

Washington, D. C.
March 3, 1962

Dr. Hudson Hoagland
The Worcester Foundation
for Experimental Biology
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hoagland:

The attached letter is meant for you and those others whose names are listed in the memo, "The Next Step". I should be very grateful to you for reading the attached letter and the enclosures, and for advising me as soon as possible whether you are willing to serve as an Associate.

I hope very much that you are not going to disqualify yourself from serving on the Board of Directors of the Council.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Enclosures

P.S. I am enclosing the revised and final version of my speech, which will be printed in the April issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

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Personal

February 25, 1963

Dr. Hudson Hoagland
c/o American Academy of Arts and Sciences
280 Newton Street
Brookline Station
Boston 46, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hoagland:

I understand from Feld that someone discussed with you a matter which I was trying to keep confidential as far as possible. I kept John Edsall informed but postponed informing the other members of my committee in order to minimize the possibility of a leak. The enclosed confidential memorandum will give you most of the story. I should perhaps add that in this matter I am dealing with the White House through Carl Kaysen, deputy to McGeorge Bundy and that I have the green light from the White House for the recruiting of the American participants at this time.

All this for your personal information only.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard



THE WORCESTER FOUNDATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

October 25, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza, Suite 738
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Leo:

The enclosures are self-explanatory.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hudson Hoagland

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March 4, 1963

Dr. Hudson Hoagland
American Academy of Arts and Sciences
280 Newton Street
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Boston 46, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hoagland:

Many thanks for your letter of February 28th. I don't know on what stationery my letter to Khrushchev was written since the carbon of the letter does not indicate the stationery of the original; however, there is a reference in my letter to Khrushchev to the Academy which reads as follows:

"The invitation to the American participants would be issued by me either personally or in my capacity as the Chairman of a committee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston - a non-governmental institution which has been lately sponsoring the Pugwash meetings."

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Last September I asked Mr. ~~Burrough~~ whether I am free to use Academy stationery in exploring the possibility of what project, if any, might be worth setting up under the subcommittee of which I am the Chairman and I understood from him that it would be proper to use Academy stationery for the purposes of such an exploration. At the present time, I am using this stationery in exploring who might be available as a participant in the project which is described in my correspondence with Khrushchev. As I mentioned to you before, I have the green light for trying at this time to find participants, from the White House where I am dealing with Carl Kaysen, deputy to McGeorge Bundy.

Please feel free to send copies of your letter of February 28th and, if you wish, also my response to John Edsall and Bernard Feld. I would appreciate, however, if you did not communicate with any member of the Academy who is not on my committee and who can only have learned about this project through an indiscretion. I am trying to keep my correspondence with Khrushchev confidential and the knowledge of it limited to those who need to know about it because they are in some way involved.

Enclosed you will find an exchange of letters with Panofsky for your information.

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About ten days ago, I sent word to Paul Doty through Feld asking him to contact me when he is in Washington so that we may discuss the relationship of the Brennan project with such projects as might be undertaken by my subcommittee. I had a report from Feld that he delivered this message but I have not heard from Doty as yet.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard



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February 28, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
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Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

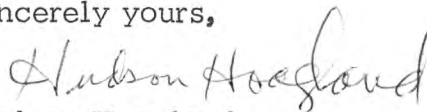
Thanks for your letter of February 25th together with the confidential memorandum. About two weeks ago I received a telephone call from a member of the American Academy, who is active in an advisory capacity in Washington, saying that he was alarmed to have learned of correspondence which you had conducted with Khrushchev, the gist of which indicated dissention in our government between what I might refer to as the "good guys" and the "bad guys" regarding disarmament and cold war issues. He had not seen the correspondence but had been told about it. What disturbed him was that this personal correspondence had been conducted, he said, on Academy stationery. This implied that it represented a sanctioned Academy position. As chairman of an Academy sub-committee you, of course, have available our letterheads for use in connection with the business of your committee. I accordingly asked Bernard Feld, as president of your organization, "Council for a Livable World," about the status of this matter which I presumed he would be informed about. Feld told me that as far as he knew the correspondence with Khrushchev had not been conducted on Academy stationery and that approval had been received by you from White House sources following the Khrushchev correspondence to proceed to carry out the plan that you had outlined to Mr. Khrushchev. I also spoke to John Edsall, as chairman of the Academy Overseeing Committee on Public Responsibility of Scientists, and he said that you had sent him a copy of the correspondence with Khrushchev. He had not been concerned about it from the point of view of the Academy since there was no indication that our letterhead had been used. Of course with the approval of your plan by your committee and with the blessing of McGeorge Bundy's office, the use of Academy letterheads if your care to do so, in relation to enlisting the cooperation of American scientists, seems to me to be entirely appropriate.

On reading over the material you sent me, I think your points have been well made, and I can only hope that something of value may emerge from it.

As you may know, the Ford Foundation has finally come through with a grant to the Academy of some \$300,000 to activate the plan proposed two years ago by Don Brennan. This calls for a continuous confrontation of an informal, unofficial nature between four or five Russian and four or five American scientists for a period of a year. Half their time would be spent in this country and half the time in Russia. It has been arranged that Paul Doty will be chairman of this enterprise and the Russians have put up a comparable fund for their share of the activities. This plan has received the blessing of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and of other government people. I mention this since it is much the same as your proposal discussed in the Khrushchev correspondence. You and Paul Doty should get together and consider this, since the Academy is involved in sponsoring both enterprises.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Hudson Hoagland

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P. S. Do you have any objection to my sending a copy of this letter to the Academy member who raised the question initially, and also copies to Feld and Edsall?



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March 11, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thanks for your letter of March 4th. Your correspondence with Khrushchev has not been kept confidential which is clear from the nature of the telephone call which I received from a member of the Academy associated with the President's Science Advisory Committee. I described this to you in my last letter.

I feel that it would be well for me to explain to this man, who is very much concerned, something about the situation, especially the point that you make about having Carl Kaysen clear your plans for conversations with Russian scientists. If the Academy is to sponsor such a plan, it will have to be presented to the Council, and to do so would necessitate mentioning the correspondence with Khrushchev and also some of the reactions which have come about. I would think that Bernard Feld could do this satisfactorily since he is close to your organization. I would suggest your talking this over with Bernie to see what may be the best procedure. I am sending copies of our correspondence to Feld and to Edsall as you suggest.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hudson Hoagland

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Hotel letterhead

March 14, 1963

Dr. Hudson Hoagland
c/o American Academy of Arts and Sciences
280 Newton Street
Brookline Station
Boston 46, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hoagland:

Thanks for your letter of March 11th.

I wonder whether you could satisfy "this man" by telling him that I do not propose to set up this project under the American Academy unless it has the blessing of the United States Government.

"This man" has not only talked to you, but, also to Jerome Wiesner and others. Since Wiesner had been kept informed by Kaysen, no harm was done and the perturbation which "this man" has caused seems to have died down.

I would rather not give "this man" any information at the present time which might set him off on another round of telephone calls.

Perhaps I should explain to you that before the project is set up I need to have also the blessing of the U.S. Arms Control & Disarmament Agency. I am in contact with this agency, but the final verdict will depend on who the participants in the project will be. In these circumstances, I would not say that I have at present the blessing of the United States Government. What I have, is the green light from the White House (Carl Kaysen) for the recruiting of the participants at this time.

As you can see from the above, the project is still in its formative stage and the Academy is not involved. When I am ready to set up the project, I shall write you and at that point we shall see what needs to be done to get the explicit approval of the Academy for the project.

In the meantime, the less talk about the project the better.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

cc: John Edsall
Bernard Feld

Hotel stationery

April 12, 1963

President Hudson Hoagland
American Academy of Arts & Sciences
280 Newton Street
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hoagland:

There has been no activity during the past year on the part of the subcommittee of the Academy of which I am the chairman. I personally have been exploring various projects which might be conceivably set up under this committee, but I have reached no decision as yet whether to recommend that actually some of these projects be set up under the committee.

It is my recommendation that the committee be continued unchanged in composition for another year.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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May 13, 1963

Professor Roger Fisher
Harvard Law School
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Roger:

I am indeed happy at your election as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. I am sure that you will enjoy the associations as I have over the years.

This note is primarily to ask you to serve on the Committee of Informal International Conversations among Scientists, chaired by Leo Szilard. Its purpose is to promote conversations between Russian, American and European scientists after the manner of the Pugwash conferences, but on a continuing basis via the Council for Abolishing War, of which Bernard Feld is president. As you probably know, this is Leo's "2% movement," and funds collected from this will be made available through the Academy Committee for the activities. Other members of the Academy committee are Harrison Brown, Charles Coryell, Bernard Feld, Richard Leghorn, Matthew Meselson and Alexander Rich. Both Leo and Bernie would be delighted to have you on the committee, and I believe they have already spoken to you about the matter. Please let me know that you will serve.

I am pleased with the progress toward publication of last summer's papers as reported to me by Geno Ballotti. With suitable pruning this should make a good volume.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hudson Hoagland
President

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cc: Dr. Bernard Feld
Dr. Leo Szilard ✓
Mr. Ralph W. Burhoe

May 15, 1963

Hudson Hoagland, President
American Academy of Arts & Sciences
280 Newton Street
Brookline Station
Boston 46, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hoagland:

I should appreciate your asking Roger Fisher to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Informal International Conversations Among Scientists, of which I am the Chairman.

I have delegated to Roger Fisher the responsibility for all arrangements to be made on the American side, while I propose to retain the responsibility for the negotiations with the Russians.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

cc: Bernard Feld
Ralph Burhoe
Roger Fisher



THE WORCESTER FOUNDATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

October 25, 1962

Mrs. Lenore Marshall
Dorset Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

The enclosed note from the executive officer of the American Academy to me is in response to my request that he discuss with Dr. Feld and Dr. Edsall the question of bringing Sir Bernard Lovell here at this time. I am also sending a copy of this memorandum to Leo Szilard.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hudson Hoagland

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1963

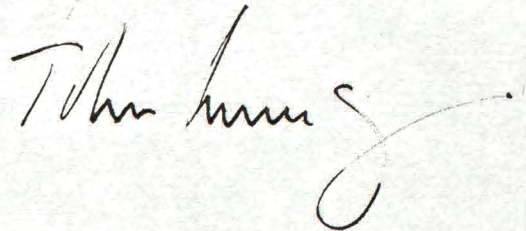
Dear Mr. Hoagland:

Thank you for your letter of 12 June describing the disarmament discussions with Soviet citizens which the Academy is sponsoring. I am pleased to hear that unofficial organizations are thinking about the problems of disarmament and discussing them with citizens of other countries who are also concerned. You know, I am sure, my own deep concern with disarmament and the efforts of my administration to make concrete progress in disarmament in any practicable way.

Activities such as yours can assist us in this task; I hope that they may also have corresponding benefits in the Soviet Union as well.

I wish your efforts success, and I know that those in the Government concerned with these vital problems look forward with interest to hearing about the ideas your discussions may develop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lyndon B. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mr. Hudson Hoagland
President
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June 12, 1963

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As I believe you may know, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of which you are a Fellow, has been sponsoring the participation of Americans in recent Conferences on Science and World Affairs (COSWA -- earlier known as the Pugwash conferences) at which disarmament questions have frequently been discussed. We are also sponsoring the American side of a long range study of disarmament problems with Soviet scientists for which the Ford Foundation has recently granted us support. I would like to call to your attention a further joint meeting of Soviet and U.S. citizens on disarmament which the Academy proposes to sponsor at the earliest practicable date.

At this conference, growing out of an idea of Dr. Leo Szilard's known as the Angels Project, a small group of Soviet and U.S. citizens who have knowledge in the disarmament area will seek to identify the most promising areas for a first stage disarmament agreement. A copy of the proposed instructions to the American participants is enclosed.

I would like to assure you that the Academy's interest in disarmament reflects no lack of appreciation of the seriousness with which the government is devoting its energy to the problem but rather reflects our belief that unofficial and informal discussions among persons who are free from any negotiating responsibility can play a useful role in exploring and developing ideas as to what might be done.

Sincerely yours,

Hudson Hoagland

Hudson Hoagland
President