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LONDON, S. W. 3.

FROM:- PROFESSOR ALEX. HADDOW, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D.  
(DIRECTOR)

9th June 1954.

Dear Professor Szilard,

/ Some weeks ago, (March 29th), I wrote a letter, of which  
I now enclose a copy, to the Times. The proposal then made has  
meantime commended itself to the British Parliamentary Group for  
World Government, of which Lord Boyd Orr is President and Mr.  
Henry Osborne, M.P., the Honorary Secretary: the names of the  
office-bearers are attached herewith. As a result of preliminary  
discussions, I have already received the utmost help from the Group,  
on the question how best this proposal could be studied further, and  
eventually implemented. In particular, the proposal will shortly  
be considered, among other matters mainly affecting United Nations  
charter reform, by a Committee of the Group under the Chairmanship  
of Lord Beveridge; and it is hoped to submit a resolution on the  
subject to the Fourth Annual Conference of the World Association  
of Parliamentarians for World Government, to be held at the County  
Hall, London, from September 4 - 10th this year.

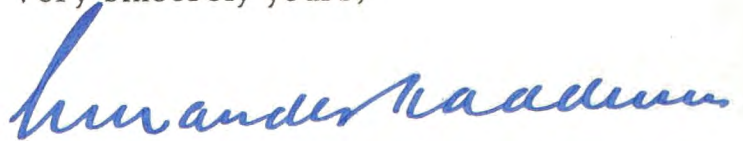
Meantime, however, Lord Boyd Orr is most anxious to bring  
together a small group of scientists, economists and politicians, to  
meet for a few days before the Conference, and subsequently to attend  
the Conference as delegates. The purpose of this preliminary meeting  
would be to discuss the proposal among other related matters, and  
to ascertain whether we could find a consensus of opinion. If, on  
the other hand, we could not arrive at any conclusion which we could  
collectively endorse, there is no question we would at least have a  
most valuable opportunity for the exchange of ideas. Lord Boyd Orr  
is also anxious that this meeting should form the nucleus of a more  
permanent and coherent entity which could meet at regular intervals,  
and coordinate its efforts with those of the Parliamentarians. I attach  
a list of those to whom invitations are being sent, but shall of course be  
glad to receive your comments and suggestions.

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I am therefore authorised by Lord Boyd Orr and Mr. Usborne to extend to you personally a very warm invitation to come to London for the period September 1st - 10th next, or for as many of these days as you can manage to spend with us. Although no funds are available at the moment of writing, we very much hope to be able to offer travel and other expenses in due course. In this connexion I am now in touch with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, who have also expressed keen interest in the proposal to which I have referred, and who have enquired as to how they best could help.

Needless to say we greatly hope you may be able to join us, and I much look forward to hearing as early as may be convenient.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alexander Haaden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal blue line.

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U.S.A.

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London, S. W. 1.

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Invitations being sent to :

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New York, N. Y.,  
U.S.A.

June 26, 1954

Professor Alex Haddow  
The Chester Beatty Research Institute  
The Royal Cancer Hospital  
Fulham Road  
London, S.W.3., England

Dear Professor Haddow:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter of June 9th. I should consider it a privilege to discuss these problems with you and those whom you have invited, according to the list of names attached to your letter. Therefore, if enough of those whom you have asked agree to come, so that you will have a well-balanced group, and if the Carnegie Endowment will take care of the travelling expenses, I should be very happy to come also. If expenses cannot be paid, I might be able to finance my trip in some other manner, but of this I am not quite sure as yet. In any case, I would appreciate your letting me know, later on, the names of those who believe they will be able to come.

As the list of those invited stands at present, I seem to be the only scientist invited from the United States. Perhaps you would like to invite others, in order to have available a greater variety of points-of-view. In that case, you might perhaps find use for a list of six names, which I enclose. These are all men who have a high standing over here, and deservedly so, and they are all deeply concerned.

You will probably have to write to quite a number of men in order to find one or two who will be able to come and, this being summertime when people are away from their offices, if you should send out further invitations, it might be well to mark both the letter and the envelope "Urgent - please forward."

I wish you the very best of success for your endeavor and may I thank you again for your kind invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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List attached to letter addressed to Prof. Alex Haddow  
on June 26th, 1954

Professor Edward Teller at the Physics Department, University of California, Berkley, California. As you perhaps know, he is regarded as the "Father of the H-Bomb". I do not know whether he could come, but I do know that he is very much concerned about the situation and has always been rather interested in the general idea of World Government, so that he might be interested to meet your parliamentary group. His thinking on the political problems involved is very different from my own and, if he were to come, you would get a more balanced picture of political thought among American scientists than if I were the only one present.

<sup>Prof</sup>  
~~Dr.~~ Harrison Brown of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. He just published a book on world resources, of which you may have heard, and I know he is much concerned about the same problems that you are.

Professor Jerome Wisner, who is head of the Electronics Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Professor Hans Bethe, Physics Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Professor Victor Weisskopf, Physics Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Weisskopf is, I believe in Europe at present and it might, therefore, be easier for him to come than for some of those who have to cross the Atlantic.

Professor Purcell, Physics Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. You may know his name because he received the Nobel Prize a few years ago. He too, I believe, is in Europe at present.

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FROM:- PROFESSOR ALEX. HADDOW, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D.

(DIRECTOR)

1st July 1954.

Dear Professor Szilard,

I was very glad indeed to have your kind reply of June 26th and to learn that you would be willing to attend the projected meeting in September if the necessary travelling expenses are made available. I am a little disappointed that the Carnegie Endowment have been slow in coming to a decision, but I am still hopeful that something can be arranged, and shall let you know either way immediately I hear. The same consideration applies of course to the others who have been invited, and clearly the meeting will only be worth while if a sufficient number of those who have been asked can be given sufficient financial help to permit them to attend.

At the time of writing you, you were the only scientist invited from the States, but meantime invitations have also been sent to Edsall and Hutchins. I was, however, extremely grateful to you for your suggestion of six other names. In view of what you say I shall endeavour to have invitations sent to them straight away.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alexander Haddow*

Professor Leo Szilard,  
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago 37, Illinois,  
U.S.A.

*P.S. Since writing the above I have seen the Carnegie people today, and am very sorry to say the prospects are not encouraging. I shall however let you know finally in another ten days. hr.*



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FROM:- PROFESSOR ALEX. HADDOW, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D.  
(DIRECTOR)

27th July 1954.

Dear Professor Szilard,

Mr. Henry Usborne has sent me a copy of his letter to you of 13th July, about the Fourth Parliamentary Conference on World Government to be held in London from 4th to 10th September, and the meetings which it is hoped to hold in the few days immediately preceding the Conference, and in Professor Haddow's absence in Sao Paulo I am writing to tell you of the more recent arrangements for these meetings. Acceptances have now been received from Professor de Castro, Professor Domagk, Professor Edsall, Professor Oliphant and Mr. Warburg, and Professor Girard very much hopes to come, although he is not yet sure if he will be able to do so. It has most unfortunately not proved possible to obtain the financial assistance Professor Haddow had hoped for, but nevertheless, after consulting the organisers of the Conference he feels that it would be missing a great opportunity not to meet for a few days before September 6th, when the Conference starts. It is therefore proposed to hold meetings Thursday September 2nd through Saturday September 4th, either in London itself or, by kind invitation of Lady Duckham, at her country house near Epsom, some 15 miles outside London, and he hopes very much that you may be able to come to these meetings.

Lady Duckham has very kindly offered hospitality to two or three of those who will be attending the meetings, and if you do find yourself able to come to England we should be glad to know whether you would care to avail yourself of this invitation, or whether you would like us to reserve accommodation on your behalf in a London hotel.

Invitations are being sent to the six professors listed in your letter of June 26th to Professor Haddow, and as you suggest we are marking the envelope "Urgent - please forward".

Professor Haddow is expected back in London around 10th August, and will look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Amy Greenwood*

Secretary to Professor Haddow

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Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics,  
Chicago 37, Illinois.

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FROM:- PROFESSOR ALEX. HADDOW, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D.

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30th August 1954.

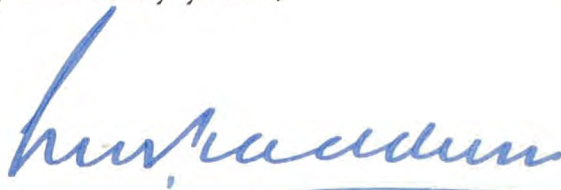
Dear Professor Szilard,

On return from South America, I was sorry to learn from Mr. Osborne that you will not after all be able to join our meeting in September. If I may I shall, however, let you know in due course how things proceed, and send you a copy of my own paper.

Meantime it so happens I shall be leaving for the States on September 10th by air, in order to take part in the American Chemical Society meeting in New York on September 12th, following which I shall also be in Washington for a few days before returning. If there were likely to be any opportunity of our meeting in either place, I should be very glad indeed to hear. I should also have been very glad to consider a trip to Chicago, but since my time seems to be very much taken up in New York and Washington I fear this will be impossible.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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FROM:- PROFESSOR ALEX. HADDOW, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D.

(DIRECTOR)

2nd May 1955.

Dear Szilard,

I am due in New York on May 10th for a short visit, leaving again for home on the 26th, and should very much like to meet you again if you free during this time. On arrival I have to go off to Boston and Bar Harbor, returning however to New York on the 15th. I shall if I may get in touch with you, or if you care to leave a message I can be found at the Barbizon Plaza.

With kindest regards meantime,

Very sincerely,



Professor Leo Szilard,  
c/o A. N. Spanel,  
International Latex Company,  
350, Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.,  
U. S. A.

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*Lucia and Alex Haddow*

*send Christmas Greetings*

*and Best Wishes for the New Year*

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FROM: PROFESSOR ALEX. HADDOW, F. R. S.  
(DIRECTOR)

15th August 1961

*My dear Szilard,*

It was so good of you to send me a copy of The Voice of the Dolphins etc., which I was most delighted to receive today. I look forward with pleasure to reading it and indeed have already started.

I mean to attend Session I of the COSWA meeting at Stowe, Vermont. I do not see your name on the list but imagine you will certainly be at Session II. At any rate I do hope I may have the opportunity to see you there.

*Ever most sincerely,  
Alex. Haddow*

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