my travel expense from Paris to St. Andrews and return with about ten days stay in the United Kingdom. I do not know what the plane fares in Europe are these days and I believe you are in a better position to estimate this and will also know by now what the adequate per diem rate is in England.

I expect to be in New York either in the first week of July or in the third week of July, but I expect that you will be gone by that time.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

66TH STREET AND YORK AVENUE
NEW YORK 21, N.Y.

Via Air Mail

June 13, 1957

Dr. Leo Szilard
The Enrico Fermi Institute
for Nuclear Studies
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Leo:

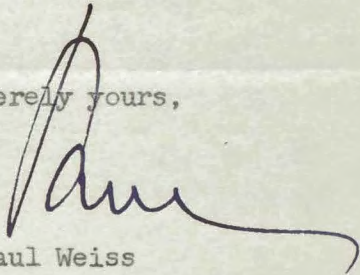
Unfortunately, the books are closed, and the travel fund which I had collected on behalf of the International Society of Cell Biology, partly from its own resources and partly from private sources, has been completely allocated. I still have at my disposal a fund at the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, which could be tapped for a small contribution to your travel expenses to the Congress, but this would amount to no more than a flat \$100.

If this amount were to be sufficient to permit you to attend the Congress, please inform me by return air mail, so that I may instruct the Business Office in Washington to send you the check before my departure for Europe on June 28.

It would be fun to see you over there. Until then, have a good summer.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Paul Weiss

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June 14, 1957

Dr. Paul Weiss
The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
66th Street and York Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 13th. If this does not cause you any inconvenience whatsoever, I would appreciate a check for \$100. for travel expenses to attend the Congress at St. Andrews. I guess that this would about take care of expenses for the trip from Paris to St. Andrews. However, if it is in the least inconvenient for you to arrange this, please do not bother since in a pinch I can resort to deficit financing of the trip.

I wonder if you can have sent to me the program of the Congress, or else let me know to where I may write to get it.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard