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Professor Otto Stern
1060 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Stern:

Thank you for your letter of September twenty-fourth. I shall forward your answers to the office in Washington. It seems to me desirable that you should write what you know of Bonhoeffer. The information you can give is presumably more important than the data on his life.

Won't you come through Cambridge on your summer or fall vacation?

Kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

O. Oldenberg

OO:CR

*Would it you send the "biography" of Bonhoeffer
directly to the Office of Strategic Services
Biographical Record Section
Washington D.C.*

Bonhoeffer, K. F.

- I. Prof. K. F. Bonhoeffer
- II. Full Prof. of Physical Chemistry University Leipzig
- III. 1) 2) in the forties 3) German 4) Christian
5) married 6) —
7) Professor Frankfurt a/d, Leipzig
8) work on para and ortho hydrogen, photochemistry
etc.
9) visited the U.S.A. in 1939
10) — 11) — 12) — 13) — 14) —
- IV. 1) very high 2) " n. 3) " n
4) — 5) —

V. This correspondent met Dr. Bonhoeffer ~~only at~~ ^{several} ~~a few~~ occasions and heard about him quite often from reliable friends. These personal impressions together with those from the other sources make sure that he is absolutely reliable and honest and strongly Anti-Nazi

Office of Strategic Services
Biographical Record Section
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed Form HA concerning Prof. K. F. Bonhoeffer. In spite of the scarcity of the information I am sending the form at the suggestion of Prof. O. Oldenberg from Harvard.

very truly yours, C.S.

Hecke, Erich

- I. Professor Erich Hecke
- II. Full Professor, Mathematics, University Hamburg,
Hamburg-Fuhlsbüttel, Hellingbüttlerlandstraße 156
- III. 1) — 2) about 50 3) German 4) Christian
5) married 6) —
7) studied with Hilbert, Göttingen
8) —
9) widely travelled, visited U.S.A. after 1933
10) — 11) — 12) — 13) — 14) —
- IV. 1) outstanding 2) " 3) " 4) — 5) "

V. This correspondent was together with Prof. Hecke for more than 10 years at the Hamburg university and came to know him very well. Integrity and honesty of his character are of the highest order. He is strongly anti-Nazi. The last time this correspondent met him after 1933 was in Princeton where he was as guest-professor.

r. Lane

I. Max r. Lane Professor

II. Full Professor of theoretical Physics, University Berlin
Zehlendorf b. Berlin, Albertineustr 17.

- III. 1) Germany 2) over 60
3) German 4) Christian
5) married 6) Nobel Prize of Physics
7) Studied with M. Planck, Professor: Zurich (Switzer-
land), Frankfurt ^{am}, Berlin
8) X-ray diffraction by crystals
9) widely travelled, visited U.S.A. after 1933
10) — 11) — 12) —
13) Many friends in several countries, prominent
in Germany M. Planck, in U.S.A. A. Einstein, in
Denmark N. Bohr. 14)

IV 1) outstanding 2) " 3) " 4) — 5) "

V This correspondent is connected by a friendship of more than 30 years (with Prof. r. Lane) and discussed quite often political questions with him. r. Lane was from the beginning very outspoken anti-Nazi; as was to be expected from such a thoroughly honest and decent character. He did what ^{he} could to counteract with extraordinary courage the influence of National Socialism not only in science but also, in every other respect.

The last time this correspondent met him, was
in the summer 1939 in Zurich (Switzerland)

Dear Oldenberg:

Answering your letter of Aug 31 is somewhat difficult for me. Of course I am only too willing to ^{cooperate} help as much as I can. However after long deliberation I find only three German colleagues measuring up to the highest standards, and only one of them is a physicist. Furthermore I ^{was} am not able to ~~fill out~~ ^{answer} many of the questions ^{on} forms ^{the}. Therefore I don't know if they ^{can} be used and answers are of any value at all. So I am sending the forms to you. I leave it to you to ^{forward} them to your group or to destroy them.* With my best regards.

Yours very sincerely

O. Stern

* I did not send a form for the 3rd one (Bouhoeffler). ~~The third one is Bouhoeffler~~ I don't know him as well as the two others. ~~The only thing~~ ^{All} I know about him is that he is ^{at} absolutely reliable and honest ^{and} strongly Anti-Nazi. I would not hesitate to vouch for him. I don't quite know how to express these facts ~~on the Form #A~~. I doubt if that is enough knowledge to fill out a form.

My dear Mr Stern :

At the request of the Government, American Defense - Harvard Group is making a survey of the educational and scholarly personnel of Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland. I am writing to see if you will be so good as to supply me with information regarding teachers or investigators in the field of Physics with whom you are directly or indirectly acquainted, and who, to the best of your knowledge, are at present resident in one of the above countries.

The primary purpose of the inquiry is to collect brief biographical records and estimates of individuals who can be relied on for personal integrity, disinterestedness and intellectual honesty; who enjoy a good reputation and exert influence in their communities; and who possess expert competence in their subjects or professions. Any information which you may provide will be carefully guarded and held in strict confidence; and its source will not appear on the record. It will be used with discretion, and only to advance the declared aims and policies of the United States with regard to the several countries named, during the war and the immediate post-war period.

In supplying information, please use the enclosed questionnaire (FORM HA), and observe the following directions:

1. Questions filled or crossed (xxx) need not be answered, the information being already available from other sources.
2. Leave blank any questions which you do not deem yourself competent to answer either from your own knowledge or after consultation with other sources.
3. Do not attach your name to the questionnaire, but attach the questionnaire to your return covering letter, and pencil your initials lightly at top of the first sheet.
4. Whenever relevant, indicate accuracy and recency of your information.
5. Enter on FORM HB the names of other sources from whom you have obtained information on any given person, together with your estimate of their reliability.
6. Under Comments (FORM HA) give any additional suggestions which you think would serve the purposes of the inquiry.
7. Address reply to this letter to _____
Form HB should be sent to American Defense-Harvard Group, Room P, Widener Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Form HA should ordinarily be sent when filled to the same address; but may be sent, if preferred, to Biographical Records Section, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C.

J. Alden Hayes

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August 31, 1943

Professor Otto Stern
Department of Physics
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Stern:

Enclosed you will find a form letter HC inviting your assistance in a project started by the Office of Strategic Services at Washington and carried through by American Defense-Harvard Group. Kemble, Van Vleck and I, who are working on the project, hope that you will be able to give some information.

As many additional blanks are available as you desire.

In lengthy discussions, I was satisfied that this information is intended for smooth cooperation after the war, not for underground activities. The secrecy seems well guarded.

If you have a question regarding the project, please send it to me.

Yours very sincerely,

Kindest regards *O. Oldenberg*

O. Oldenberg

OO:CR
Enclosures

12. April 45.

Lieber Herr:

Könnten Sie wohl so freundlich
sein, mir Auskunft zu geben
oder durch einen Ihrer Kollegen
Auskunft zu verschaffen über
Charles W. Young, grad. student,
Dep. of Chemistry of Carnegie Tech.
Mr. Young will als candidate for
the Ph. D. nach Harvard kommen.
Wir würden gerne, wie seine Befähigung

ist für Forschung, auch für Unterricht,
und wie seine Persönlichkeit ist.

Kommen Sie mal wieder nach Cambridge?
Bitte lassen Sie es mich dann wissen.

Es wäre schön, Sie wieder hier zu sehen.

Herzliche Grüße

JH

Otto Aldenburg

Otto Oldenberg
Research Laboratory of Physics
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.



Professor O. Stern
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Schenley Park
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Nov. 19.

Lieber Herr Stern!

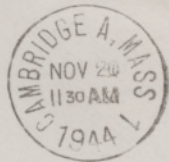
Herzliche Glückwünsche auch im Namen
meiner Frau!

Durch viele Jahre wurde diese Ertteilung
des Preises von vielen Philosophen erwartet.

Wir hoffen sehr, dass Sie uns wissen lassen,
wenn Sie wieder mal nach Cambridge kommen.

Herzliche Grüße Ihr

Otto Oldenberg.



& Otto Stern
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Dept. of Physics

Aldenberg

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.