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Jan 16
1947.

Dear Professor Weiner;

Your mail, in response to your recent article "A Scientist Rebels", must be a heavy one. I hate to burden you with another letter, but feel impelled to write and thank you for such a courageous stand.

I venture to send you enclosed, which was written in 1923, by perhaps our best English prophet of that time. You will see that he advocates for scientists the very path that you have followed.

This is a short chapter from one of his more popular books, but its logic is inescapable. He is the author of "The International Anarchy", a book which has never been superceded, but which I doubt if anyone reads. But to anyone who had read it, it was paralyzing to realize that this last conflict was in the books years before Hitler.

Elsewhere this same author states the dilemma which faces ~~the~~ scientists to-day: ~~they~~ must not, while they make a tool of Nature, become themselves the tools of men".

Your stand on this is a great encouragement to every thinking scientist.

Yours sincerely,

Ethel M. Luce Clausen

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January 16, 1947

Prof. Norbert Wiener,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wiener:

Not for a long time have I found anything as enlightened and encouraging as your stand on the use of scientific information for destruction. Your attitude must have taken courage --- and it may require even more courage in the days to come, but it will draw behind you thousands of thoughtful citizens who appreciate the importance of your viewpoint.

Perhaps you are flooded with gratuitous letters, and do not have time to read anything, but the attached brief discussion, definitely relevant to your position, may be of interest.

Sincerely,

Devere Allen

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for Professor Norbert Wiener

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
49 WEST 49TH STREET
NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

January 16, 1947

Dear Dr. Compton:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation held January 16, 1947, consideration was given to the project in mathematical biology which Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Institute of Cardiology in Mexico City proposed to undertake jointly. I have the honor to inform you that an appropriation was made to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology providing up to \$27,500 toward the expenses of this project over a five-year period beginning June 1, 1947, with the understanding that not more than \$5,500 shall be available in any one year for salaries, expenses of travel, and other expenses and for special apparatus involved in the plan to have investigators from each institution spend periods of six months in the other in joint research.

If this arrangement is convenient, we propose to make semi-annual payments to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. We would ask that a statement of receipts and expenditures be sent us at the close of each year. Any balance

remaining unexpended at the close of each of the first four years is returnable to the Foundation and will, therefore, be considered as part payment of the allotment for the following year. Any balance remaining unexpended as of May 31, 1952, will revert to the Foundation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

President Karl T. Compton
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

cc - Professor Ignacio Chavez
Professor Arturo Rosenblueth
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Professor Norbert Wiener

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Professor Norbert Weiner
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

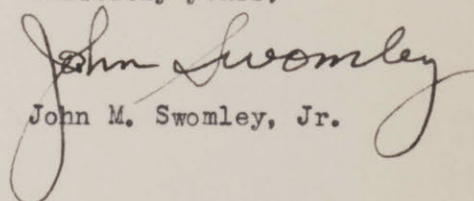
Dear Doctor Weiner:

I was pleased to read your statement in the Atlantic Monthly recently, and also the item in the New York Times about your refusal to speak at a conference of scientists because they were discussing plans for another war.

As you can tell from the letterhead on which I write, I have taken a position that I will not participate in any more war. I do not know whether you take the same position but in any event I wanted to write you a note of commendation.

I am a graduate of Boston University, class of 1941 and knew quite a few persons at M.I.T. I don't believe I knew of any emphasis on peace at M.I.T. at that time, and I am therefore doubly glad for your own expression.

Sincerely yours,


John M. Swomley, Jr.

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January 17, 1947

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I am glad to be able to tell you that the Executive Committee yesterday passed the proposal for support of the project which you and Arturo have worked on for collaboration during the next five years. You will shortly receive formal notification from the Secretary of the Foundation but I thought it worth while to explain that the proposed budget is made up on the basis of an allowance of \$2,500 for half salary during the six-months' period in which you would be away from your regular job, an additional \$2,000 to cover differences in living expenses, and \$1,000 for special apparatus which may be needed. Our thought was to make these figures large enough to cover any possible contingencies, but it is expected that in most years the total sums will not be entirely spent. Details of accounting, etc. will be worked out between our financial officers and the Comptroller at Tech; your dealings therefore will be principally with the latter officer.

I think everyone here recognizes that it is impossible to predict just what the results of your work with Arturo are going to be but we are looking forward eagerly to following your progress in the next five years. Good luck.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

RSM:SIR

Prof. Norbert Wiener, c/o Atlantic Monthly

Apt. 1001, 340 West 55th Street

18748

New York City 19, N. Y.

Dear Prof. Wiener:

Thank God! one Scientist at
last who is at the same time a
moral human being!

I cannot tell you how your
noble letter (San. Atlantic) helped
make up for the shameless insistence
of Karl Compton's defense of the
throwing of the atomic bomb in
the December issue. Thank you.
Sincerely, Ebonia Progan



Post Card

Prof. Norbert Wiener
c/o The Editor
Atlantic Monthly
Boston
Mass.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Jan. 18th '47

Dear Prof. Wiener;

My son, Robert, who is now a Benjamin Pierce instructor at Harvard sent me a clipping telling of your stand on the use of your discoveries to promote atomic bombing.

Please accept my congratulations.

This is a service to the world far greater than any ones research, even if they (at govt) were not decelerating the latter.

Cordially

Glenn James

3012 Oakland St.
Ames, Iowa
Jan. 20, 1947

Prof. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute
of Technology.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wiener;

It was with pleasure that I read in
"Newsweek" of Jan. 20th that you "no longer
cooperate in scientific research that might
result in improving guided missiles for bombing
or poisoning of defenseless peoples or other-
wise do damage in the hands of irres-
ponsible militarists."

For over 400 years our people have
believed that we are morally responsible for
the effects of our acts on "brother" mankind,
we are Mennonites. We know that it
requires clear thinking and strong will
power to take such a step and to stay
with it. I wish to congratulate you and
offer you our moral support.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Raib

320 Lonsdale Road.

Toronto, Ont. Canada.

January the 20th 1947.

Professor Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachussets Institute of Technology.
Cambridge, Massachussets.

Dear Sir,

I am about to graduate from the Department of Applied Mathematics of the University of Toronto, I would like to enquire about the graduate studies at the Massachussets Institute of Technology, and would be most grateful if you could give me any information as to the existence of any scholarships, fellowships or lectureships in the Department.

Sincerely yours.

M. Shubik

Martin Shubik.

RUSSELL GUERNE deLAPPE
Architect, A. I. A.

January 21, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Mass. Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener:

I am writing you regarding the very admirable and commendable stand you have taken in protecting the people against the indiscriminate or rather perverted use of the contributions made by the scientist.

The news of the position that you have taken in refusing to disclose your scientific findings, until you are satisfied that the ends to which they will be placed will be constructive, was first brought to my attention by a friend who heard Cecil Brown's morning broadcast.

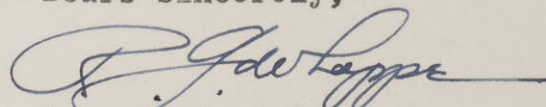
In order to be sure that I had the correct name of the scientist for the purpose of writing this letter, I called my friend Sidney Roger, a well-known commentator on the west coast. I knew that Mr. Roger, if anyone, with his access to the news wires and press releases, should have your name. He was unable to give me this information as no releases had been made here as yet. However, I consider his comment significant and appropriate, "That man has guts. Why, do you know that the military is spending seven dollars for research for every dollar supplied by other sources?"

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists whose present program cannot help but be tremendously advanced each time a scientist in high position takes stand such as you have taken on so vital an issue.

You will be pleased to know that the full personnel of our office has contributed financially to advance the work of the Emergency Committee.

Please accept my congratulations and respects.

Yours sincerely,


Russell G. deLappe

RGD/bb

N. S. BARNEY, C. E.
ARCHITECT
700 STEAMBOAT ROAD
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

January 21, 1947

Prof. Norbert Wiener,
c/o Atlantic Monthly,
Boston 16, Mass.

My dear Professor Wiener:

I read with great interest your protest in the Atlantic Monthly, and take pleasure in enclosing my plan for a World Peoples' Parliament. Perhaps it is not such a far cry to the day when the Educators, Scientists and Trade Unionists of the world will meet in International Council, and make such a Parliament a living, vocal power. I would greatly appreciate your comments.

With admiration for the stand you have taken,

Sincerely yours,

Nora Stanton Barney

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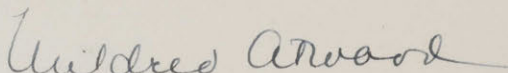
January 21, 1947

Dear Dr. Wiener:

In April we plan to have a special number on books. In this connection, we have been able to obtain the advance sheets on Eddington's "Fundamental Theories," which is to be published by the Macmillan Company in April. We should like to carry a review of this book by you in our special book issue. The review should contain about 500 words. There is no great rush for the review, but of course we should like it well in advance of April 25, which is to be the date of the issue.

We are enclosing a self-addressed postcard for your answer, and we hope that it will be in the affirmative.

Sincerely yours,



Mildred Atwood
Assistant Editor

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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January 21, 1947

Mr. Oskar Morgenstern
International Finance Section
Dept. of Economics and Social Institutions
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Morgenstern:

I have no spare copies of my monograph on
The Analysis of Time Series. Before I make any effort
to procure you one, I should like to know for what pur-
poses you intend to use it. If it is for any purpose
in connection with military or naval service, you may
assume in advance that my answer will be no.

Very truly yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:am

I am willing to review for Science Eddington's "Fundamental Theories."

Yes _____

No _____

Since I am unable to write the review, I suggest

(Name)

(Address)

as a possible reviewer.

Norbert Wiener

MIT

Cambridge, Massachusetts

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Editorial Office, SCIENCE
1515 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

January 21, 1947

Mr. W. Prager, Chairman
Graduate Div. of Applied Mathematics
Brown University
Providence 12, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Prager:

While I should very much like to, I am afraid
I cannot participate in the symposium on non-linear
problems in the mechanics of continua for August 2-4,
1947, as I shall then be in Mexico.

Very truly yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:am

January 21, 1947

Mr. P.K. Wells
Office of Naval Research
Navy Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reference your letter January 6, 1947, Serial 9410,
under no condition can I furnish further information to
the Office of Naval Research. The enclosed document
will explain my point of view.

Very truly yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW:am

Enc.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

John
Department of
MATHEMATICS

January 22, 1947

TO: Members of the Bicentennial Conference on the Problems of
Mathematics

FROM: Conference Reporter

SUBJECT: Problems

A book is to be prepared in connection with this conference. An essential ingredient of such a book is a good list of problems. You, and, through you, your colleagues, are asked to contribute to such a list.

Contributed problems may be sent directly to me, or, if you prefer, to the reporter for the particular session.

The particularly desirable types of problem are these:
(i) problems whose solution will require new methods, which will open up new areas, (ii) problems which are still just over the horizon, but can probably be solved with present methods, (iii) central, but distant, problems toward which a field is working. Roughly speaking, problems should be of the level of a Ph.D. problem or better.

Very sincerely yours,



John W. Tukey

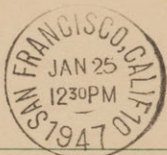
Prof. Wiener

San Francisco
Cal.

Dear Sir,

Jan 23, 47

In all the lack of
foresight and the chaos & con-
fusion caused by it, there is
a little spark of hope in your
attitude that science, as the great
scientists of old showed, is not
for war. The problem of over-
population must be solved in
some other way. One of them
is that women should arrive
at political maturity. Cordially
Millicent B. Fincham



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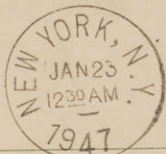
Prof. Norbert Wiener
Mass. Inst. Technology
Cambridge
Mass

My dear Professor Wiener,

Although unknown to you, I am taking the liberty of letting you know how courageous and right I believe your stand to be, in regard to keeping from the armed services, scientific secrets which they intend to use for the destruction of human life. You have re-asserted the integrity of the scientist as a man, and every person who values human integrity is indebted to you. Sincerely yours,

I read the account in the NY Herald-Tribune.

Orlie Pell



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Professor Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Inst. of Technology
Cambridge
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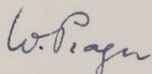
January 23, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 21. I was sorry to learn that you will not be able to attend our Symposium on Non-Linear Problems in Mechanics of Continua.

Sincerely yours,



W. Prager

WP:fg

962 EUCLID AVENUE
BERKELEY 8, CALIFORNIA

January 23, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Mass. Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener,

Listening to a
broadcast by Cecil Brown the morning
recently, I was struck by the impor-
tance of his report on your stand
regarding the guided missiles. I
understood him to say that you had
refused to address a meeting of navy
men at Harvard because you were
asked to disclose some discoveries
which the armed forces would like
to use for destructive purposes.

In the January Atlantic magazine,

your letter to a scientist of an air-
craft corporation indicates that some
details of the broadcast were incorrect.

Be that as it may, the important
thing is the stand you have taken, and
I wish to add my voice to the chorus
of ordinary humans throughout the world
who would applaud your courage
and your integrity. May the torch you
carry throw its light into the far places
of the earth and strengthen the will
of scientists of whatever tongue, to resist
the pressure from powerful forces of
destruction.

I speak for my family and many friends
when I say "Thank you, and success to
you in this our big fight!"

Sincerely yours
(rth.) Helen A. Verdi.

Department of Mathematics

January 24, 1947

President Carmichael ✓
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Dear Colleague:

I have just learned from the Rockefeller Foundation that a five-year plan for the cooperation between M.I.T. and the Instituto Nacional de Cardiologia in Mexico has just gone through. The basis is the use of mathematical methods in physiology and I shall be down in Mexico half of every other year beginning the fall term of 1947. The alternate years Arturo Rosenbluth will be up here a half a year working with me.

I am writing to see if we cannot use these new facilities in devising a plan of training of young applied mathematicians in physiology and young physiologists in applied mathematics to meet the future needs of this program.

I suggest that we hold a get-together dinner in the Silver Room at M.I.T. on the evening of the thirteenth of February next at 6:30 P.M. Will you please let me know if you expect to be able to be there?

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert Wiener

Herbert Wiener

W/h

12 Defwynt Terrace
Waltham
25 Jan. '47

Dear Professor Wiener:

Herewith find copy of our local News-Tribune editorial, commenting on your recent shred's statement in the Atlantic. I feel certain that you will not be unduly disturbed over any minor criticism here presented; on the other side of the ledger, you have, no doubt, received immense hearty endorsements concerning your courageous stand in a matter of vital world-wide importance.

Alas! I can not offer you, at the moment, any new detective stories of any genuine merit. The genre appears to have descended (here, at least) to a new low level of inanity and dullness. As I remarked recently to a

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friend of mine (Prof. Lurdor, Univ. of Colorado, who defends the current product to some extent) our American 'tees are marked by an abundance of hard "likker", a wearisome cut-to-flatter group of wild women - and damned little true detection.

In my own case, I am re-reading Freeman - Crofts and Sayers. Miss Sayers, by the way, in a recent article, admits that she is "through with writing detective stories" (for the moment, at least) and believes that the whodunit has exhausted its resources. She is perhaps not far "off the beam", though I still hold fast that God & Peter will, in all good time, stage another of his amazing' (don't know!) exploits.

Yours sincerely
Bill Stone

Lakeview Drive
Concord, N. H.

Jan. 25, 1947

Prof. Norbert Wiener
M. I. T.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir,

We congratulate you on the stand
you have taken in regard to militarism
and scientific ~~research~~ in the field
of warfare as described in Newsweek,
Jan. 20, 1947.

We only hope that you are
not alone among the scientists in
this viewpoint.

Sincerely,

Ethel and David Dunham

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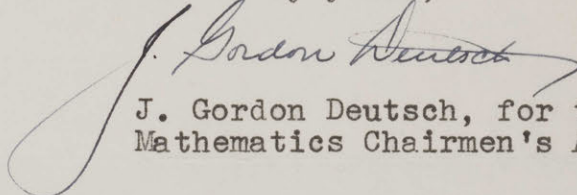
Dear Professor Wiener,

The mathematics teachers of New York City, through their associations, are planning to hold their annual luncheon meeting on Saturday, March 29, 1947, at the Columbia University Faculty Club.

They would very much like to have you as their guest of honor at the luncheon, as a token of their esteem for you as a creative leader in mathematics. It is customary for the guest to deliver an appropriate talk on a topic of his own choosing. Fifty dollars, or somewhat more, will be available to reimburse you for your expenses.

If you should find it possible to accept our invitation (and we devoutly hope you shall), would you please let me know as soon as you can?

Sincerely yours,



J. Gordon Deutsch, for the
Mathematics Chairmen's Ass'n.

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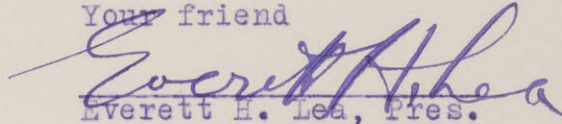
Prof. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I salute you, and commend you, for your moral courage, in refusing as a Scientist to allow the result of your labors to be used by the destroyers of life and property.

And I do pray, that other Scientists will have the human decency to follow your example.

Your friend

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Everett H. Lea". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned over the typed name "Everett H. Lea, Pres.".

Everett H. Lea, Pres.

The Olympian Society, Inc.

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA

Jan. 27, 1947

MATHEMATICS

Prof. Robert Wiener
Mass. Inst. of Tech.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Robert:

A new journal called "Mathematics Magazine" will make its initial appearance about March 1, 1947. It will be published five times a year and it will be governed by an executive ^{editorial} committee of three of which I am one. Besides the executive editorial committee there will be several other editors who will be chosen later.

The "Mathematics Magazine" will stress expository articles as well as original articles.

The Editorial Board will consider it a great honor if you would be kind enough to send me for publication in the "Mathematics Magazine" an expository mathematical article (pure or applied mathematics) of approximately five thousand words. If you do not care to send an expository article, I will be most happy to have an original article from you. May I have the manuscript at your earliest convenience. We sincerely hope that you can make this contribution, as your cooperation in this matter will materially help in making the "Mathematics Magazine" a high grade mathematical journal.

Cordially yours,
Aristotle D. Michal.

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January 27, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

Many thanks for your letter of January 24 with regard to the training of mathematical physiologists. I am strongly in favor of such a training program and I shall be happy to come to the get-together dinner on February 13.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Barnes
John L. Barnes

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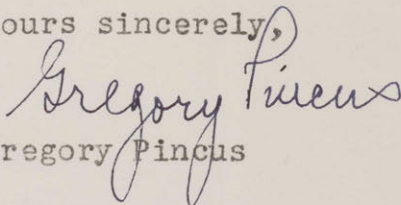
January 27, 1947

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

The plan suggested in your letter of January 24 is extremely interesting. I shall be happy to attend the dinner on Thursday evening, February 13.

Yours sincerely,



Gregory Pincus

GP/pnp

THE WORCESTER FOUNDATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY

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January 27, 1947

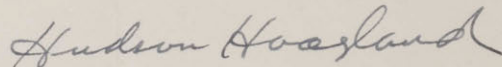
Dr. Norbert Wiener
Dept. of Mathematics
Mass. Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I shall be delighted to meet with you for dinner on the evening of February thirteenth. The plan you outline in your letter of the twenty-fourth sounds most interesting and constructive. Dr. Pincus will come with me, although I presume he will write you independently.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Hudson Hoagland

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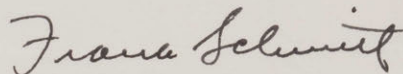
January 27, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Room 2-165
M. I. T.

Dear Professor Wiener:

So far as I can foresee, I will be
in town on February 13 and shall be glad to attend
the meeting at 6:30 p.m. as described in your
letter of 24 January 1947.

Sincerely yours,



Francis O. Schmitt

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MEDFORD 55, MASSACHUSETTS

January 27, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener:

Your suggestion regarding
mathematics and physiology interests me very much.

I will be glad to attend the dinner and
conference at M.I.T. on February 13 at 6.30 pm.

Very sincerely yours,

Kenneth D. Roeder

Kenneth D. Roeder

January 27, 1947

Mr. Robert Morrison
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for the announcement that the plans of Rosenbluth and myself have gone through. I am extremely grateful and shall do my best to see that our work does not let you down. I shall write you another letter very soon covering the final expenses of my last trip. I should like to know, by the by, what part of the money I received from the Rockefeller last year and what part of that which I shall receive this year has been reported to the government for income tax.

The other day I received an invitation from Dr. Mandelbroijt in Paris to give a lecture or lectures at Nancy this summer on Harmonic Analysis. He made the statement that the way would be paid by the Rockefeller Foundation. If I can fit it into my schedule I should like to leave late in May or early in June and to return directly to Mexico sometime in the middle of the summer, remaining there until just about a year from now. I have given a provisional "yes" to Mandelbroijt but have received no answer from him and do not know quite what to do about it. I do not know whether he means that you will arrange for the transportation or will merely reimburse me for it. I am at any rate trying to provide for my own passage both ways in the hope that I will not have to put any money down until it is there.

I have already been busy trying to make arrangements for the best use of Arturo's time when he comes here year after next. I am trying to see if M.I.T. either alone or with the backing of neighboring institutions can provide for the training of young men jointly in applied mathematics and physiology. I have already talked to Carmichael of Tufts about it and he is definitely interested. I have done this after consulting with my M.I.T. colleagues.

I have been seeing a good deal of your brother of late and I am delighted to have made his acquaintance. You two have much in common in point of view and I think also although you have denied it, in appearance.

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I have just heard from Arturo that Pitts is working hard and fulfilling the duties of his Guggenheim. Arturo's letter is cheerful and I think with his determination to go on he has pulled out from the results of his operation.

Manuelo Vallarta was here recently and we had a long talk about atomic bomb matters. Manuelo is quite enthusiastic about our new undertaking in Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

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DUGALD C. JACKSON
5 MERCER CIRCLE, CAMBRIDGE (38)
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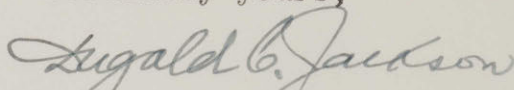
January 28, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Mass. Inst. of Tech.
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Wiener:

I've just read your letter published in the Atlantic Monthly for January and quite admire it, although I do not agree wholly with your expression of opinion. In particular, however, I do support the view you express regarding the importance of free exchange of knowledge and opinions between learned men. While at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I very strongly opposed any tendency to make the laboratories confidential, which process would shut off acquaintance with each others' work among the faculty and would exclude contact by students with important faculty work.

Cordially yours,



Dugald C. Jackson

DCJ:msh

Department of Mathematics

January 28, 1947

Mr. J. Gordon Deutsch
Andrew Jackson High School
116th Avenue and Francis Lewis Blvd.
St. Albans, Queens
New York

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

I am very happy to accept your invitation to be guest of honor at the luncheon meeting of the mathematics teachers of New York City to be held Saturday, March 29, 1947 at the Columbia University Faculty Club.

Cordially,

Norbert Wiener

W/h

208 Royce Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,

January 29, 1947.

Prof. Herbert Wiener,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Boston, Massachusetts,

Dear Prof. Wiener,

So that you will know that your action in refusing to supply information re controlled missiles to an aircraft corporation has not gone unnoticed in Toronto we are sending you this letter. For your information we are enclosing the clipping from the Toronto Daily Star which brought your action to our attention.

We have some idea of what is involved in the courageous stand which you took, and want you to know that your attitude has not gone unappreciated. It seems to us that unless more scientists take a similar stand now "the military mind" will dominate science and scientists with what results you are aware.

A Levitz
Sylvia Marks.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Campfield
Bernice Levitz
Goldie Levitz

A Scientist in Revolt

Prof. Norbert Wiener, who teaches mathematics in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is one scientist who has resolved not to help militarists obtain more terrible weapons and who seems to regret his part in helping the National Defence Research Committee of the United States during the war. He refuses to supply a member of the research staff of an aircraft corporation with a copy of a paper he wrote for the government in the period of hostilities about the possibilities of controlled missiles. The government once distributed copies of his letter which is now out of print.

The professor says that to disseminate information about a weapon in the present state of civilization is to make it practically certain that that weapon will be used. He regards the controlled missile as an imperfect supplement to atom bomb and bacterial warfare. He declares "the practical use of guided missiles can only be to kill foreign civilians

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indiscriminately and it furnishes no protection whatever to civilians in this country." He is resolved not to publish any future work of his that might do damage in the hands of irresponsible militarists. His prejudice against militarists is shown by a reference he makes to "the tragic insolence of the military mind."

The refusal of this scientist to aid the defence authorities in producing more devastating weapons of destruction is based mainly on moral grounds. Mixed up with the matter of ethics is the natural reluctance of men of science to submit to any measure of control and censorship by soldiers, sailors and airmen. Prof. Wiener thinks that defence measures shackling scientists have gone so far that, persisted in, they would lead to the total irresponsibility of the scientists and ultimately to the death of science.

The best way to settle the questions raised by the stand taken by this American scientist is to outlaw war and control all weapons of mass slaughter. Such an achievement is beyond human reach unless the peoples of the world rid themselves of ill-will and prejudice and learn to dwell together in amity. When people love one another in the manner commended by the Man of Nazareth, the world will be ripe for the millennium.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEDFORD 55, MASSACHUSETTS

January 29, 1947

Professor Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

Thank you for your letter of
January 24 concerning the proposed meeting
in the Silver Room at M.I.T. at 6:30 p.m. on
February 13. I shall certainly expect to be
present.

It was nice to see you the other
day.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard Carmichael

LC:P

Leonard Carmichael

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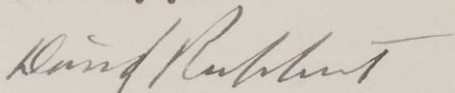
Jan. 30, 1947

Prof. Norbert Wiener
Dept. of Mathematics
Mass. Inst. of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear DR. Wiener:

Thank you for asking me to come to the dinner in the Silver Room at M.I.T. on Feb 13. I shall be very glad to attend. May I take the occasion to congratulate you on the opportunity that has been given to you and Rosenbluth. I am sure good will come of it

Sincerely yours



David Rapport

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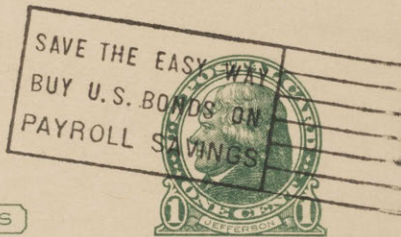
Dear Sir:

I read in Newsweek that you refuse to participate in atomic military research, because politicians are irresponsible of their actions. I too feel the same about this matter (I am NOT a communist), + some of my friends do too.

Congratulations for your moral courage.

Yours truly,

A. Willow
2059 N. Lockwood Ave
Chicago, 39, Ill.



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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts

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January 31, 1947

Professor Norbert Weiner
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Weiner:

With reference to your call a few days ago, we have registered your name with the Cunard Line, United States Lines, French Line, Holland America Line and the Gdynia America Line for space to and from Europe.

We have received advice from the Gdynia America Line that they can offer a berth to you in the Tourist Class on the Motorship Batory sailing from New York on June 20th at the rate of \$185 to Southampton plus the US Transportation tax.

They have given us an option on this space until February 4 and if you would like to have it definitely reserved in your name will you please forward us your deposit of \$50 to hold the space and at the same time fill in the attached information blank which must be received by the Steamship Co. on or before the above date.

We are endeavoring to ascertain the steamship service from Europe to Vera Cruz and as soon as we are in possession of this, we will notify you at once. In the meantime, we trust that we will have the pleasure of your accepting the above offer as we know the steamer is a very nice one and was exceptionally popular just prior to the war when the ship was built.

Yours very truly,

W. Halliwell
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January 31, 1947

Professor Hassler Whitney
Department of Mathematics
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Whitney:

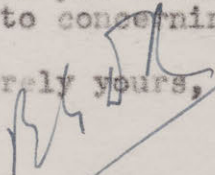
Our Committee would not, I believe, affront our constituency by asking Blaschke to serve again as Visiting Lecturer. His sense of humor in referring to Princeton as a Nigger Village and in persecuting the decent German mathematicians is not amusing.

If W. Horn is the man I have in mind, he seems too old and not distinguished enough for this appointment.

Have we investigated Cramer and Riesz as possibilities?

The Canadians are having a Congress on Algebra and Number Theory from mid-August to mid-September, and besides Mordell (who will be here until the end of 1947) they are planning to invite Linnick (from Russia), Artin, and a young Frenchman, such as Dubreil or Krasner. It appears to me that if they can get Linnick, it would be a big stroke, for he is an exceedingly talented young man in Number Theory and speaks English well. I would vote for him as Visiting Lecturer were he available. Hua can tell you something about him. And W.L.G. Williams is the man to write to concerning the Canadian plans.

Sincerely yours,


R.G.D. Richardson
Dean of the Graduate School

RGDR:ag

cc to Professors Hildebrandt, Kline, and Wiener