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1. While in Poland, I had several long talks with Professor Zlotowski, who returned to Poland from the US in 1947 and is currently teaching at the University of Krakow. He has recently received a grant equivalent to US\$250 thousand from the Polish government for the purpose of establishing a research center in or near Krakow to specialize in physics, including nuclear energy.
2. Professor Zlotowski was Professor of Physics at Vassar during 1944 and 1945, and previously was in the same capacity at Ohio State University. He is an accomplished physicist. During 1946, and prior to his return to Poland, he was appointed official representative of the Polish government on the UN Atomic Energy Commission.
3. Professor Zlotowski told me that he returned to Poland because he was not liked or appreciated in the US. (It is common gossip among US physicists that Professor Zlotowski was largely instrumental in having Dr. Condon investigated for un-American activities.) I knew Professor Zlotowski when he was at Vassar and have always considered him somewhat of a radical. Although many of my colleagues felt Zlotowski had communist leanings, I personally believe that his radicalism extends more from a belief that scientists are an underpaid and underprivileged group who have never been permitted to assume their rightful place in society.
4. Professor Zlotowski told me that he had no proper equipment with which to launch his research in physics and nuclear energy; that he had tried to secure this equipment from the US but had been refused. He told me that he then wrote letters to individual physicists in the USSR, whose names and addresses he knew, asking for their help. In no case did he receive a reply to his letter. He told me that the curtain between Poland and the USSR was impenetrable from both directions and that no information whatsoever was reaching Poland concerning Soviet activities in physics or nuclear energy. * end *

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