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CORRESPONDENCE Dec. 1-9, 1959

N. WIENER MC 22

[ca Dec. 1959]

BROWN UNIVERSITY

PROVIDENCE 12, RHODE ISLAND

Dear Professor Wiener:

I am sorry pressure of work kept me from coming to Cambridge during the last few weeks. I expect to come to it Thursday and/or Friday, Dec. 10, 11.

The enclosed letters are self-explanatory. The Russians have sent only 50 reprints*. Hence my request for another 50 from S.I.A.M. (You must have received, already, reprints of our other paper from Grenander.)

I expect you will hear from Professor Young of Indiana concerning me. If so, please respond.

More when I see you.

Sincerely

Persi Maroni

* 25 of which I will bring with me.

SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS

POST OFFICE BOX 7541
PHILADELPHIA 1, PENNSYLVANIA

October 5, 1959

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

Professor N. Wiener
c/o Professor E. B. Dynkin
Moscow Mathematical Society
Moscow State University
Moscow, B-234, U. S. S. R.

Dear Professor Wiener:

We have recently undertaken the translation into English of TEORIYA VEROYATNOSTEI I EE PRIMENENIYA. Present planning shows that Volume IV (No. 3) will go to press in January 1960.

It seems worthwhile to provide authors the opportunity to make corrections, typographical or otherwise, to the translated manuscripts. We urge that such corrections be kept to a minimum and naturally we could not permit extensive revision.

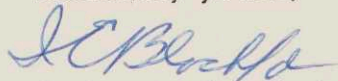
We, therefore, solicit your response in this matter with respect to manuscript

"On Bivariate Stationary Processes and the Factorization of Matrix-valued Functions"
which appeared in Volume IV , Number 3 , pages 322 to 331 All corrections should be forwarded to our Editor:

Mrs. Natascha Artin
Institute of Mathematical Sciences
New York University
25 Waverly Place
New York 3, New York, U. S. A.

Our deadline for changes is Nov. 15, 1959 and we hope that we will hear from you before then.

Sincerely yours,



I. E. Block, Chairman
Publications Committee

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December 3, 1959

Mr. I. E. Block, Chairman
Publications Committee
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
P. O. Box 7541
Philadelphia 1, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Block:

I have just received your letter of October 5 which was redirected here from Moscow along with a similar letter addressed to Professor Wiener. This is in connection with our paper in the TEORIYA VEROYATNOSTEI I EE PRIMENENIYA. Within a day or two I shall send the corrections to this to Mrs. Artin. Under the circumstances I trust that you will waive aside the deadline of November 15 for the corrections.

Would you be kind enough to let me know if we could expect some reprints from you, if necessary on payment of charges. This is because we have only received fifty reprints from Moscow, and we would like fifty more.

Yours sincerely,

P. R. Masani

PRM/ph

copy to Prof. Wiener

[ca Dec 1959]



L'évêque Otto Dibelius



Dear Prof. Wiener,

Please don't be perturbed by the ornamental styling of this article of correspondence. Regard it rather

as like the covers of a book "Because I am a metamysti physicist" which imagine me as having written and sold by the googol as paperbacks.

Seriously, I'd like to hear your views on the question of the special developments with respect to human ability to have the assistance of new forces and aids (for calculation, detail work and later more interesting possibilities) via machines and of the increasing biological and psychological knowledge.

A bit apart from these is the general area of questions of the symbolic and other patterns in existence and of the indirect interactions and influences (including "hidden" influences or "variables")

The interaction of these developments, and I should also mention the progress in exploration of space via reaction propulsion (rockets) etc., which will become particularly significant when humans can actually travel to other planets.

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Nehru Receives Greetings on 70th Birthday

NEW DELHI, Nov. 15 (U.P.I.)— Birthday wishes from all over the world flooded into the northern hill station of Dehra Dun yesterday as Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru celebrated his 70th birthday quietly with his daughter, Indira, and his two grandsons.

President Eisenhower cabled: "I am looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks. . . . You have devoted your life to the realization of just and peaceful world order, but many problems remain. . . ."

Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev: "Please permit me to express the assurance that the friendship and mutually beneficial co-operation between India and the U.S.S.R. will develop further."

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan: "I am so glad that it looks as if we shall now meet here (London) next year; there will be much to talk about. Meanwhile I wish you many happy returns of the day."

Among late cables was one from Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, with whose government Mr. Nehru has been feuding over Chinese incursion of Indian frontier territory.

Mr. Chou's message said: "On the occasion of your 70th birthday, I have the honor to extend you cordial congratulations and to wish you good health and long life. May you continue with full vigor and broad wisdom to make even more valuable contributions to the independence, prosperity and strength of India, to the great friendship between China and India and to Asia and world peace."

you will actually write me a letter late that very much (mail has been late lately, especially that with any mess). Write to

John Nash
Athénée
5 route de Malagnou
Geneve, Suisse

Yours Sincerely,
John Nash

P.S. There's something odd about this photo which appeared in a paper here.



[over 12/19/59]

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SWITZERLAND

Students' Undergraduate Society

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE — 1435 DRUMMOND ST., MONTREAL 25, QUE. — VI. 2-9832-3

December 1, 1959.

Professor Norbert Wiener,
Department of Mathematics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge 39, Mass.,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wiener:-

Thank you very much for your letter
of November 12th.

We are sorry to learn that you are
unable to come to Montreal and we shall be very happy
to write you again so that you might visit our university
next year. However, we should be very happy, if you
think you may be free in mid-1960 (before the Spring),
to be advised of any visits you plan in Canada then.

Thank you also for the information
you conveyed concerning your publications; in that matter,
I am writing you under separate cover as it has no direct
connection to this Society.

Without causing too much disturbance
to you or your office, if you happen to know if any
M.I.T. Mathematicians or Physicists visiting Montreal
at any time, we shall be very happy to invite them to
speak to our group, if they are agreeable to this.

Thanking you once more, we remain,

Sincerely yours,
THE MATH-PHYSICS SOCIETY,

R. A. Javitch

Ronald A. Javitch,
Programme Chairman.

*R.A.J./dd.
Encl.

[ans 12/14/59]



December 1, 1959

Professor Norbert Wiener,
Department of Mathematics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts,
U.S.A.

Dear Professor Wiener:

It was very pleasant to receive your letter of October 30 and to learn from it that you had a good, if tiring, time in Mexico.

I shall of course be quite pleased to wait until you've had a chance to rest and catch your breath before hoping for a more detailed letter, as you indicated.

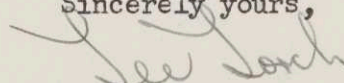
Let me put additional, but related, question:

1. Do you know of tauberian theorems for Hausdorff summation methods in which the tauberian conditions are expressed in terms of the method's weight function?
2. Are there any limitations on the magnitude of the tauberian conditions which apply to Hausdorff methods?

In connection with the latter question, you may recall results of M. L. Kales on methods of Abel and Borel type (Tauberian Theorems related to Borel and Abel summability, Duke Math. J., vol. 3, 1937, pp. 647 - 666). This was his Brown thesis, under Szász and Tamarkin. In it he showed, roughly, that methods can be devised of Abel and Borel type for which $f(n)a_n$ bounded is a tauberian condition for preassigned $f(n)$ increasing to infinity and subject to certain other restrictions.

I know of no analogous considerations for Hausdorff methods.

Sincerely yours,


Lee Lorch.

LL:mc

[ans 3/9/60]

TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
Mathematisches Institut
Lehrstuhl Prof. Dr. E. Mohr

Berlin-Charlottenburg 2, den 1.12.1959
Hardenbergstraße 34
Fernruf: 32 51 81, App. 243

Hochverehrter Herr Kollege!

Sie waren so freundlich, uns 7 Abhandlungen aus Ihrer Feder zu schicken. Wir haben uns darüber sehr gefreut und danken Ihnen recht herzlich dafür!

Mit einem verehrungsvollen Gruß

Ihr sehr ergebener

E. Mohr

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

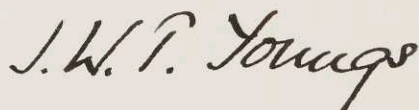
December 1, 1959

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

Dear Professor Wiener:

Some time ago I wrote to ask your judgment on P. R. Masani, whom I am very much interested in adding to the organization here. In view of the fact that he has written many papers jointly with you, you are uniquely qualified to advise me as to his present accomplishments and mathematical future. I do know that requests of this character are time consuming and something of a bore, but I do hope that you can oblige me on his behalf.

Cordially yours,



J. W. T. Youngs
Chairman

JWTY:cwp

[ms 12/4/59]

HAMBURGER STERNWARTE

DER DIREKTOR

HAMBURG-BERGEDORF, den 2.12.59
FERNRUF: HAMBURG 71 26 60,
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Herrn
Prof.Dr.N.Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Mass.
U.S.A.

Sehr verehrter Herr Kollege:

Vielen Dank für Ihr Telegramm vom 21.11. und Ihren Brief vom 27.11.59. In der Tat habe ich Ihnen zwei Briefe geschrieben am 21.9. und 4.11., ohne von Ihnen eine Antwort zu erhalten. Wenn Sie darauf geantwortet haben, wie Sie jetzt schreiben, so muß der Brief wohl verloren gegangen sein. Ich freue mich sehr, daß Sie den Vortrag übernehmen wollen und danke Ihnen im Namen der Gesellschaft Deutscher Naturforscher und Ärzte. Es wird ratsam sein, Ihren Vortrag gegen die anderen Vorträge abzugrenzen, damit Überschneidungen vermieden werden. Aber das kann später geschehen.

Mit den besten Empfehlungen und Grüßen
Ihr sehr ergebener

O. Heckmann

(Prof.Dr.O.Heckmann)

HAMBURGER STERNWARTE
DER DIREKTOR

17.11.1959

Dr. Donald H. Menzel
Director, Harvard Observatory
Cambridge 38, Mass.
U.S.A.

Dear Menzel:

I must apologize for asking your advice in the following matter:

We have in our country the "Gesellschaft Deutscher Naturforscher und Ärzte", which corresponds very closely to your "Association for the Advancement of Science". The "Gesellschaft" has its meetings every two years. The next one will be in Hannover in September 1960. It is planned to concentrate a large group of lectures around the subject "Cybernetics and Information Theory in their Application to Biology". The Council of the "Gesellschaft" of which I was president in 1954-56 and of which I am a member now, very strongly desired to have a lecture by Norbert Wiener who is -as I was told- professor of Harvard University. I was authorized to write him a letter what I did at September 21. But I didn't get any answer. I wrote him a second time a few lines with a copy of my first letter at November 4. But again he didn't answer.

I send you the copy of my first letter. I know that Wiener speaks German quite fluently, so that my writing in German cannot have caused any difficulty for him. Certainly I don't want to press anything in this connection. But if you could find out for me a slight idea of what happened you would oblige me very much.

With many thanks in advance and with
Kind personal regards

sincerely yours

O. Heckmann

Tel: N. Wiener - send copy of this letter to him

ABSCHRIFT

Prof. Dr. Otto Heckmann
Hamburg-Bergedorf
Sternwarte

21.9.59
H/h

Herrn
Professor Dr. N. Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.
USA

Sehr verehrter Herr Kollege:

Sie wissen sicher, dass die Gesellschaft Deutscher Naturforscher und Ärzte in unserem Lande etwa die Funktion hat, die in England oder in den USA die Associations for the Advancement of Science ausüben. Nach dem letzten Kriege hat die Gesellschaft ihre Struktur wesentlich gewandelt: Sie gab die Unterteilungen in Sektionen auf, weil deren Aufgaben heute von vielen Fachgesellschaften besser wahrgenommen werden. Statt dessen hat sie sich das Ziel gesetzt, ihre sehr bunt zusammengesetzte Mitgliedschaft (Lehrer der Physik, Chemie, Biologie; Industriechemiker und -physiker; Ärzte aller Art etc.) bekannt zu machen mit solchen Entwicklungen, die für viele Gebiete der Naturwissenschaft und Medizin Übergreifende Bedeutung haben. Deshalb veranstaltet sie alle zwei Jahre Tagungen, die unter wenige einheitliche Themen gestellt werden. 1956 in Hamburg waren es z.B. die beiden Themen Isotopie und Mikroskopie.

Nun wurde innerhalb des Vorstandes seit längerer Zeit beklagt, dass der steigende Einfluss der Mathematik in den bisherigen Tagungen kaum sichtbar geworden wäre. Deshalb wurde beschlossen, 1960 in Hannover ein Experiment zu wagen. Am 25.9.1960 soll die Eröffnung sein; der 26.9. steht ganz unter dem Thema "Geographie", das ebenfalls längere Zeit nicht zu Worte gekommen ist. Am 27. und 28.9. dagegen soll das Eindringen mathematischer Denkformen in Biologie und Medizin geschildert werden.

Wir werden anfangen mit zwei Vorträgen ziemlich rein mathematischen Inhalts. Der erste, für den wir Herrn van der Waerden in Zürich gebeten haben, wird etwa heißen "Strukturwandel der Mathematik und seine Auswirkung in der Naturwissenschaft". Für den zweiten Vortrag haben wir Herrn Schmetterer-Hamburg gewonnen, der sprechen wird über "Das weitere Eindringen der Statistik. Sodann aber sollten in ganzen etwa 12 Vorträge folgen über Kybernetik.- Sie würden uns eine ganz besondere Freude machen, wenn Sie von dieser Reihe den ersten übernehmen würden. Dabei denken wir an das Thema "Gedankliche Grundlagen der Informationstheorie".

Nach Ihnen käme Herr Kumpf Müller - Darmstadt mit dem Thema "Übertragung und Verarbeitung von Nachrichten" und dann Herr Oppelt - Darmstadt, der über "Technik der Steuerung und Regelung" zu sprechen hat. - Mit diesen 5 Vorträgen, deren jeder 40 Minuten dauern dürfte, wäre der Vormittag beendet. Am Nachmittag würden dann Anwendungen auf zwei spezielle biologische Probleme vorgeführt werden von den Herren Reichardt und Hassenstein in Tübingen. Am folgenden Tage kämen noch 7 weitere Vorträge über spezielle biologische und medizinische Fragen, die aber alle mit der Kybernetik in nahem Zusammenhang stehen.

Sie kennen damit den Rahmen, den wir für Ihren Vortrag geschaffen haben. Das sehr gemischte Auditorium ist natürlich nicht im Stande, rein mathematischen Gedankengängen zu folgen. Man müsste wohl daran denken, typische Fälle oder Modelle in den Vordergrund zu schieben und die allgemeinen Folgerungen zwar zu formulieren aber nicht zu deduzieren. Wir sind aber ganz sicher, dass wir niemand finden könnten, der eher als Sie selbst das genannte Thema in der angedeuteten Form behandeln könnte. Natürlich würden wir Ihre Reisekosten gerne tragen und uns freuen, Sie als unseren Gast betrachten zu dürfen während Ihres Aufenthaltes.

Wir hoffen sehr, dass Ihr Termin-Kalender die letzte Septemberwoche des Jahres 1960 noch freigelassen hat. Im Namen des Vorstandes unserer Gesellschaft darf ich Ihnen noch einmal versichern, dass wir sehr glücklich wären, wenn Sie unseren Wunsch erfüllen würden.

Mit den besten Empfehlungen bin ich
Ihr sehr ergebener

(Prof. Dr. O. Heckmann)

Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

HAVEMEYER HALL

2 December 1959

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

Dear Professor Wiener:

The Gamma Chapter of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical society, is planning to hold its annual speaker-dinner in spring this year and extends you a cordial invitation to be our speaker. The faculty and students at Columbia University would be more than delighted to hear you deliver one of your many magnificent and stimulating lectures.

The date of the speaker-dinner may be any Wednesday evening in February or March convenient for you, and the subject matter, which is ordinarily of general interest, is left to your discretion. All the expenses will be paid by P. L. U. in addition to fifty dollars, which is the usual fee. We are looking forward anxiously to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

William Bahary

William Bahary
Treasurer

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[ans 12/7/59]

THE MITRE CORPORATION

244 WOOD STREET - LEXINGTON 73, MASSACHUSETTS

2 December 1959

Reply to:
P. O. Box 208
Lexington 73, Mass.

*Repts. but can't
Come
pleased*

Professor Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

The MITRE Corporation is sponsoring a lecture series on Thermonuclear War to be presented by Mr. Herman Kahn of The RAND Corporation on Monday 14 December and Tuesday 15 December at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston.

Mr. Kahn requested that you personally be invited to attend. If you cannot, please feel free to choose someone from your organization to represent you.

I am enclosing all the necessary information concerning these lectures together with the tickets for admission.

Very truly yours,

THE MITRE CORPORATION

A. P. Hill

A. P. Hill
Assistant to the President

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1959

Professor Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiener:

A group of Congressmen is presently undertaking to write a liberal syllabus which, hopefully, will force consideration of a long-range political program for the United States. This syllabus will include a philosophic statement on the meaning of American liberalism during the mid-Twentieth Century. Besides this statement, we intend to include background papers, policy statements, and proposed legislation on subject matter that, for the sake of convenience, will be divided into foreign policy; defense policy; industrial, agricultural and general economic policy; law and the judiciary; and education and culture. These papers should both reflect and create a new liberal view on the whole range of public policy.

One of the most difficult areas for liberals today is that of educational, cultural and scientific policy. We feel that our thinking in this area needs an almost complete reformulation, in the light of enormous national changes since the last approach to a liberal consensus on intellectual policy. Since you have, through your writings and your public service, brought new insight to various areas of intellectual affairs, we are asking you to participate with us in the dialogue to formulate a new liberal educational and cultural policy. If possible, we would like you to write a paper on a particular subject that we believe is crucial to this reformulation. The paper will be in an area of intellectual affairs that has been of special interest to you.

The group is very anxious to have you take part. As of now, a group of distinguished scholars are helping to write a philosophic statement, and we want to keep the

Professor Norbert Wiener
December 2, 1959
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specific policy statements at the same level of perception. Consequently, we hope that you will be willing to help us. We shall send you, upon a favorable reply, copies of materials that have been circulated among various Members of Congress, their assistants, and certain distinguished scholars around the country. These materials should give you a clearer idea of what we are trying to accomplish and give you more direct information than this letter of inquiry.

Sincerely,



ROBERT W. KASTENMEIER
Member of Congress



MARCUS G. RASKIN
Group Secretary

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December 2, 1959

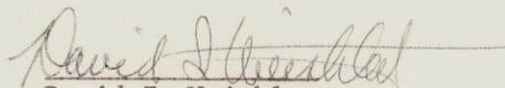
Professor Norbert Wiener
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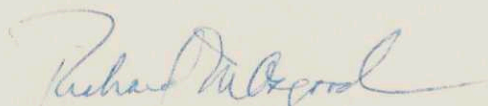
Dear Professor Wiener:

We wish to express, for the entire membership of the Program for Senior Executives, our sincerest appreciation for your visit and discussion this past week at Endicott House. The pleasure of your company and the most interesting dissertation on both the origin and process of authoring The Tempter was most stimulating to us. It is perhaps significant that a sign-up list of those wishing to obtain copies of this book was circulated among the class a few days after your departure.

Again, we appreciate the sacrifice to your personal schedule in order to visit with us. We wish you continued success in your brilliant career and hope that individually we may have the opportunity to further extend this new acquaintance.

Sincerely,


David I. Weisblat


Richard M. Osgood

JOURNAL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASS.

December 4, 1959

Professor Norbert Wiener
2-276

Dear Professor Wiener:

I am enclosing with this the manuscript of a paper by R. H. Cameron which has been submitted for possible publication to the JOURNAL OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS.

I am taking the liberty of sending it to you for your comments, since it is probable you may be interested in the contents of this paper.

Very sincerely yours,

Eric Reissner

Eric Reissner
Managing Editor

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Enc: "A Family of Integrals Serving to
Connect the Wiener and Feynman
Integrals"

[ans 1/18/60]

Electrical Manufacturing

Design Engineering of Electrically Energized
Machines, Appliances and Equipment

A CONOVER-MAST PUBLICATION • 205 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 4, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Wiener:

Please forgive me for taking so long to thank you for seeing me last Monday. I have just returned from the Computer conference in Boston, and could not write to you before this. Frank Oliver, our editor, tells me that you have talked to him since I saw you, and I hope that has clarified some of the points I was to cover in this letter. Just for the sake of clarity, I'll repeat what I understood us to decide during my visit with you.

1. The readership level of ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURING is not high enough, mathematically, to give top-level mathematics without sufficiently detailed explanations to make it meaningful. On the other hand, we do not feel that there is any reason why they cannot be expected to understand the necessary mathematics provided it is explained adequately. We have previously published articles covering the LaPlace transform, functions of complex variables, root-locus technique (Ritow series - April through September 1959) Fourier analysis (Feb 1959) Matrix Algebra (Dec 1959) Boolean Algebra (1958). We are planning articles on Network Theory (Jan. 60) Theory of Logic (Feb 60) Theory of Numbers (open date) Theory of Games (open date) and similar articles. Generally, I would say, we are not afraid to present mathematics to our reader provided we make the subject very clear and introduce him gently.
2. Our pagecount varies considerably from article to article because we like to print equations with plenty of "white space" around them. We can count on an average of 1,000 words per page. Therefore, your article should run between 20,000 and 25,000 words.
3. We understand that you may wish to use the material of this article in your forth-coming book. While ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURING reserves American magazine rights, there is no reason why you cannot use this material in your book. However, the publisher and editors would appreciate mention of this magazine in the customary credit line.
4. The final deadline for the complete manuscript will be February 5, 1960. We understand that you will send us a bried synopsis shortly. May I mention here that it is impossible for us to make major revisions after this deadline - due to the very tight schedule for production.

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You will, of course, receive a copy of whatever editing is done for your approval. We shall also send you galley proofs, which we shall ask you to check for technical accuracy. However, any changes in contents - other than corrections - will not be possible at this time.

5. You were kind enough to promise to write a three-hundred to five-hundred word foreword for our February issue. The featured article in this issue will be concerned with logic (exact title is not yet clearly in my mind - and I would appreciate your suggestion so much) and it is projected to be the first in a series on Automation, computers, cybernetics -- I have given a great deal of thought to our discussion, and I would like very much to have some of your ideas about the importance of understanding this field, about all the vital consequences of these new inventions. The Zauberlehrling-in-the-realm-of-the-possible idea is perfect. We also understand that you may wish to use this material for your talk to the AAAS. This material should be in our hands by December 15th. *It can, if you wish, run up to 1,000 words.*

I do hope that this covers everything, Dr. Wiener. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any help. We have already confirmed your fee for this article, which is to be \$1,200.00. May I say again what a pleasure it was to work with you, and how much I appreciate the honor.

Yours very sincerely,

Alice Mary Hilton

Alice Mary Hilton
Associate Editor

AMH:ah

*Please forgive the poor typing -
I did not wish to delay this
letter over the weekend to have
it re-typed. *AMH**

BROMFIELD ASSOCIATES

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A N O R G A N I Z A T I O N F O R T H E A P P L I C A T I O N O F S C I E N T I F I C M A N A G E M E N T

December 4, 1959

Dr. Norbert Weiner
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Weiner,

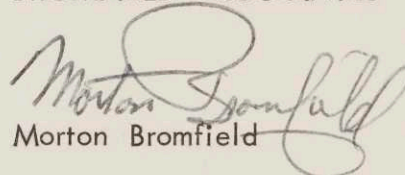
Luncheon for an ulcer patient is normally a dull happenstance; I couldn't have enjoyed mine more.

Having apologized twice for underestimating you I suppose it is now unnecessary. But I must reemphasize my refreshed understanding of you and your purpose. Your considered restraint and directness of optimum action (Reuther) toward this purpose is, at the least, remarkable.

After Brussels and London I would certainly enjoy another chat. I'll call Ruth Goodwin beforehand to see if a luncheon together is possible.

Most sincerely,

BROMFIELD ASSOCIATES


Morton Bromfield

MB:lmh

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December 4, 1959

Prof. E.F. Caineillo:
Istituto di Fisica
Universita di Napoli
Naples, Italy

Dear Prof. Caineillo:

I understand that you have requested me to let you know at what time I might be available to spend some time in Naples working with you people. Of course, my wife would accompany me. The story is as follows: At the end of the present academic year in June, I retire from full activity as a Professor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They intend to keep me on for a half of each year until I am 70. I thus have complete freedom for the first term of the academic year 1960-61. If it fits in with your plans, I am proposing the following use of this time: 1. I believe, although I am not sure, that I am under consideration for an invitation to visit my Russian colleagues. This might take place in the Summer of 1960. On the other hand it might prove to be more convenient to visit them in October. The matter is purely tentative, as I have received no official invitation and I am merely telling it to you to cover possible plans that will involve my going to Russia. At the worst, I can be with you at the beginning of November and can stay until January, as may be convenient for you. 2. I have a firm invitation to give a talk at the meeting of the Deutsche Naturforschervereinigung in Hannover, September 25-29, 1960. This invitation covers my fare to and from Europe. I am not interpreting it as covering the fare for my wife.

Thus I assume that I shall be in Italy next fall. If I arrive in Italy early enough, I should like to be able to pay brief visits to some of the Italian universities such as Milano where they have shown some signs of being interested in me. I am not sure what your invitation would cover but I assume that it would at least cover the living expenses of my wife and myself in Naples. As I mentioned, there is no need to pay my personal expenses to and from Europe although my wife's expenses are not covered. However, my coming to Italy would not depend on paying her expense although if you could see your way clear to do it as a matter of paying my own personal expenses, it would be very agreeable.

I am now 65 and find I must take it rather easy. Therefore, I should like to be on a light lecturing schedule with not more than 2 lectures a week, but I should also like to carry out my own research and make it available to you and your colleagues whenever we can get together. I shall

Prof. Caineillo--2

be at your disposal for a discussion of their and my own problems. I am now engaged on a revision on my "Cybernetics" in view of the development of the subject since my original writing, and I shall have this completed or in process during my stay in Italy. The book will contain several new chapters and in particular one concerning the problems of learning machines. I shall also discuss the work of others as well as of myself since the book was first published and also the degree to which the predictions I then made have been verified or contradicted by subsequent developments.

My wife and I are looking forward with great expectations to seeing you in Naples.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 4, 1959

Mr. Jason Epstein
Random House, Inc.
457 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Jason:

Have you had any bites concerning play, television or movie use of my book? I am writing you this letter because my colleague Prof. Lamson of the English Department of M.I.T. is married to a playwright whose professional name is Peggy Lamson. Her agent is Monica McCall, 667 Madison Avenue. I should like to know whether it is your opinion that I should explore further the possibility of having Mrs. Lamson dramatize the Tempter. If we should come to a conclusion that is desirable, then I would notify Mrs. Lamson that she should let her agent know that we are contemplating such a possibility. If then we should get any satisfactory bites and everything else goes well, we might start collaborating on more definite plans.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

[awd 12/7/59]

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December 4, 1959

Prof. J.W.T. Youngs
Department of Mathematics
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Prof. Youngs:

Prof. P. R. Masani who is currently at Brown, is a first-rate mathematician with great ability and drive. I have been working with him for about three years and I take great pleasure in our continuing collaboration.

I consider him as perhaps the best of the Indian mathematicians now working and certainly well up toward the top in a comparative rating with American mathematicians. He has already gone very far and will go much further. He has an agreeable if somewhat rigid personality, a gift for explaining his ideas and one can work with him. I give him a strong recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Dec. 5, 1959

Prof. Norbert Wiener
Mathematics Dept.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Prof. Wiener,

Following our telephone conversation this week, this will be essentially a repetition of the invitation which I extended to you in a previous letter.

For the past two years we have held a symposium on Information and Decision Processes at Purdue which has been one of the outstanding scholarly events of the year in this field. This symposium has been unusual in two respects: we have had only outstanding research scholars as our speakers; and we have allowed each speaker half of a morning or half of an afternoon to develop his subject as he saw fit without restrictions on time or subject. Our speakers last year were: George W. Brown, Herman Chernoff, J. L. Doob, Wassily Hoeffding, David Rosenblatt, Claude Shannon, Milton Sobel, Patrick Suppes, Lionel Weiss, and Jacob Wolfowitz. Our speakers the previous year were equally distinguished.

It has been suggested that we cannot continue to obtain speakers of this caliber within the same field of inquiry. I believe this depends on whether or not you would be willing to be one of our speakers this year. With this in mind, we are making no further plans for this year's symposium until we hear from you.

Transportation is fairly simple. You can obtain jet service, nonstop, from Boston to Chicago, and we would be glad to meet you at Chicago and drive you to Purdue. You could come only for the day you were speaking, or for the entire conference, which will be two or three days long. We would of course pay all your expenses, and in addition a small honorarium which will be not less than \$150.00. We will, if you wish, tape, edit, and publish your presentation (the proceedings of last year's symposium are being published by McGraw-Hill).

We would like to hold the symposium around the end of April, and have tentatively assigned April 20, 21, and 22 as the dates, but we could undoubtedly modify these to suit your convenience at this time if we hear from you shortly.

I feel certain that if you will agree to address this symposium, we can obtain a group of speakers who will make this conference a most stimulating and rewarding experience not only for our attendees, but also for yourself.

I look forward anxiously to your reply.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Machol
Robert E. Machol

[ans 12/14/59]



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Dear Professor,

I have the great honour of informing you that general assembly of International Society of Cybernetic Medicine has elected you as member of the Council and U.S.A. delegate.

As the Council has decided to organize in Naples an International Symposium of Cybernetic Medicine in 1960, we would have the pleasure that you would inaugurate it with a conference. So we beg you to let us know the period of your sojourn in Naples as to fix the Symposium date, according to your convenience.

Truly yours

Prof. A. Masturzo

[and 12/18/59]

Pleiades

WOMEN'S SENIOR HONORARY SOCIETY
CLARK UNIVERSITY
950 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

December 6, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Wiener:

Each year Pleiades brings a renown authority in a particular field to the Clark Campus to address the faculty, student body, and friends. This year it is our earnest hope that you may be our speaker.

Merely to say that your schedule is a busy one is an understatement, I am sure. However, if you do have a free evening during the academic year, 1959-60, at any time except the latter parts of January and May, when our final examinations are scheduled, we would be very grateful to you for visiting Clark.

Being a college organization, we are forced to operate within a limited budget. Nonetheless, it would give us great pleasure to present you with one hundred dollars (\$100) for your appearance here.

Hoping that you will be able to come, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Mahoney
(Miss) Mary E. Mahoney,
Vice president

[ans 1/8/60]

MAXWELL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

December 7, 1959

Mr. Norbert Wiener
53 Cedar Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The Syracuse University Student's FOOTPRINTS CONFERENCE would very much like to have you as one of its featured speakers on March 7, 8 or 9 (Monday - Wednesday). This annual all-university conference is an officially recognized activity of the university, organized by a committee of upper class students and devoted to things intellectual in the world of public affairs.

It is usually planned so as to have a principal speaker during each of the afternoon sessions, followed in the evenings by open discussions. Both students and faculty are invited to participate.

The student organization has particularly requested you for a principle address on the ideas which have characterized your publications, your work in cybernetics and which have been put forth in your novel, THE TEMPTER.

Our enthusiasm far exceeds our student budget, but we would be able to give you a modest honorarium of one hundred and fifty dollars and expenses.

We hope for a favorable reply at your very earliest convenience.

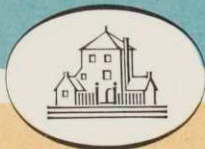
Cordially yours,

Richard S. Allen

Richard S. Allen, Chairman
Footprints Conference

Edward G. McGrath
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December 7, 1959

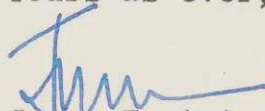
Mr. Norbert Wiener
Department of Mathematics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Norbert:

So far there has been no activity from television, play or movie producers, but I see no reason for you not to raise the question with Peggy Lamson. Do let me know the results of your conversation with her.

I will be sending you a batch of reviews from all over the country soon.

Yours as ever,



Jason Epstein

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH

December 7, 1959

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

Dear Professor Wiener:

I am writing to arrange some of the final details concerning your lecture appearance on our campus. According to my correspondence files of last summer, the date upon which we finally agreed was January 5. The lecture will be scheduled for 8:15 p.m., and will be open to the entire campus.

We are very much interested in obtaining any recent personal data that can be used in publicizing the event. Furthermore, since we do plan to use both news stories and poster materials, it would be most helpful to have a glossy photograph that can be copied.

Since I will be absent from campus a considerable amount of time between now and January 3, may I suggest that you send these materials directly to Mr. Allen Skaggs, University News Bureau, Building H, University of Florida. I have already acquainted his office with the fact you have expressed the desire to talk about "problems of self-organization both in machines and in living systems."

Since we want to make provisions to meet you, please acquaint Mr. Skaggs with the time of your arrival and the method of transportation being used. I presume you will be remaining in Gainesville overnight, and, therefore, I suggest you also acquaint him with your housing needs and preferences so that he can make your hotel arrangements for you.

Cordially,



L. L. Zimmerman, Chairman
Sub-Committee on Public Lectures

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December 7, 1959

Mr. R. S. Arad
Mining Department
University of Nottingham
Nottingham, England

Dear Mr. Arad:

I am myself very much interested in the matter of turbulence. I have some ideas of a methodology which is partly explained in my book "Nonlinear Problems in Random Theory". My work there is very incomplete and I am pushing it further with the help of my colleague Professor Rota. I am keeping your name on my reference list and shall write to you when I have further data. Many thanks for your good wishes and your complimentary statements.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 7, 1959

Mr. William Bahary
Treasurer
Department of Chemistry
Havemeyer Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Bahary:

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Many thanks for your flattering invitation but the fact is that my schedule for this year is as much filled up as I am willing to have it, and I look forward to enlarging it with fear and trembling. Can you possibly put the banner off to the second term of the academic year of 1960-61? The first term I shall be abroad.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 7, 1959

Mr. Stephen Birdleough
Stanford Law School
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Birdleough:

I will agree that there is a definite interest to approach the qualification of the law by more systematic methods. However, this task is by no means easy. It is merely a formalized version of what every great qualifier of laws has done since the time of Justinian or even of Hammurabi. To carry it out by the method of mathematical logic is possible but very difficult and requires a careful consideration of whether legal terms are used at different places in the same sense or not. It could quite possibly be aided by the use of computing machines to perform the operations of mathematical logic. If you are thinking of doing this, you have set yourself an enormous task which is likely to be upset every time a legislature passes a new law.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 7, 1959

Miss Gail T. Flesher
Bendix Products Division
493 East 31st Street
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Miss Flesher:

Thank you for your letters of September 21 and November 19 for which unfortunately I find only now time to answer.

I have loaded my schedule up for this academic year with about all the lectures I can take. Will you then let me beg off participating in the IRE-AIEE meeting? I am faced with the problem that if I go in for lectures too much, I shall find no energy for my own scientific work. One of the things that I have had to learn very late in life is how to say NO.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 7, 1959

Mr. Robert L. Goodrich
30 Irving Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

I am cutting my lecturing to the bone because I find that it simply swamps my energies. I hope you will not be too much offended if I find myself unable to accept your kind invitation to lecture at your church.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 7, 1959

Mr. Ellis R. McDaniels
3003 E. 18th Street
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. McDaniels:

If you want to go into cybernetic work, my recommendation to you is not to try to specialize in the field too early. Get the best sound knowledge of Mathematics, Physics and Electrical Engineering you can and if your interest should lead you in that direction, of Physiology as well. Remember that in a developing subject fields of work which are not relevant at present will become so in a few years and many fields which are now at their peak may be exhausted or superceded so that if you tie yourself too closely to them, you are likely to be left high and dry. I would rather have a student working with me in Cybernetics who had a sound general training and had not gone too specifically into cybernetic work than one who knew the whole literature of Cybernetics and nothing else.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

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December 7, 1959

Mr. Alexander H. Morin
Quadrangle Books, Inc.
119 W. Lake Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Morin:

Please send me Richardson's books and I shall endeavour to give you my opinion of them. However, I am very heavily loaded with work and please do not expect me to be too prompt about the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

December 7, 1959

Miss Hanna Samsonowska
Director
"Science and Technics" Bulletin
Agencja Robotnicza
Redakcja
Warszawa
Plac Starynkiewicza 7 - Poland

Dear Madam:

It is very difficult for me to tabulate all my scientific interests. In fact, it is harder than actually doing work in these interests. I am not a particularly active propagandist for my own scientific work and I believe that my time is better spent in trying to carry it further myself so that I can speak to other scientists on the basis of work done rather than to bring it to public attention in an incomplete state. I am extremely interested in the study of self-organizing systems by cybernetic means, and I believe that I have found a good field for work in the examination and theoretical study of electroencephalographs.

You asked for my photograph and autograph. I am enclosing herewith a signed photograph.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr

P.S. In answer to your enclosed questionnaire: A little more than a year ago, I published a book on "Nonlinear Problems in Random Theory". This has left with me many problems of the sort to work out, particularly in the study of brain waves and their spectra.

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December 7, 1959

Mr. Robert Z. Schreffler
2614 Lane Avenue
Anderson, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Schreffler:

As you know, the solution of a problem by ruler and compass is a very definitely limited game. If an infinite number of uses of the tools is allowed, any mathematical problem can be solved by these means. The essence of the game is that only a finite number of steps are allowed. Therefore, any solution of the angle-trisection problem which violates these conditions is not legitimate from this standpoint.

Sincerely yours,

Norbert Wiener

NW/emr



SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDY

December 8, 1959.

Prof. Norbert Wiener
Room 2-276
M. I. T.

Dear Professor Wiener,

The second informal gathering and dinner of the School for Advanced Study will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1959, at 6.30 P.M. in the M.I. T. Faculty Club. Professor P. M. Hurley of the Department of Geology and Geophysics will give an after-dinner talk on "The Growth of Radiogenic Nuclides and Early Earth History".

You are cordially invited to attend this dinner-meeting, and it will be appreciated if you will have the attached acknowledgement completed and sent to Room 24-312 by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

M. J. Buerger

MJB/DR

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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180 Frieze Bldg.

December 9, 1959

Professor Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Professor Wiener:

We would like to recommend the dates February 23, March 1 or March 8 as possible dates for your presentation of the University Lecture sponsored by the Communication Sciences Program. Please choose one of these dates or inform us of one which would be more suitable for you. Of the recommended dates the earlier ones would be somewhat preferable.

Since University Lectures are sometimes designed to be of wider interest than those of a specific group we wonder if it would be possible for you to give an additional talk (or conduct a seminar) for the Communication Sciences Program faculty and students either before or after your University Lecture. The talk and discussion for this session could be much more advanced, on research topics of particular interest to yourself, and in a more informal atmosphere.

If you will inform us of your anticipated time of arrival we can arrange for transportation on campus and any other services you might require.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur W. Burks

Arthur W. Burks
Professor of Philosophy

AWB:kt

[ans 12/16/59]

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
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COMMITTEE ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
ADOLPHUS BUSCH III LABORATORY

sent
December 9, 1959

Dr. Norbert Wiener
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiener:

I should appreciate it if you would send me a brief summary -- perhaps one page -- of your talk on "The Nature of Social Dangers of the Control Machines of the Future" at the forthcoming symposium at the Chicago AAAS meeting. I should like to send copies of the summary to the other participants in the meeting.

We plan to open the meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, December 27, with myself presiding. Your paper is scheduled first to be followed by Dr. Brock Chisholm's paper on "Acceptance and Use of Scientific Progress" (I shall send you a copy of his summary as soon as it is available). Finally, Dr. H. B. Steinbach of the University of Chicago Department of Zoology -- whom I believe you know -- will open a discussion of some questions raised by the talks.

It occurs to me that it would be advantageous if the four of us were to meet at breakfast on the morning of the 27th and I hope that your travel plans will permit this. I suggest that we plan to meet in the dining room of the Hotel Morrison at 8:30 on that morning. It would be helpful also if I could know when you plan to arrive in Chicago and where you expect to stay.

I look forward to a most interesting meeting and hope to hear from you with regard to the above matters as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

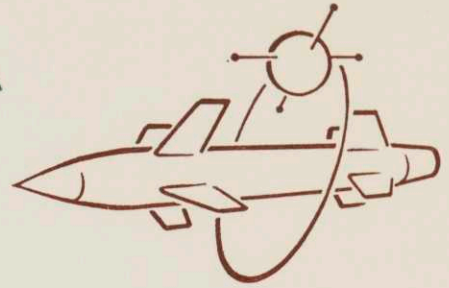
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ASTRONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

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YOUR REF: ***

OUR REF: R.A.J./pers/MIT-001

Montreal, December 9, 1959.

Professor Norbert Winer,^e
Department of Mathematics,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge 39, Mass.,
U. S. A.

Dear Professor Wiener:-

In reference to your kind letter of November 12th, addressed to the Math-Physics Society at Sir George Williams College, I am pleased to reply herewith concerning those points mentioned in my previous letter to you (i.e., mailed from S.G.W.C.).

First of all, I wish to thank you kindly for the information you have sent me as well as your complete publications list which I found most fascinating. I am asking here for a rather large number of reprints, and if they are not available it is not critical, although I would like to build up further my personal scientific library and files, particularly on Cybernetics and Information Theory. I am presently interested in OPERATIONS RESEARCH as applied to biophysical problems and to Astronautics (i.e., Space Medicine, etc...). When I graduate from S.G.W.C. I would like to continue graduate work in Mathematics and Physics and I would therefore be interested in any information available on graduate work in the field of Cybernetics at M.I.T.

I have now ordered your new book "The Tempter", and I think I will find it as interesting and inspiring as all your other books.

Before listing the publications requested, may I ask you if there are any plans or possibilities of forming an International Cybernetics Society ?

cont'd... Prof. Wiener;

The following are the publications, by number, which interest me, from your latest list:

#'s: 10, 49, 89, 98, 106, 110, 126, 128, 130, 134, 135,
138, 139, 140, 141, 145, 146, 147, 148, 151, 152,
153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 163, 165,
168, 171, 172, 173, 175, 177, 178, 179, 182, 187,
188, 189.

For your information, the Astronautical Society of Canada was founded at the Institute of International Air and Space Law in 1957-58'. It is now a voting member of the International Astronautical Federation. I do hope that Cybernetics and allied fields will have an important role to play in the exploration of space and in man's venture in extra-terrestrial regions.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
ASTRONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF
CANADA,

R. A. Javitch

Ronald A. Javitch,
Counsellor & Honorary
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December 9, 1959

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University of Wisconsin Dec 9, 1955

Dear Wiener,

I am enclosing the material you asked for concerning the trial of Dr. Reynolds - I have since learnt that he has been permitted to travel to Japan pending his appeal

My son David was very thrilled by your kind invitation to visit you while at Tufts - He is now fully recovered from his illness and hopes to be there in February -

With best regards & all good wishes

Laurence Young

December 9, 1959

Mr. Jason Epstein, Editor
Random House, Inc.
457 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Epstein:

On November 13, Mrs. Kruger wrote to you requesting that ten additional copies of The Tempter be sent here to the office. As we have not received them as yet, Mrs. Wiener asked me to turn to you, suggesting that you might be willing to forward our "reminder" to the proper department.

There was an earlier order for nine books going to nine different people which I trust have been sent out to them. That letter was dated November 3rd.

I hope I am not imposing too much on your time, but Prof. and Mrs. Wiener would greatly appreciate any help you might be able to give us in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Eva-Maria Ritter (Mrs.)
Secretary to Prof. Wiener