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March 31, 1952

Dr. Edward Teller  
Institute of Nuclear Studies  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Teller:

Governor Stevenson has asked me to tell you that the conference arranged at the request of Dr. Leo Szilard will be at the Chicago Club, 404 South Michigan, on Monday, April 7. The group will convene at six o'clock for dinner, and discussion will continue after the meal.

Sincerely yours,

*Fred K. Hoehler*

Fred K. Hoehler  
Director

cc-Dr. Leo Szilard ✓



University of Chicago Group Invited to Attend  
Meeting with Governor Stevenson, on Monday,  
April 7, 1952, 6:00 p.m., at Chicago Club

Edward H. Levi  
Dean of Law School  
University of Chicago

Dr. Joseph E. Mayer  
Institute of Nuclear Studies  
University of Chicago

Dr. Cyril S. Smith  
Director, Institute of Metals  
University of Chicago

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics  
University of Chicago

Dr. Edward Teller  
Institute of Nuclear Studies  
University of Chicago

Louis Wirth  
Professor of Sociology  
University of Chicago



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DR LEO SZILARD=QUADRANGLE CLUB

1155 EAST 57 ST=

DISREGARD LETTER CONCERNING MEETING CHICAGO CLUB APRIL 7.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS MAKE THIS INAPPROPRIATE. MEETING WILL

BE POSTPONED. WORD TO YOU LATER=

FRED K HOEHLER=

FRED K. HOEHLER

120 So. LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois  
FI nancial 6-0614

February 9, 1955

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Kings Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

In the Sunday New York Times, I read your most excellent letter to the Editor.

Sometime when you are in Chicago I hope I will have an opportunity to talk to you. At the moment, I am serving as a consultant to the Trustees of the New World Foundation, which was founded by Mrs. Emmons Blaine. My function is to discuss fields of service with the Trustees. Although I am not sure when the money will be available, I should certainly think that for the "new world" a conference such as you propose would be most useful.

One of the fields of interest listed by Mrs. Blaine in her will was "the relationships between peoples and nations, and the avoidance of war." This may be one of the fields selected by the Trustees. While the principal sum will be something around twenty million and the income only moderate, I should think they might be interested in your proposal, if it were presented by a group or some university with tax exemptions. They had a bad experience in having to pay accumulated income tax on the money which was granted to Mr. Stringfellow Barr because of the failure, I understand, to set up a tax exempt group for the Foundation for World Government.

Sincerely yours,

  
Fred K. Hoehler

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Time 4 pm

Answered 3 Leo

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East to New York or Washington, would you mind contacting me at the above address and, perhaps, we could get together here

Kings Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th St  
New York, N. Y.  
February 12, 1955

Sincerely yours,

Leo Salas

*Please  
Write 2700*

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler  
120 So. LaSalle St  
Chicago 3, Ill

Dear Mr. Hoehler:

I was very much interested in your letter of February 9th. I am just beginning to get reactions to my "letter to the Editor", which incidentally will be reprinted in the Denver Post, and I shall know in a little while how much moral support could be counted upon for any concrete plan of action. There ought to be no difficulty in finding a University to accept a grant for a project and, for me, the University of Chicago would be a natural choice. I am still at Chicago except in body and in spirit.

I would very much like to talk to you about all this, but I do not expect to be in Chicago in the near future. I wonder what your guess might be as to when the New World Foundation might be willing to consider any kind of proposals and also when they might be in a position to allocate funds for any kind of project. If you should come



East to New York or Washington, would you mind contacting me at the above address and, perhaps, we could get together here some time soon.

430 West 115th St  
New York, N. Y.  
February 12, 1955

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

Mr. Fred K. Hoehner  
180 So. LaSalle St  
Chicago 5, Ill

Dear Mr. Hoehner:

*Handwritten notes:*  
L.S. 2/13/55  
Hoehner

LS/nr

I was very much interested in your letter of February 9th. I am just beginning to get reactions to "The Chicago Project", which incidentally will be re-

February 13, 1955

P.S. Since I wrote this letter, it has turned out that I will have to go to Denver and I shall try to contact you either on my way to Denver, or ten days later on my way back from Denver. I expect to remain in New York during the week ending Saturday, February 19th. I am still in Chicago except in body and in spirit. I would very much like to talk to you about all this, but I do not expect to be in Chicago in the near future. I wonder what your guess might be as to when the New World Foundation might be willing to consider any kind of proposals and also when they might be in a position to allocate funds for any kind of project. If you should some



King's Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th Street  
New York, New York

February 25, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler  
120 S. LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoehler:

Enclosed is a copy of my Letter to the Editor of the New York Times, taken from the Denver Post which reprinted it as a Guest Editorial. Enclosed is a further memorandum giving my present thinking on what needs to be done. I propose to use this memorandum in approaching such Foundations as might be interested.

I thought that if you read this material, you might give me your reaction to it when we meet in Chicago in the first half of the coming week. I shall telephone you for an appointment as soon as I know on what flight I shall arrive in Chicago next week.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures



King's Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th Street  
New York, New York

March 18, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler  
120 So. LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoehler:

I talked to Mrs. Harrison over the telephone, and expect to see her early next week in Washington.

Since I saw you, I received answers from Marshall MacDuffie, Father John Cavanaugh, and Colin Clark. Prior to all this, I had a favorable response over the telephone from General Hugh B. Hester. I am sending on this additional material to Mrs. Harrison, and I am enclosing three copies each - one for your file and one each for the other two Trustees of your Foundation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures



FRED K. HOEHLER

120 So. LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois  
FI nancial 6-0614

May 23, 1955

Dr. Leo Szilard  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The Board of Directors of The New World Foundation has carefully considered your communication of February 28, 1955 concerning a grant of funds for the project you have outlined. The Board has determined that this project is not one in which the Foundation can participate.

I have been asked to advise you to this effect and to express regret on behalf of the Board of Directors that The New World Foundation cannot be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Fred K. Hoehler

Consultant to the Board of  
The New World Foundation



FRED K. HOEHLER

120 So. LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois  
FI nancial 6-0614

May 24, 1955

Personal

Dr. Leo Szilard  
King's Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th Street  
New York, N. Y.

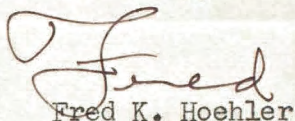
Dear Dr. Szilard:

The Board of Directors, in a review of a number of projects, came to certain conclusions about a few of them and they instructed me to write you the enclosed letter.

This personal note is to let you know that the reasons back of their decision were pretty much related, first, to the fact that the Foundation does not have funds available, and also to the question of tax exemption in one or two of the areas.

I regret very much that they were not interested in this proposal of yours, but someday they may be.

Sincerely,

  
Fred K. Hoehler

Encl.



June 14, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Hoehler  
120 South La Salle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hoehler:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of May 24th. I should have reported to you before this that I saw Mrs. Harrison and found that she had certain basic convictions -- a somewhat rigid ADA type of thinking which makes it difficult for her to comprehend the approach which I have taken to the problem. I find liberal Republicans more flexible at this point than Liberals.

The University of Chicago has given me a whole year in which I may try to set up something along the lines I discussed with you. I am also in touch with Stassen's office and with some people on the Hill.

I have almost finished writing a paper which will define the approach that a Commission might adopt as the basis of their deliberation.

If you think Mrs. Harrison is not beyond redemption, I shall be happy to discuss the thoughts involved with her and her friends. Except that I am not clear from where the motivation should come that would want to make her listen. Also some of the thinking is not quite simple and it requires insight into the unprecedented situation which we are going to face within a few years as the result of the Atomic Stalemate between America and Russia.



Mr. Fred K. Hoehler

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June 14, 1955

Let me know if you think that Mrs. Harrison would like to devote some time to listening and thinking about these problems. I could then contact her again.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Leo Szilard



FRED K. HOEHLER

120 So. LaSalle Street  
Chicago 3, Illinois  
Financial 6-0614

June 15, 1955

Personal

Dr. Leo Szilard  
The Sheraton-Park Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

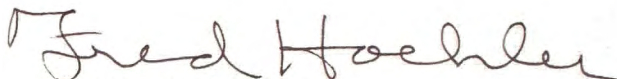
Dear Dr. Szilard:

This is a confidential note. Because of some problems which the Foundation is facing at this time in reference to probating the will and tax deductions, I think it might be best not to talk to Mrs. Harrison.

There is very little I can do at the moment, and because of plans to go overseas I shall be withdrawing from the Foundation in the early fall.

I am sorry that the plans which you had, and in which I had a great interest, cannot be worked out in this relationship. Someday I sincerely hope you may be successful in getting the desired and necessary support.

Sincerely yours,

  
Fred K. Hoehler





RICHARD J. DALEY  
MAYOR

**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
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MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
64 East Lake Street, Chicago 1, Illinois  
RAndolph 6-2317

May 1, 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard  
DuPont Plaza Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Leo:

Last week I had the privilege of reading the splendid article by Norman Cousins in the Saturday Review. It recalled the days when we discussed the plan you suggested for Adlai Stevenson.

Unfortunately his failure in the effort to be elected dismissed the brilliant plan which you proposed. Perhaps it will be picked up by the present administration, if it is not too late.

Victor Weybright informed me that you are "New Frontiering" in Washington. I do hope that you can continue your crusade. This you can do if you will be persuaded to commence work on your personal testament.

The world of today needs "your voice" more than at any other time. If there is anything a minor voice, such as my own, can do to help promote your philosophy and plans, it would give me great satisfaction to do my bit.

This past weekend I was in Washington, and had I known you were there I would have felt privileged to talk briefly with you. My sincere wishes for your continued improvement, for this "mixed up world" needs your testimony.

Sincerely,

Fred K. Hoehler  
Consultant to Mayor Daley