

MRS. DAVID L. RUBINFINE
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Dear Dr. Szilard:

My husband and I feel fortunate indeed, that his old friend and colleague Margaret Brenman Gibson, thought to send us a copy of your speech "Are We On the Road to War?" As Margaret has said, "for the first time we felt hopeful that with such a plan, led by a man like you, we might yet avert a nuclear catastrophe.

My husband is a psychoanalyst connected with the New York Psychoanalytic Institute. We have three children and as we've become increasingly disturbed about fall-out shelters, contamination of our food etc. - we have become involved in various peace movements. And Up Until Now, it has been with a feeling of futility - so we wish to not only thank you but to pledge

ourselves to those tasks and objectives that you suggest in your speech.

Most of our friends are as excited as we are by the possibility of such a movement and have ordered copies of the speech for their friends.

I, myself, have just received 50 copies which I am in the process of distributing and I'm sure you will hear from a great many of these people.

These are the names of a few of our friends who agree with us - and you!

1.) Dr. + Mrs. Irving Sternschein
135 Central Pk. West, N.Y.C., N.Y.

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4. Dr. + Mrs. Maury Golob
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5. Dr. + Mrs. Irwin Solomon
1148 Fifth Ave, N.Y.C., N.Y.

6. Mr. + Mrs. Robert Rosenwald
135 Central Pk West, N.Y.C.

More will be forthcoming, I'm sure!

Sincerely,

Mrs. David L. Rubinfine

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Dear Mr. Brower,

Enclosed is my check for ten dollars ($\$10.00$) both in payment for twenty more copies of Szilard's revised speech and to help in the printing of more copies.

I have already distributed the first 100 copies that I obtained from you. The response was rather enthusiastic, but without further instructions, most of us are not yet sure as to how we should proceed, other than by the letters we have written to Szilard. It would be useful to get something started before a lot of the initial enthusiasm is dissipated.

Sincerely yours,

Myron Garfunkel

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Allan Forbes, Jr.

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19 November 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

A copy of your talk "Are We On The Road To War" was given to me by a friend who heard you speak in Cambridge last week. I am extremely impressed by your Lobby-Movement proposal and, am circulating it here as widely as possible.

I have been on the fringes of the peace movement in various ways for several years and have just recently backed out, more or less in disgust, due to the futility of the standard approach, the lack of leadership, ideas, initiative, planning, etc.

Herman Kahn, with whom I have had a number of conversations, has put it quite well: The hallmark of the amateur and the dilettante is that he never bothers to find out how to get to his particular Utopia.

I have spent the last few weeks writing an essay on the Cold War and sketching out a plan to end the Arms Race. They are attached and I would be extremely grateful if you could find the time to look at them and perhaps comment on the World Security Program.

In common with you, I base my plan on the assumption that we have a credible or near-credible First Strike Capability and that if there is to be any changing of the Arms Race direction it will have to start with us. The Russians are only in a position to build up their forces; we can reduce or build up, as we wish.

Our troubles seem to stem invariably from a lack of policy; every government is run by Hamlet figures. We tend to behave like a Russian satellite, albeit a very reluctant and unhappy one, but perhaps with less real freedom of action than Albania has. We are always reacting to Russian initiatives or suspected Russian initiatives. It seems to me that most of the time since the end of World War II we have been unwitting accomplices of the Soviets. We have been indispensable to them.

If the program I have worked out does nothing else, it at least outlines a coherent, cohesive, inclusive U.S. policy.

I am not quite so sanguine as you about Russian desires for general and complete disarmament. I think they would find many grounds for objecting to it. General Talensky's review of The Necessity for Choice gives one reason - their fear that it would contribute to changing the nature of Soviet society. Since this is what Kissinger said GCD was intended to do, Talensky can not be blamed too heavily.

The introductory essay on the Arms Race which precedes the plan is written more or less for the layman. It can be skimmed through pretty quickly, but there are one

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or two points not without merit. First, I am excessively disturbed the tendency to concentrate on "feasibility" and on preparations for an all-out thermonuclear war. Kahn seems to have met with enormous response to his A & B Country theory and the entire ridiculous complex of survival speculation. You will have noticed that at the House Hearings this summer Kahn down-graded deterrence to "intra-war deterrence" - deterrence after war has started. This is his gobbledygook for limitation. You probably also noticed that he seems to have taken over the Swap-a-City thesis which if I am not mistaken, was originally yours.

It begins to look as if the real struggle we are engaged in is one with ourselves. Kennedy seems to have realized this and all his recent speeches have been concerned with internal difficulties. It may be a lot harder to sell your concepts to the public than to the administration. The Lobby in Washington may meet with great success but the Movement at the grass-roots level has the real task and challenge.

I would be grateful for any help or criticism you might make on the enclosed paper. I should also be interested in developments of the Council for Abolishing War. Is there someone in this area who will be reporting the results of your 4-college sample?

With best wishes,

Allan Forbes, Jr.
Allan Forbes, Jr

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN, Ph.D.



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November 20, 1961

Professor Leo Szilard
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Szilard:

I noted with great interest and gratification the account of your talk before the Harvard Law School Forum which appeared in today's San Francisco Chronicle. The idea of a lobby to act as the focal voice for peace is a sound one and one to which I would like personally to lend my support.

If there are plans to organize scientists and scholars to serve as the constituency and support for the proposed lobby, please add my name. Have you considered contacting organizations such as the American Psychological Association to obtain representation and use of media for disseminating information?

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. Sullivan

PLS/gb

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1 December 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Du Pont Plaza
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have been particularly interested in your forceful presentation of a fresh point of view on the subject of world security because of my own personal interest in the subject, and my recent position as Special Assistant for Arms Control to Dr. Herbert York, former Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

Your television appearance with Jerry Wiesner and others had a very favorable public impact. I have enjoyed some of the things you have written on the subject but would appreciate getting from you a copy of your talk "Are we on the Road to War." My young friend, John Dixon, of the U. S. Information Agency, tells me he had the benefit of a conference with you recently.

With Mr. Franklin P. Huddle, of the Office of Secretary of Defense, I am completing a paper resulting from my year in the Pentagon dealing with a positive program of action directed toward improved world security and welfare. The report will be ready for distribution early next year and I will take the liberty of sending you a copy.

Yours sincerely,


L. C. Van Atta
Director

LCVA/ct

cc: F. P. Huddle
John Dixon

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CECIL B. DICKSON
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December 7, 1961

Please reply to:
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Mr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Szilard:

A student at MIT permitted me to scan your speech of November 14th entitled "Are We On the Road to War?" I am very interested in the speech and would like very much to have a copy so I can study it. You may have something, from what I was able to see.

Yours very truly,



Cecil B. Dickson

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RABBI H. HIRSCH COHEN, S.T.D.

December 13, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

In reading the December 15th issue of the Commonweal, I learned of your campaign to establish the Council Abolishing War. I am so heartily in favor of your proposal and your ideas to impliment it that I would like to start working on the student members of my Foundation on the campus of the University of Illinois. Do you have any brochures that would contain the necessary information to impart to them? If you have any suggestions along these lines, I would be most appreciative of them.

Sincerely,


Rabbi H. Hirsch Cohen

HHC/gz

answered

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL FORUM
ROCHESTER 25, N. Y.

"It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance."
JOHN PHILPOT CURRAN — 1790

December 17, 1961

To answer

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Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard,

A friend sent us a copy of your "Are We On The Road to War?" which I have read.

Your idea of bringing the Peace issue into the Political Arena, we believe, is very necessary at this time.

The Forum was begun with this in mind - we are not a political party but we have worked as a political organization. For that reason, perhaps our experience here in Rochester may be of interest to you as a small test tube of political peace action.

We started in the latter part of 1960 with a nucleus of 14 disappointed Stevenson-for-President partisans. None of us were what you might call "important" people. I am a housewife with four small children; the other 14 were housewives, graduate students, a young salesman, a teacher. We had no money, no name and no clear idea of where we were headed.

However, operating more on nerve than on knowledge, we today find ourselves a rapidly growing organization of nearly 300 people. More are added daily! We are experiencing serious growing pains - the organization is much too large and complex for an amateurish bunch to run - yet we limp along.

Mrs. Linus Pauling has praised our effectiveness. We cooperate with the Friends, SANE, WILPF, Women's Strike for Peace and others. Our local newspaper assigned its star reporter to keep up with us.

We won a victory at the polls in April by talking down a fallout shelter in a suburban school. (See May 13, 1961 issue of NATION). Our Senators,

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representatives and governor know who we are and find it necessary from time to time to answer us publicly. Our local civil defense director is afraid of us - we demolished him on TV in May. He was showing "Operation Abolition all over town to teach us peasants about Communism. We stopped a showing of it on TV by demanding a debate - it was rescheduled with a debate and "Operation Abolition" lost.

We are well known for our position on shelters-groups and radio stations are asking us to speak on the subject. Presently we are being "studied" by a political science class at the University of Rochester.

May I add that Rochester is a very conservative town. Those who know Rochester are quite surprised that we survived - to say nothing of our phenomenal growth.

For what it is worth, I believe a peace orientated political group such as you envisage would take the country by storm. It may never replace the Democratic and Republican parties - but certainly would make them incorporate peace in their own platforms.

If a group of amateurish unknowns like us can do what we have done - with you at the helm we most certainly could not lose!

Although we have not discussed this among the membership, I feel you could count on us - please let us know what we can do.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Grooms

Mary M. Grooms, Chairman

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answered

To answer

12/13/61

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Wash. D.C.

Dear Szilard,

I have read with interest your recent speech advocating a Movement for Abolishing War.

I was in Russia last summer, as an exchange professor, and did my best to promote friendship. On my return, a CIA man approached me, but I told him I was not in the spy business, so he abandoned attempts at questioning. (I cannot face 2 ways at once).

In general, it is not my policy to join movements. But in this case there is too much at stake, namely civilization, so that I would consider 2% a small price to pay if the movement had a chance of success. And I am convinced that a modus vivendi with Russia is entirely feasible.

What to do about our economy?

answered

With my best wishes, both personally and for the movement

James H. Bartlett
James H. Bartlett

R.R. 1
Storrs, Conn.
December 21, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I want to express my profoundest gratitude for your 2% for peace proposal. Here at the University of Connecticut it is being read and circulated with avid interest and enthusiasm. There is already formed on campus a sizable group of students and faculty who have scheduled meetings and discussion groups and have signed petitions placing ads in local newspapers calling on the President to end the arms race.

We are greatly encouraged in our efforts to educate people to the dangers confronting us by the positive, concrete and possible proposals in your plan, and hope we can be of some use in putting it into practice. Toward that end, we here at Storrs are ordering additional copies of the plan with the purpose of mailing them to friends throughout the nation, asking each of them to do the same.

My heartfelt best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Doris Davis

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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December 22, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

A transcript of your talk "Are We on the Road to War" recently came to our attention. We are very much taken with your ideas, and with your proposal to form a Council and a Movement to Abolish War. We are writing this letter to indicate to you our eagerness to be members of such a movement, should it be formed, and to express our hope that the response you receive in the coming weeks will prove sufficient to justify its organization.

We were very pleased to see in print so clear a statement of many of the ideas that have become increasingly attractive to us during the past months. Our enthusiasm has led us to have 500 copies of your talk multilithed locally. We are sending some 200 of these, together with a brief covering letter, to the faculty and graduate assistants of the Physics Department here, as a way of making your ideas more generally available and, also, of helping you determine whether the climate is ripe for the sort of Movement you propose. The remaining copies are being sent, on a more selective basis, to other members of the faculty, to interested members of the community, and to friends in other communities. We are enclosing a copy of our covering letter.

We look forward to learning from you the extent of the response your talk evokes over the Christmas holidays. Judging by our own community, we expect it to be quite considerable, and we wish you every success.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin L. Goldwasser

E. L. Goldwasser
Professor of Physics

David Pines

David Pines
Professor of Physics and
Electrical Engineering

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
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Dec. 31
1961

Dear Mr. Brower

Here is a contribution
toward the Sigilard Movement.

I heartily approve what
I have learned so far, & would
like to be kept posted.

You two are good to
undertake this —

Sincerely yours,

Harold Cassidy

H. G. CASSIDY

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Mr. Michael Brower
3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Jan. 2, 1962

Dear Mr. Brower:

I read with real enthusiasm Mr. Sigurd's 2% for peace proposal, and I would be willing to support such a movement with the suggested amount.

I would like to suggest one piece of flexibility that is missing from the present tentative plans. When the Council submits a set of policies (analogous to those of the speech) to the mailing list for acceptance or rejection, some mechanism for partial acceptance must be made available. If this is missing, the group will either become very small but monolithic, or of significant size but standing for almost no concrete points of view. It is the combination of number and well defined convictions which is needed here; some sort of diversity of policy, but unity in purpose kind of thing.

Yours sincerely,
John R. Townsend

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PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICS

January 2, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard,

Your speech entitled "Are We on the Road to War?" has reached me through somewhat indirect channels. I am taking the liberty of sending a personal response in the hope that such a side effect of your experiment may prove of some value.

I am in complete agreement that a large scale effort must be made to stop the drift toward war. Such an effort requires an effective lobby in Washington and also some method of reaching a significant and increasing portion of the population--possibly through a speakers' bureau.

I would be willing to contribute 2% of my income to such an effective movement for peace. I have been impressed by the enthusiastic response of several of my friends to your proposal. Many of us contribute comparable amounts now to a variety of movements working in this direction (SANE, F.A.S., etc.). A major problem of any new movement is to convince enough people that this will be the most effective movement.

I agree that no issue is more important than a determination that America will reject a first-strike policy. I am not sure, however, that the distinction between an invulnerable second strike and a first strike capability is sharp enough to make it a feasible political issue.

I am eager to hear about the next step.

Sincerely yours,

Lincoln Wolfenstein

Lincoln Wolfenstein
Professor

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January 2, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have just today been sent a copy of your talk, "Are We on the Road to War?" dated November 14, 1961. As you may know, Professors E. L. Goldwasser and David Pines of the University of Illinois were so impressed with your presentation that they had copies of the speech mimeographed and sent to many of their friends and colleagues.

I, too, am entirely in favor of what you have to say, and it seems to me that I might be in a position to see that your talk was more widely circulated, particularly among scientists. I am with a new scientific publishing company (Enclosed is a preliminary version of our prospectus, recently filed with the SEC, which provides a description of our Company) and, with many other publishers, we will be displaying our books at a booth at the American Physical Society convention in New York on January 24th through 27th. As you know, the majority of the physicists who attend these conventions sooner or later get to browsing through the different publishers' booths.

We would be willing to undertake the cost of having a few hundred copies of your speech reproduced and kept ~~them~~ on display in our booth so that any visitor to the convention who wanted to take one could do so. There would, of course, be no charge for these copies, nor would our Company take any credit for the copies made available. Our Company would, of course, benefit from the general interest in your speech and from the increased attendance it might bring to our books on sale at the booth. On the other hand, the movement which you advocate

Dr. Leo Szilard

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January 2, 1962

might be advanced by this means of getting your speech into the hands of the scientific community.

I would like to have your approval of this idea before going ahead with any plan to effect it. Perhaps, since the latter part of the speech talks about being able to appraise the feasibility of the Movement after Christmas, you would want to add a paragraph or two prefatory note to update your November 14th talk? Or, it may be that you already have available 500 copies or so of the speech which, if you approve of my idea, we could purchase from you at cost and distribute at the meeting.

I look forward to having your response.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert R. Worth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Robert R. Worth
Editorial Director

SEYMOUR BLUHM

ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR

AT LAW

47 MAIN STREET
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Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 4, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard:

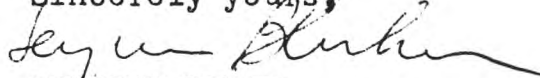
Have read carefully your proposal for organized efforts for peace. It is the best thing for peace I have read in two years (other than the Foreword to "World Peace through World Law" by Clark & Sohn). I'm with you 100%, including the 2% that constitutes my pledge of that percentage of my annual income.

Your proposals have the potentiality of success, if only because they dodge the controversial, though essential, issue of modifying national sovereignties, to bar nations from using arms on their own initiative, or ^{even} having the capacity to do so.

Since I am an area coordinator (South Shore Mass.) for Turn Toward Peace Campaign, which in many essential respects parallels your plans, I wonder whether you knew or gave thought to the effect of your campaign on the TTP Campaign, and what you think now of the parallelisms of the two Campaigns. Can they be coordinated? The TTP Campaign is so flexible that I think you ought to give this consideration - if only to assuage the doubts of those who, like myself, have long loyalties to the various organizations of TTP, such as SANE, American Friends Service Committee, ADA, etc.

Above all, my heartfelt appreciation for your devotion to peace, and thereby to the most important aspects of the welfare of my family and all other families in America. God bless you!

Sincerely yours,



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Physics Department

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

January 7, 1962.

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

Dear Dr. Szilard,

The following members of the Physics Department of Rutgers have expressed great interest in your plan 'Two Percent for Peace' (I include their home addresses including my own):

Dr. E. Abrahams
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368 Prentiss Lane
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195 Bevier Rd.
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New Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. B. Serin
Hoes Lane. P.T.
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. P. R. Weiss
Hoes Lane, P. T.
New Brunswick, N. J.

I believe that if the 2% commitment were somewhat tempered,

several others could in good conscience indicate sincere interest. Furthermore, a few persons have told me that the contemplated lobby seemed too heavily weighted with scientists. Perhaps widening the concept to include outstanding persons representing other disciplines, could result in more widespread support for the Lobby.

With best wishes for the success of your efforts, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Bernard Serin

Bernard Serin
Professor of Physics

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ROBERT B. WHITE, M. D.

January 11, 1962

Dear Doctor Szilard:

How shall I tell you what your lucid, straightforward paper, "Are We on the Road to War?" has meant to us here in western Massachusetts? Perhaps the enclosed letter which I have sent out with over 200 copies of your speech (some to people in Kansas and California) will tell you a fraction of what we feel.

Suffice it to say that within three days after first reading this remarkable document, people here (some members of the South Berkshire Chapter of SANE, some not) have found energies within themselves none of us suspected: I, who cannot type, typed out long lists of names and addresses, a colleague to whom I immediately gave your paper had gathered enough money within twenty-four hours to get another thousand copies printed; moreover, to save a delay of a few days he is driving 150 miles to Boston to get these copies from Michael Brower; a group of young mothers have formed a "typing pool" to help with clerical work; and most important, for the first time in many months people have taken hope again that perhaps we need not simply wait for doomsday.

A last postscript: my young son, aged 8, hearing me on the phone for hours asked, "Mommy, how much is 2% of a quarter? I could give some of my allowance." When I told him it would amount to half a cent a week, he thought a while and then said, "I'd even give three cents a week if that would help." So there you are.

We fervently hope you will decide to go ahead with this movement. If you could see the responses here, you would not hesitate. More later...

Sincerely,

Margaret Brennan Gibson (Mrs. William)

Margaret Brennan Gibson, Ph. D.

MBG/hkp

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

January 11, 1962

Dear

I am writing to tell you I have sent you several copies of a document that, for the first time in many months, gives me a real ray of hope that we may yet avert a nuclear catastrophe. This address was given by Dr. Leo Szilard just before the holidays at Harvard. As you will see this remarkable man is seriously considering leading a movement which in its concept has a boldness and freshness, so far unprecedented in any peace effort in this, or any other, country. It combines three major sources of power which, in combination, hold a potential for influence so far missing: money, science, and votes. Two percent of an annual income seems a cheap price. The curious and exciting fact so far is that most people to whom I have told his plan agree that 2% is little enough to ask, and immediately pledge themselves.

This is what I implore you to do as quickly as possible: read Szilard's speech, distribute the rest I have sent, tell everyone to read it as soon as possible and to give you their reaction. Then write directly to Dr. Leo Szilard at the Hotel Dupont Plaza in Washington, D. C., giving, wherever possible, a list of names and addresses of those who have pledged their support. I am told he is very eager now for mail which will give him some notion as to whether he is gathering a following. He will decide by the end of January or middle of February whether to go ahead. Also, if you need more copies, write directly to Mr. Michael Brower, 3 Dana Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. My own opinion is unambiguous: although I have been spending countless hours in recent weeks on the peace movement, it has been with a certain dutiful, dull feeling of inadequacy and impotence. Szilard's proposal, for the first time, gives me a feeling that maybe something can be done.

I am eager to hear what responses you get--if you could send me a copy of your letter to Szilard, I'd appreciate it no end.

Sincerely,

Margaret Brenman Gibson
(Mrs. William Gibson)
Box 254, Stockbridge, Massachusetts

P. S. I have begun discussing this whole issue with officers of National SANE and Turn Toward Peace, in order to explore what kinds of cooperative action is possible; I hope to contact also the other leading peace organizations such as United World Federalists, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, American Friends Service Committee, Committee for Non-Violent Action, etc.

LOBBY FOR PEACE (Northern California)

345 Franklin St., San Francisco 2

January 12, 1962

SPECIAL REQUEST

TO: YOU, FELLOW-MEMBER OF THE LOBBY FOR PEACE
FROM: ROBERT SCHUTZ
SUBJECT: THE MOST EXCITING AND HOPEFUL PROSPECT FOR PEACE
I HAVE SEEN IN THIS BUSINESS.

1. May I most earnestly request you to sit down now and read the enclosed speech by Leo Szilard and participate in his Experiment. The Experiment seeks to determine whether or not you would join in the proposed Lobby Movement if it materializes.

2. I do not know what this may mean for the future of our own Lobby for Peace, but it will be a small casualty if the structure we have formulated here is swallowed up in a better concept really able to do the job.

3. I think this has all of the ingredients for success in doing what we have so far been offering as a valiant pilot effort. I would hope that you won't ditch LFP(NC) until and unless Szilard's Lobby materializes, and maybe not then, but I would hope much more greatly and recommend that you will indicate your willingness to participate in the Lobby movement that he suggests.

4. Please indicate your response on the tear-off sheet at the bottom of this letter and send it to me in San Francisco as quickly as possible. I will see Szilard in Washington about February 1.

I will participate in Szilard's Lobby for Peace Movement, pledging to give 2% of my annual income for political contribution at my own discretion and using Lobby advice, being responsive to calls for political support from the Lobby.

I will not participate in Szilard's Lobby for Peace Movement.

(Signed) _____

(Print Name) _____

(Address) _____

(State) _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO 37 • ILLINOIS
THE ENRICO FERMI INSTITUTE
FOR NUCLEAR STUDIES

January 16, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel DuPont Plaza
1500 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

A small group of faculty, students and interested citizens have met informally a few times to discuss the contents of your proposed movement and the possible ways of launching it here.

It was the consensus of those present that we cannot hold more meetings unless we have definite information on the evolution of your ideas. We would welcome an immediate statement from you.

We say "immediate" because, unless we continue to stimulate it, the interest that you have undoubtedly aroused in our neighborhood - as measured by the 1500 copies of your speech that were distributed - will wane fast.

It was further suggested that the 12 man board of which you spoke be appointed as soon as possible and that, in choosing the members, its effectiveness before a Congressional committee be kept in mind.

The hope was also expressed that from now on we may keep in close contact with you.

Trusting in your prompt reply,

Yours sincerely,

letter dictated by Laura Fermi

Samuel K. Allison
Samuel K. Allison

Richard K. Lashof
Richard K. Lashof

Paul Meier
Paul Meier

LF:lra

P.S. Please address reply to S. K. Allison at the Enrico Fermi Institute

answered

from the desk of



BARBARA SNADER

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
Ran throughout Thursday, Jan. 18
Radio [REDACTED]

(TAPED) This is Sherry North. I'll be looking for you tonight - at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, at 8 o'clock. The world-famous scientist, Dr. Leo Szilard, is going to present a practical plan for securing the peace. He wants us - people like you and me - to team up with scientists - to influence world affairs. The plan is exciting and optimistic - and amazingly down-to-earth.

Dr. Szilard is one of the inventors of the atom bomb, but is now devoting his time to preventing its use. He won the Atoms for Peace Award in 1959. He is also the author of a book of social satire - "The Voice of the Dolphins". Dr. Szilard is witty and wise. He is worth hearing. You can hear him tonight (for only a dollar donation) at 8 o'clock, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, Main at Pico, Santa Monica.

BARBARA K. SNADER
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January 18, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I hope this letter will be forwarded to you on the West Coast.

I ask you to forgive my postponement of an answer to your letter until now. In the midst of making photographs, a visual matter, I'm often lazy about correspondence, and I have been disgracefully lazy in view of the urgency (to understate it) of your proposal. I'm terribly sorry.

I'm extremely interested in your idea of a Peace Lobby, and I will support it - financially and otherwise - to the best of my ability. That means now, if you need it, or later when such a movement gets started.

Perhaps unfairly, I often become impatient with the concern of people whose motivation can be expressed by a simple, loud protest in the intricacies of political strategy. I was disappointed in the discussions of the Columbia division of the Committees of Correspondence recently, because it became clear - at least in the two meetings I attended - that the desire to be a study group rather than an action group often led to a discussion of various points of view which had the inevitability of the cold war as a common premise. Many seemed to have buried their original motives in joining a group, dedicated to finding peaceful alternatives, in what they felt was a necessary "realistic" approach.

I'm convinced that the Movement which you propose, if led by and composed of men somewhat like yourself, will be able to hold in common at all moments political reality and a passion for sanity and humanism. Through knowing you slightly and through a book ("Brighter than a Thousand Suns") which I've been reading, I've come to realize that your social ideas are based on standards whose depth has been severely tested. This humanism will not be submerged in the daily needs of strategy. (I guess I didn't know very much about your history before reading this book by Jungk).

I guess your ideas are described by some as fantastic, but I think you are one of the very few people around who has recognized the fantastic nature of the reality in which we live, and the need for appropriate solutions.

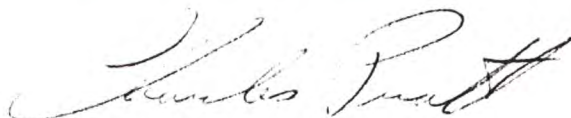
I don't mean to turn my support of the movement into a cult of personality; it's just that I feel your clarity and determination

are rare.

Julie (my wife) sends her best.

Let me know how I can help as soon as the occasion arises.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below the typed text.

Norman Tabachnick, M.D.

PSYCHIATRY

435 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

CRESTVIEW 1-8728

January 19, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Last night I had the opportunity to hear you present your concept of the Lobby For Peace. Although I take you to be a man who is not unsympathetic and unappreciative to emotion, I know that you have more important tasks than to read expressions of appreciation for your idea.

I will restrain myself and merely say that I was tremendously impressed. Your idea of combining effective political action with the theoretical conceptions which many of us will find agreement on is, to my way of thinking, exactly what was needed.

Enclosed you will find my check for \$25. for the initial tasks of the lobby. In addition, let me state that I am most happy to pledge at least 2% of my income for the further efforts of the lobby, should it come into existence.

In addition, I would like you to know that I would be pleased and honored to make further efforts on behalf of the lobby, should the opportunity arise.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Tabachnick

Norman Tabachnick, M.D.

Answered

NT/lis

January 23, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I read your speech, "Two Percent for Peace," and I was favorably impressed. I wish to offer my support, and I have made arrangements to obtain a number of copies of the speech for distribution among my friends.

As a Pullman porter I come into contact with many people in many walks of life, and I hope to be able to bring your message to them. You may be interested to know that I am a member of the New York Local Executive Board of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL-CIO, and vice-president-elect of the Ft. Washington-Manhattanville Reform Democratic Club.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Mulochy
648-W-1515¹
New York 7/31
N.Y.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT
The John E. Andrus Center for Public Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 24, 1962

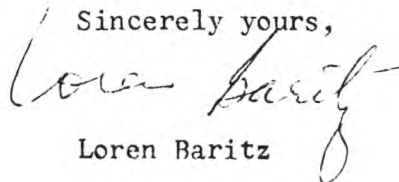
Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

A copy of your speech of November 15, 1961, "Are We on the Road to War?" has just come to me. Your voice of sweet reason and the general tone and intention of your speech I found very moving. I can say with assurance that there are at least fifteen members of this faculty who would participate in the kind of movement you describe; conceivably there could be many more than fifteen. I have no idea how many students would be interested but surely some would be. I myself could participate happily.

I am grateful for the opportunity that your speech and its recommendations have made possible.

Sincerely yours,



Loren Baritz

LB:H

Box 1303
Connecticut College
New London, Conn.
25 January 19622

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


Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have recently received a copy of your speech of 11-15-61 (rev. 12-29-61). I want to say that I am enthusiastically in support of your proposal because it offers the first hope I have seen of reaching the people who have their hands on power. Grass-roots demonstrations, picketing, rallies, etc., touch only peripherally, if at all, the people who make the decisions. Your plan seems to offer a way out of this dilemma.

A group of New London citizens have recently been brought together because of their concern over the very problems that are raised in the first part of your lecture. At our next meeting I plan to circulate copies of your lecture to them. While I cannot make their decisions for them, I would judge by their general views that you could count on the support of many more people than myself in this area.

With all best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,


Peter J. Seng
Assistant Professor of English

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

1/27/62

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Dear Prof. Szilard:

I am in general agreement with your proposals, and in the event that you find they have widespread support I would be happy to contribute a significant part of my salary.

I cannot say with any certainty how much further support you could expect in our department, but I think it is a fair guess that 2 or 3 others - out of about 20 regular staff members - would be willing to support the project.

Please let me know if I can be of any help. With very best wishes,
Sincerely yours, Robert Finn

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Feb 9/62

YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR DR. LEO SZILARD

In cooperation with the Davis peace group, the below listed families will sponsor an 'open house' on Thursday, February 8, at 8:30 P.M. The purpose of this arrangement is to give those who do not have access to F.M. receivers an opportunity to hear a broadcast of a speech by Dr. Leo Szilard on the subject: Are We on the Road to War? This speech was originally given at the University of California at Berkeley and has aroused considerable interest among groups seeking alternatives to the arms race. Dr. Szilard is a renowned physicist who, as editor of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, is well versed on the political and scientific problems we face. His contacts with scientific and political leaders have included a discussion on disarmament with Premier Khrushchev and provide a sound basis for his views.

The following persons have volunteered their homes for this occasion and cordially invite anyone interested in hearing Dr. Szilard.

- Gerald Berton - 812 Douglas
- Robert Bynum - 1208 Cornell
- John Conrad - 1026 Ovejas
- Bruce Glassburner - 951 Cypress
- Dora Hunt - 113 B Street
- Fred Iltis - 815 East 8th
- John Jungerman - 712 Elmwood
- Kurt Kreith - 320 I Street
- Arthur Lillyblacé - 838 Linden Lane
- Jack Luick - 227 1st Street
- Josephine Maillard - 312 A Street
- Robert Mc Innes - 1301 Madrone
- Donald Ranstead - 612 N Street
- Sherman Stein - 811 Oak

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For those who have access to F.M. receivers and would prefer to listen at home, the broadcast is scheduled to start at 8:45 P.M.

We urge you to listen and give Dr. Szilard's program for alternatives to nuclear disaster your serious consideration.

JOHN B. ORR, JR.
R. F. D. 3
GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.

Feb. 2, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have read with great interest a copy of your speech at Harvard. This is the first plan for peace that I have found sufficiently reasonable to be of interest in the last twenty years. Please count me as a whole hearted supporter, financially and actively.

I am an industrialist, an engineer and a self taught physicist.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John B. Orr, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

THE INDEPENDENT FORUM of San Diego County

1958 Zapo Street, Del Mar, California

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ERNEST MANDEVILLE

Executive Secretary:
LEE STURDIVANT

Co-Chairman:
NORMA J. THICKSTUN

Special Request sent

Answered

February 4, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Plaza

Dear Dr. Szilard;

First of all, The Independent Forum of San Diego County wants to invite you to San Diego to be our featured speaker in May, 1962. We are indeed sorry that we did not know in advance of your recent Santa Monica speech so that we could have arranged something then, but San Diego County has been sadly neglected by news makers and news. That's the main reason the Forum was organized.

Your 'Two Percent For Peace' proposal is meeting with tremendous enthusiasm here, and we want very much to allow this unique and challenging proposal a full public hearing as soon as possible. Your public appearance on behalf of that plan seems vital.

Mr. Mandeville has also asked me to express his own personal interest in the plan and to offer his financial support of it. You may also add the name of T.B. Sturdivant, (my husband), who is willing to contribute two percent of our income to this plan, if you are trying to take a poll of definite interest.

But more importantly, we would very much like to put the county-wide facility of The Independent Forum to work to gain the proposal the support it needs here in Southern California. Aside from a public appearance by you, we would also consider acting as representatives for the program here or whatever else seems feasible when you have evaluated the response and begun organizational work.

Assuming your offices are very busy at this point, and wanting very much to have an affirmative answer to our invitation, please feel free to wire or call collect about the possibility of our cooperating in the very near future.

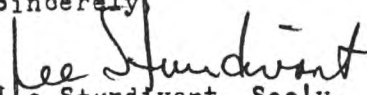
We are, of course, prepared to meet any reasonable expense involved in bringing you back out here this year, and to handle publicity etc. Our May program will be the last of the season, and we want to bring the attention of our large audience to this dramatic and realistic program and urge their complete support of it.

We have the cooperation of the three local television stations, the sponsorship and endorsement of many community newspapers, both daily and weekly; sponsorship by important religious and civic leaders of the County and, as our enclosed sponsor list shows, the backing of the growing scientific community including Dr. Harold Urey and Prof. John Isaacs.

San Diego County is twice the area and three times the population of Delaware, and has more people than Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, Maine, Rhode Island or Wyoming. It needs your attention and we need your help.

Enclosed is our check for 25 copies of the speech so that we may begin spreading the word about it.

Sincerely,


Lee Sturdivant, Sec'y.
1958 Zapo St.
Del Mar, California

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Flaherty Road
Storrs, Connecticut

February 2, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We have circulated copies of your proposal among about 100 people in our university community and have checked the reactions to your plan with a large percentage of them.

We now have a list of 31 who are definitely in favor and who would be willing to join the Two Percent for Peace if such a lobby were organized. I will attach this list of names and addresses to my letter.

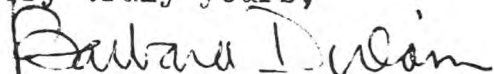
We also have a list of 40 or more names of people who have a strong interest but who would like to learn more details before coming to any decision.

Among the comments most frequently made are the following:

1. More emphasis should be placed on education and information for the public through mass media, to buttress the proposed political action.
2. There should be a One Percent for Peace membership in such a lobby for those unable to contribute the two percent. This comment is usually made by parents with children in college.
3. The Central Council should have a balanced membership and not a preponderance of scientists.

Please let us know what you would like us to do from now on. There is a great deal of interest here. We will continue to circulate your proposal and to keep track of the reactions to it.

Very truly yours,


Barbara Dirlam (Mrs. Joel)

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COMMITTEE TO SPEAK OUT

8481 Paseo del Ocaso
La Jolla, California.

February 6, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am circulating copies of your speech among my colleagues in the University of California at La Jolla. Until last week I only had one copy to circulate; now I have ten and things may move a little faster. In general, people are quite enthusiastic. I am collecting names and addresses of people who will pledge support to your proposals. These will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Joyce C. Lewin

Dr. Joyce C. Lewin

Assistant Research Biologist
Scripps Oceanography Institution
La Jolla, California.

*answered
Feb 8/62*

MAURICE R. GREEN, M. D.

985 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

BU B-4470

February 6, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I was very moved by your speech, as I was when I saw you on T.V. debating with Dr. Teller. You are so sane, so clear, so reasonable, and at the same time so passionately concerned.

I would like to participate in the experiment, both because of, and in spite of, the worm of despair that eats my heart. I have not yet spoken to my friends about it, for I wanted to write my immediate response first. I will write you again to describe their response and to let you know who among them could be counted on.

Sincerely,

Maurice R. Green

MRG:mr

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1090 SOUTH LA BREA AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 19, CALIFORNIA
WEBSTER 3-8408

February 7, 1962

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

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

I had the good fortune to hear you talk when you were recently in Los Angeles. It was at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium under the auspices of the Los Angeles Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy.

I have been awaiting a copy of your address, which I had requested, but I have not as yet received same. In the interim, I have given a great deal of thought to your ideas, particularly with reference to the need for creating a lobby in Washington to work for peace. I was very much impressed with your plan, as I share your opinion that it is necessary to be represented in Washington by competent people who will call upon the various public officials to urge such a program that will maintain peace.

In the short time that has transpired since you were here, I have taken every occasion to discuss your ideas with various friends and acquaintances, and without being able to present the picture very adequately because of my lack of data, I nevertheless succeeded in getting a number of favorable responses. I believe that in addition to my own pledge of 2% of my annual income, I can pledge to obtain at least ten other people to do likewise. Furthermore, with a full understanding of the necessity of proceeding upon the basis you have outlined, I feel that these people will also undertake a similar pledge to obtain many of their friends to do likewise. A chain reaction of this type can easily take place provided the problem and need for action are brought before the people.

I am enclosing my check for an additional ten copies of your address, which I hope will be forthcoming very soon.

I think it would be helpful if you can take the time to send me any further information which you may have on hand with respect to the Council for Abolishing War; namely, who will comprise its membership and how it will function, etc.

Looking forward to an early reply, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Morris M. Rudich

Morris M. Rudich

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P.S. Please note - check in the amount of \$25.00 to Trustees for Council for Abolishing War also enclosed.

STANLEY A. LEAVY, M.D.
235 BISHOP STREET
NEW HAVEN 11, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE MAin 4-5416

February 8th, 1962

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

Dear Doctor Szilard:

I hope that it is not too late to write you of my sympathy with and support of the plan which you outlined in your speech "Are We on the Road to War?", copies of which were sent to me by Dr. Margaret Brenman. It was heartening to my wife and me to learn about this first positive effort to do something politically about the present crisis, and we are glad to be counted among those who approve of it.

The details would need a lot of consideration. I am not sure that I should be so confident that a group of scientists could best decide on political issues. And that the amount to contribute should be two percent of one's income also deserves further thought, although at the moment it does not seem to me to be too much.

I have shown your speech to my colleague Dr. Bryant Wedge, who tells me that he too is in principle in favor of your proposals. I think that what appeals to us all is the open decision to take the stand that, whatever the appearance to the contrary, something can be done to deal with Soviet Russia. This is of course a gamble, and we know that there have been rulers impossible to deal with in the past, but it seems to be a necessary gamble.

Sincerely

Stanley A. Leavy

The Putney School
Putney, Vt.
Feb. 8, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dajout-Plaza
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I think you should know that there seems to be some interest in your proposal made in your speech, "Are We on the Road to War?" in this area. Several of ~~the~~^{us} are presenting the proposal to a larger group shortly, and there are several individuals circulating copies of the speech as well.

Please give us a little time before evaluating the response.

Sincerely,
Toky Frost
(Mrs. W. P. Frost)

Apartment 201-A
4509 S. W. Vermont Street
Portland 19, Oregon
February 9, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

First, I should like to personally endorse your plan for disarmament as stated on your college tour. It is a concrete step toward the abolition of weapons and is supported by clear, logical principles.

Second, I wish to inform you that one-hundred copies of your speech (at Reed College) were distributed at our school, to students and teachers, and the plan was discussed in our Students for Peace group. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm for your program, and I hope you will inform me on any further actions.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Lapin

(Miss) Irene Lapin
Lewis and Clark College

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA 4

The School of Medicine
DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

February 11, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Sigelard:

We would be steadfast
workers in a Movement such as you
describe in "Are We on the Road
to War?" and can be reached
at the above address at any
time.

Yours truly,

Sylvia W. Holtzer, Ph.D.

Howard Holtzer, Ph.D.

ARTHUR PENN

February 12, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

This is just a note the next morning to tell you how delighted we all were to have met you and to have had the opportunity to discuss some of the points of your program.

I'm proceeding with the plans here to start the cycle of dinners, and am providing the prospective hosts and hostesses with a sufficient number of copies of the speech. I am also enclosing a list of the people who attended on Sunday, and a list of the hosts and hostesses.

We will arrange for certain funds for secretarial purposes from the group here in New York. I promise to limit the amount to whatever you and Dr. Livingston feel will be the minimum required.

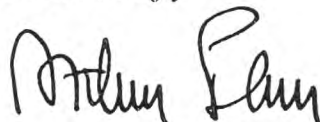
Other plans for raising "seed money" have been offered -- the one by Mike Nichols, which would be a form of entertainment rally here in New York and in California, has shown some considerable success in the past in behalf of SANE.

My instinct about such rallies is one of caution. I think they tend to have a slightly feverish and meretricious air about them. Perhaps there will be a time when these rallies will be effective, but I continue to admire the aspect of the program which suggests individual initiative under a commitment of longer duration than one night.

Peggy has not yet produced the child, but she has produced a bronchial condition that dismays her. The only pleasure she seems to have had in these last days was meeting you and Mrs. Szilard. I know she will remember it, as I will, for a long time.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



JOEL S. HANDLER, M. D.

670 N. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

SUPERIOR 7-8757

February 14, 1962

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

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Please count on me for support, both with spreading the word and financial help as you suggest in your proposal for "The Peace Lobby." I have sent copies of your document to the members of the Committee on Social Issues of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry and I hope you will be hearing from them. Two in particular had already been interested, Dr. Viola Bernard of New York, whom I believe you know and have spoken with, and Roy Menninger who is the son of William Menninger of the famed psychiatric clinic.

Best wishes,



Joel S. Handler, M.D.

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JOSEPH H CROWN
ATTORNEY

30 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK

February 16, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I was very heartened by your talk at Sarah Lawrence the other night. You may recall we chatted at the close of the talk. I am most anxious to do whatever I can to advance the Movement you are initiating.

I have read with profound interest *The Voice of the Dolphin* and many of your articles in the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, so, in a sense, I was already enrolled in your good cause.

For many years I have worked actively with liberal lawyers who are very much concerned with the nuclear arms race. This is an area where I could perhaps expend my efforts most fruitfully in enlisting support for the Movement. I am planning to send copies of your talk to these lawyers.

I may be visiting Washington towards the close of this month and I should welcome the chance to talk with you, if you should be free at the time.

I shall be eager to hear from you.

With every good wish for the advancement of your noble efforts, I am,

Faithfully yours,

JHC

JHC:bib

Feb. 18, 1962

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Dear Dr. Szilard -

I am so happy that your Sunday in New York was a good one. And I am so sorry I couldn't be at the Penn's to meet you. I would have loved that.

Certainly in with you ~~for~~ for 2% of my income whenever you ask. And whether you ask or not you have many of my prayers.

My very best wishes

Hume Benesoff
260 W. 11th St.
N. Y. C., N. Y.

March 2-3, 62

Transactions with regard to distribution of Leo Szilard speech

| <u>March 2, 1962</u> | <u>Name & Address</u> | <u>No. sent</u> | <u>per</u> | <u>\$ rec'd?</u> |
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| | Mrs. Harold N. McKinney, 265 Walnut Street Dedham, Mass. | 15 | phone call | owes 3.25 |
| | Mr. Leonard M. Field, 2045 W. 65th St. Los Angeles 47, Calif. | 4 | letter | paid 1.00 |
| | Mrs. Walter Dolgin, 430 East 20th Street New York 9, N.Y. | 6 | letter | paid 1.50 |
| | Mrs. S. Bernstein, 573 Grand Street, Apt. D1007 New York 2, N.Y. | 1 | letter | paid .25 |
| | Mr. Hudson Hoagland, Executive Director The Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology Shrewsbury, Mass. | 20 | letter 3/7 rec'd | billed 4.00 4.00 |
| | Mrs. Maury Golob, 182-61 Avon Rd. Jamaica 32, N.Y. | 15 | letter | paid 2.25 |

Also sent total of 7 copies to Honan, Ferguson, Johnson and Otis as per Szilard letter of 27 February.

Also received \$2.50 for speeches previously sent and recorded

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March 3, 1962

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1-19-61

Dear Sir;

I would like to contact Dr Leo Szilard so that I may obtain a copy of his speech, "Are we on the Road To War", that was broadcast on WBAI on Fri Jan 19. Would you send me his address or would you forward this card to him.

Thank You
Sanford Gelernter
33-24 93 St.
Flushing 72, N.Y.

R. Baratz
4601 Henry H. H. H.
Philly
ny 71 ny

Gentlemen:

Are copies of Dr. Szilard's speech to an audience at the Univ. of Chicago (broadcast on 19 Jan at 8:45 PM) available? If they are, may I have one?
Thank you.

R. Baratz

Dear Sir, is there some way we can obtain a copy of Dr Szilard's talk? Would be glad to pay or help type stencils or something of our own if necessary.
Mark Logburn
1151 Bay & Lane
Princeton, New Jersey

POST CARD
THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



WBAI
Public Affairs
30 East 39th Street
New York, N.Y.

Trust you place it out as broadcast.

To Dr. Leo Szilard:

I am willing to commit myself to the Movement
as described in your speech at Western Reserve
University.

Name _____

Address _____

Names and addresses of others who feel likewise:

I agree largely but have the following reservations:

1/19/62

Sirs:

Please send me a copy of:
ARE WE ON THE ROAD TO WAR?, a talk by
Dr. Leo Szilard, Enriquer Fermi Professor
of Physics at the University of Chicago,
as broadcast over your station this date.

A subscriber,

Charles H. McGuire
657 St. Marks Ave.
Brooklyn 16, N.Y.



||| Mrs. LEE E. HOLT |||
40 Northumberland Street
Springfield 9, Mass. |||

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

Nov. 24, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I have just read your November 14 speech "Are We on the Road to War?" which my niece, a Radcliffe Freshman, brought with her for Thanksgiving, knowing my preoccupation with this subject. She was deeply impressed with your presentation.

I have ordered eight copies from Cambridge which I shall circulate. Your proposals make such good sense to me that I feel a little hopeful that something might actually come from them. I shall certainly do everything in my power to help this to happen.

With profound gratitude and hope,

Sincerely yours,
Marquett G. Holt

December 13, 1961
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Penna.

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I attended Your Speech at our college some time ago. Consequently, I was inspired to develop the enclosed plan. I would appreciate your thought on the matter. If, despite any objections you might have, you still think that the plan has value, I would appreciate you're seeing what can be done with it.

Respectfully yours,



Peter Unger

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From the desk of:

DANIEL I. ALLEN

Dec 27, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I assume the Peace Founda-
tion is not a no-war, or even a
no-dolphin, job. I believe I can
be helpful. I should like to very
much.

I have been active for
many years in responsible positions
in labor unions, political organiza-
tions, and fundraising agencies.
While my present interests keep me
occupied I could not resist
an invitation to help in a project
such as yours.

I am, I am sure, a Szilard
fan.

Very truly yours
Daniel Allen

Leo Szilard

Washington, D.C.
27 December 1961

Mrs. Mary M. Grooms
159 Burkedale Crescent
Rochester, New York

Dear Mrs. Grooms:

I am writing to thank you for your very kind letter of December 17th. Enclosed you will find the latest version of my Speech which I am currently giving in front of student audiences. Perhaps you would want to have this speech duplicated and distributed among those interested in your local community. In this case please feel free to do so. I will be glad to hear from people individually that would want to be a member of such a movement provided it were started under suitable auspices.

Sincerely,

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

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Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

As a reporter for The Plain Dealer, I covered your talk here sponsored by Western Reserve University.

At that time, you said you would be able to tell after Christmas how successful your Movement for Abolishing War might be, on the basis of response in Cleveland.

We would be very interested to hear what the results of your talk were.

You distributed 500 copies of your speech at the time, and asked each interested member of the audience to find out how many persons would be willing to join and support such a movement.

If you have a local chairman acting for you in the matter, please tell me who he is. Otherwise, anything you can give us about the response would be of interest to our readers.

Sincerely yours

(Mrs.) Jan Mellow

file M-3
Dear Mr. Browner

Please send a mimeographed copy
of Dr. Szilard's speech and
any other information concerning
the lobby for peace. My
husband and I are certainly
interested in the idea.

We are Mr & Mrs D. L. Bain
421 West 118 St,
New York 27, N.Y.

Sincerely,

D. L. Bain

Sent 1/4/62 w/cash
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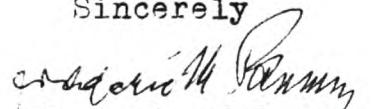
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W B A I
New York 16, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Please, inform me where I could get
a copy of Prof/ Dr.Leo Szilard lecture on
to days radio " Are we on the road to war? "
I am willing to pay for it.

Sincerely


Frederic M. Temmer

MRS. ILSE OPPENHEIMER
320 EAST 53RD STREET
NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

January 20, 1962

Station W B A I
30 East 39th Street
New York 16, N.Y.
Gentlemen:

I would like to inquire
whether I could get a copy of the
talk by Dr. Leo S. Last, traces-
mitted last night, Friday January
19th, Are we on the road to war?
over your station to which I am

a subscriber.

If possible I would like to
get a second copy.

I enclose a self-addressed,
self stamped envelope and if there
is some cost involved, please bill
me for it.

Very truly yours

Jose Oppenheimer

639 Albany Avenue #1F
Brooklyn 3, New York
January 20, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o WBAI
30 East 39 Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:

My wife and I recently heard your address at the University of Chicago over the Pacifica Foundation broadcasting system. We were deeply impressed, and more than this, gratified that a person of your professional authority was taking leadership of a movement that we feel has very great potential. The feelings are there, the ideas are there and the will is there. What is needed is a means for these forces to be organized and expressed. For this, adequate leadership is indispensable.

We are, therefore, willing and eager to join in the experiment which you suggested. We would like you to send to us six copies of your speech, which we will distribute to those whom we think will be interested and, more importantly, willing to contribute their time and money to the effort. We are encouraged that your hopes for a large membership and significant financial contributions will be realized. In any case, we will do our best to see that the plans are realized.

I hope that you will not mind, however, if I take this opportunity to express some doubt concerning a few of the specific objectives which you outlined. Before doing so, I want to make it perfectly clear I am totally committed to the over-all objective of the movement, and even if the Council which you propose should decide upon political objectives with which I feel no immediate concern, yet I will support them with the same energy as I would devote to those I feel more deeply.

In the first place, I cannot agree with you that the proposal for a shelter fall-out program is not, at present, a matter of urgent concern. Perhaps the "Lobby" will not be constituted in time to deal with this matter, but if it should have the opportunity, I feel it should give it some priority.

As I feel that there is no need to convince you of the arguments which have been advanced against the building of community shelters, I will mention here only that aspect of the matter which most deeply concerns me. At the present time, there is no more urgent matter than that American talents, resources and ideas should be mobilized to finding ways for a peaceful, productive future. This is, in fact, one of the basic reasons for organizing a movement of the sort you suggest.

The building of fall-out shelters would have precisely the opposite effect on people, with the exception of that small minority which has already taken a stand against the proposal. I am afraid that the building of shelters would make people feel as if there were no hope of avoiding war; it would encourage apathy; worst of all, it would lead to a kind of ground-hog psychology, with individuals steadily preparing themselves for the retreat underground. We cannot allow this to happen.

While I would not quarrel with the merit of the proposals you made concerning the repeal of restrictions on the traveling freedom of Russian scientists in this country or concerning a halt to the CIA advances to American tourists in Russia, still I feel that the matter of fall-out shelters is far more important. Please re-consider the matter.

Secondly, I found your discussion concerning the question as to whether America should adopt a first-strike policy or maintain armed forces solely for protective purposes somewhat curious. Unless I am badly misinformed, my understanding is that we already have a policy of attack only in the case of a first attack from Russia. Perhaps you are aware of a policy to the contrary? If so, you should make public the names of those who advocate it. On the other hand, if I am correct that ours is a retaliation-only policy, what would be the point of making this a political objective of the movement? It is a goal already achieved.

I was also a little confused by your suggestion that Russia and the United States should agree to use armed forces to "exact a price only," and not to achieve victory, since, in your view, the latter must inevitably lead to the use of atomic weapons. I certainly agree with you. But I fail to see how the use of force to "exact a price," to which an enemy must certainly respond by force, would not also result in the use of full military capabilities. What is the distinction you are trying to make?

Finally, your suggestion that the United States and Russia agree to use atomic weapons only on Western or Communist soil, respectively, seems to me very odd, especially when one considers certain military necessities, such as cutting the enemy's supply lines. If, for instance, Russia were to invade West Germany, we certainly could not refrain from doing all possible to destroy supply routes across East Germany. Perhaps I misunderstood you?

The objective you suggested with which I can feel most complete sympathy is that concerning the conducting of research into ways in which the safety of countries we are presently committed to protect could be guaranteed should we withdraw from them. This is truly an urgent problem, and raises the larger question concerning the enforcement of international law in a disarmed world. This problem must be attacked with all speed.

Sincerely,

Stephen Cohen
Stephen Cohen

From The Desk Of: **ELINORE BRUCE**

Mrs. Vernon We Tar
38 West 9th
N.Y. 11, N.Y.

would like transcript
of Szilard

roy lockwood

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January 21 1962

Program Director
RCA-TV Inc
30 E 39
NYC 16

Dear Sir:

I should be obliged if you can tell me where I may obtain copies of Dr Leo Szilard's talk "Are We On The Road To War?", broadcast by RAI at 8.45 a.m. on January 19 last.

Yours very truly,

Roy Lockwood
Roy Lockwood

Mrs. Guille Kovarsky
215 West 98 St
NY 25 NY
January 21, 1961

Professor Leo Szillard
% WBAI

Dear Sir:

Your talk last week was not only very interesting and informative but unique in the vast stream of repetition pompous and deceptive presentations of current events heard on commercial stations.

The idea of a peace lobby seems so logical that it makes one want to do everything possible toward this goal.

I have been doing what I could do most immediately by marching and demonstrating with the "Women for Peace". I would be glad to have some copies of your talk to distribute for discussion

among friends.

There are so many thousands of people, I'm sure, who would act in the interests of peace if really concrete paths could be indicated.

I look forward to hearing more of what you have to say and hope that it is convenient for you to send me a copy (or copies) of your last talk.

Very sincerely
Mrs. Lucille Kovarsky

January 22, 1962

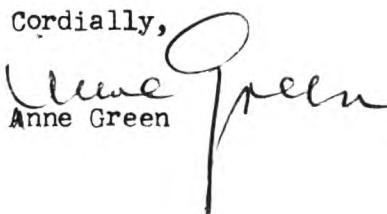
Station WBAI-FM,
30 East 39th St.,
New York 16, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Do you have any copies of Prof. Leo Szilard's speech,
broadcast Friday evening?

I am very much interested in his proposals for building
an effective movement towards a livable world, and would
like to participate in the building. A number of people
to whom I mentioned his proposals are also interested,
and asked to see a copy of the speech when I receive it.
I could put four copies to good use, but if the supply
is limited one copy will do and I can have additional
copies made. I am enclosing two dollars to cover any
initial expense involved, like mailing and handling of
the request.

Thank you very much. I am one of your subscribers, and
glad of it.

Cordially,

Anne Green

Mail to
Miss Anne Green
200 East 26 St.,
New York 10, N. Y.

WBAI sent the
money back to
her - afraid it
would get lost
in the shuffle

33 Mill Pond Road
Port Washington, N.Y.

January 23rd, 1962

WBAT

Dear Sirs:

Is there any way I can buy a
copy of Dr. Szilard's talk
"Are We On The Road To War?"

of January 19th. I found it
difficult to follow all he said -
partly because of his accent & partly
because of kitchen noises. I think it
is well worth following up and would
gladly pay for a reprint.

Best wishes for a successful '62
Elizabeth Selgin

M-3

EMORY UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA 22, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Jan. 28, 1962

Dear Leo,

Of course we have followed the news of your doings and fortunes with great interest, including your Harvard talk.

I have been flourishing, both as philosopher and as ornithologist. Only as citizen, facing the cold war, that is, the problem which you have so valiantly wrestled with, have I felt rather frustrated. Polanyi made an impression upon me, which partly deepens the effect of your writings -- what do you think, I wonder? -- and the recent Atlantic Monthly essay by Waskow, Feb. '62, reads rather convincingly. Again I wonder how far you feel he and you are mutually supporting?

I think you are right, that we should try to focus and act. I hope to come to the point before much longer.

One idea I got from and perhaps from you is that the dilemma, unilateral disarmament ~~or~~ mutually agreed upon disarmament, is crude and avoidable. Unilateral steps calculated to elicit pressure from the whole world ~~and~~ upon the other side, and if possible, ^{constituting} real inducements to the other side, to take its own steps toward peace, seems a more likely hope. But then Polanyi appears to be arguing skillfully against this piecemeal approach. Or is he?

this →

Your time and energy is limited. Whether you wish to answer this, or merely take it into account if it is of use, is the main thing, though of course I shall be eager to learn your opinion of these two other exponents, in some manner.

It does seem that Kennedy is getting the country into a somewhat more imaginative

and courageous mood, so that real progress away from the arms race, which I am now convinced (at least I've got that far) is at best a stop gap and cannot be the way to avoid destruction for very long, may be possible, say in his second term. But citizens can always do something to prepare the way. Here I think you are right. I don't know why I was not more convinced ~~that~~ by the steps you proposed.

Emily will soon be married, and very wisely so, in my opinion. I didn't know she could manage it so well, to tell the truth. She's even better than I thought! From now on I'll have no misgivings about her.

Best wishes. I do Hope your health is still tolerable.

Sincerely,

Charles Hartshorn

Law School of Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

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January 29, 1962

Mr. Leo Szilard
Hotel DuPont Plaza
DuPont Circle
Washington, D.C.

Dear Leo:


What has happened? Where do we stand? What can I do to be useful?

I will be in Washington on Friday, February 9th and I am free for lunch if that will be convenient.

I have given your name to Mike Forrestal who is resigning from the firm of Sherman and Sterling in New York to become MacBundy's right hand man on the Far East, an area about which Mike claims to know nothing. Mike is a close friend of Harriman's and a good man. He should be starting work after the middle of February.

How did the California trip go?

As ever,


Roger Fisher

HUNTER COLLEGE IN THE BRONX
BEDFORD PARK BOULEVARD WEST
NEW YORK 68, N. Y.

Department of Education

January 24, 1962

WBAI-FM

Dear Sirs:

On January 19th WBAI-FM broadcast a statement
by Dr. Leo Szilard "Are We on the Road to War?" at 8:45-9:45 A.M.
Is it possible to get copies of his address?

Sincerely yours

Otto Krash

DR. OTTO KRASH
Asst. Prof. of Education

M 3 *Clarke*

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY

8512 Whitworth Drive

Los Angeles 35

OL 5-9784

January 30, 1962

CR 69917

Dear Dr. Szilard,

It was good talking to you and Mrs. Szilard last evening. Your report on the coast to coast response on the Council was exciting, though I must say I'm not in the least surprised. Your proposal is the only practical and realistic approach to abolishing war.

I'm sorry there was an error made on the amount sent for the fare. In checking with the airlines this morning I found that a single jet, first-class fare from Washington to L.A. is \$188.43, excluding the fare to Baltimore of \$6.00, where the jet flight emanates. Therefore, we still owe you \$12.00 for the D.C. to Baltimore leg of the trip. I hope that my final figures are correct, and this is in accordance with our discussion in Los Angeles. If not, please let me know.

Because of what the L.A. Times called an "oversight" in their coverage of the press interview, we are now attempting to have the science editor do a feature article on your Council for Abolishing War. Any coverage that results we will send on to you.

You mentioned a tax-free foundation to which checks could be made out. Was it the University of Chicago? And if so, would these funds be used for expenses now, or set aside until the Council comes into being?

We have had many questions on clarification of two items. The first concern is on limited warfare. It doesn't seem clear to many people that you are making proposals only on defensive warfare. The other question is whether the Council will be composed of scientists only. It would be very helpful if this could be made quite clear in your speech, oral and printed.

The letter to Mr. Brower has been sent this morning. Included was the additional sheet and a bulk order from our office. The check will go under separate cover tomorrow.

list of

I am enclosing 3 copies of the people who signed up for your speech. Also I am sending my check for \$12.00 to make up the deficit on the plane fare.

Warm personal regards to you and Mrs. Szilard.

Cordially,

Mary Clarke

Sample

M-3

9 February 1962

Mr. Sherman Stein
811 Oak
Davis, California

Dear Mr. Stein:

I understand that you had an open house on Thursday,
8 February for those who wanted to come and hear the FM
broadcast of my speech and I am writing to say that I appreciate
your cooperation.

I hope to let you know soon the next step that we may
be taking.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

M-3
Feb. 15th 1962

Dear Professor Scillard:

On Monday eve. Feb. 12th, my husband and I were privileged to hear your address "Are We on the Road to War?" which impressed us deeply. We felt obliged to leave during the question period because we sat way up front and feared, that if we waited to the end, we might not be able to obtain any of the printed copies of your speech.

May I introduce myself: I am Mary Ouyang, the wife of a Chinese staff member of the secretariat of the United Nations. I have long felt the urgency of concrete, concerted action on the part of the public to stop the madness of the arms race.

Last Sunday I returned from Vienna, where I was born, and where I had been visiting my cousin, Mrs. Toni Thirring, wife of Hans Thirring, the physicist, whom you undoubtedly know from the Pugwash conferences.

Like you, Hans Thirring has consecrated his life to working for peace. However, he is not as well known in the U.S., where the fate of the world hangs in the balance, as he is in Europe. I felt he ought to be over here, lecturing, but he told me he had no invitations at the moment.

Could you advise me, please, if there is anything I can do over here, to set into motion the proceedings for a lecture tour? Dedicated men, whose opinion carries weight, are few, bigotry is widespread and the time is short.

Let me thank you warmly for the fine work you are doing and the great heart that prompts it.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ouyang
Mary Ouyang
246 Bronxville Road,
Bronxville, N.Y.

80 Lincoln Avenue
White Plains, New York

February 19, 1962

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a check for \$12.00
for one year's subscription to your
Program guide.

I would appreciate your letting me
know where I can get copies of

Dr. Leo Szilard's talk broadcast
today. Are you planning to rebroadcast
the talk. I missed it.

Sincerely yours,
Mally Shatausky

MRS. ELIZABETH GUTMAN
690 ACADEMY STREET
NEW YORK 34, N. Y.

11. 19.

Gentlemen:

Kindly send me 3 copies of
Dr. Leo Sillard's talk on "Are we
on the Road to War?" (Feb 19
11¹⁵ AM).

Please find enclosed check of
\$ 5.00. - I thank you

Sincerely
Elizabeth Gutman

419 W. 119 St.,
Apt. 5H,
New York 27
N.Y.

WBAD
30 E. 39 St.
New York 16
N.Y.

Dear Sirs,

I am very desirous of
getting a copy of Dr. Leo
Sylvan's Chicago University
talk "Are We On The Road
To War?"

From our telephone conversation of a few minutes ago I understand you will forward my request to Dr. Szilard.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Allen Simon

315 Hicks Street
Brooklyn Heights, N. Y.

February 19, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I heard your very thought-provoking talk "Are We on the Road to War?" on station WBAI this morning and would like a copy of your speech, as soon as possible. I am also interested in knowing if you have reached any conclusions yet as to the possibility of getting the movement you described "off the ground."

My husband and I have already discussed your idea together and have come to the conclusion that we would ~~be~~ willing active supporters. Also, there is a very large, vocal group of women in our community who have been very active, since this past summer, in participating in demonstrations here in New York and Washington and in letting our various congressmen know our point of view. However, we are really searching for a more effective method of influencing opinions and policy decisions. I am very anxious to introduce your ideas to them.

I hope that you will be able to send me the requested transcript soon. I enclose a self-addressed envelope to help facilitate this request. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Thornton Rockwell

39 First Avenue
Spring Valley, New York
19 February 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o WBAI
30 East 39th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I would like very much to obtain a copy of your speech entitled "Are We Heading for War?" recently addressed to an audience at Chicago University and broadcast on Station WBAI in New York City on February 19, 1962. Also, if there is any follow-up information on the experiment proposed in that speech, I would be interested in obtaining that too.

If there is any charge for this service, please bill me at the above address.

Sincerely

Mrs. Dennis D. Tanner

(Mrs.) Dennis D. Tanner

4525 Henry Hudson Parkway
Riverside 71, NY

February 19, 1962

Dear WBAI,

I am interested in a copy of
Professor Szilard's speech, rebroadcast by you
today at 11:15^{am, today} on "Are We On The Road
To War?" Thank you.

As a subscriber may I criticize your
announcer's failure to mention the original
date of this talk? But, many credits for
your excellent work day after day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Walter Luitert

Feb. 20, 1962
20 - 93 street
Brooklyn 9, N.Y.

Refering to my telephone conversation yesterday
I shall be very grateful if you could send me a
copy of Prof. Leo Szilard's speech "ARE WE ON THE
ROAD TO WAR". Thank you very much!

Yours truly,

Mrs. C. Bernstein
Mrs. C. Bernstein

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD 9, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 22, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Today I read a copy of your speech, "Are We On The Road To War?"

Both my wife and myself are in general agreement with your proposal to initiate a movement to lobby for peace. Those who favor peace are badly in need of such creative thinking regarding the question of how to implement their beliefs, besides holding meetings, picketing and writing letters. However, before my wife and I contribute two per cent of our income for the support of your proposal we would like to see several changes in the plan of organization. We would like to have something to say regarding the composition of the Council of Fellows and/or the Board of Directors.

In line with this we would make this suggestion: one year after your selection of the original body of fifteen Council members all people who had contributed 2% or more of their income would be polled for the purpose of nominating new members of the Council. Following the nominations all people in the movement would then vote on the slate of nominees. Perhaps in order to maintain continuity only ten new members should be elected the first year and then five each succeeding year.

Our second suggestion relates to the matter of the Council consisting only of scientists. Even if ^{you} use the term "scientist" to include the social scientists we feel that businessmen, clergymen, novelists, poets, playwrights, etc. should not arbitrarily be excluded from consideration. And we feel rather strongly that the behavioral scientists should be represented. To be sure their generalizations lack the level of predictability of some of the physical sciences, but regardless of their present limitations they do represent the people in our society who best understand the behavior of man.

One other suggestion: perhaps it would aid you in your selection of the original fifteen Fellows if you were to ask the various professional scientific societies to nominate or suggest one or two of their members for your consideration.

I am ordering eleven copies of your speech to send to friends and other people. I am going to send one copy to the President of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, essentially a group of sociologists who believe that sociologists as sociologists should be concerned with social action as well as social analysis.

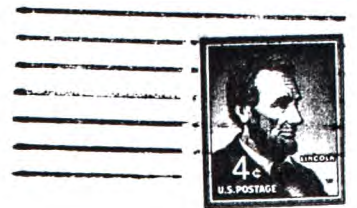
Please accept our heartfelt admiration for your personal courage and for the campaign that you have been waging for peace.

Yours sincerely,

Robert H. Bohlke
Robert H. Bohlke
Associate Professor of Sociology

Ada R. Bohlke
Ada R. Bohlke
Citizen

M. Sobel
1010 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge 38, Mass.



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

1762 Howe Ave.
E. Cleveland 12 O.
~~Jan. 24~~, 62

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

At the small discussion meeting in the afternoon in Cleveland there was a concurrence of opinion as to the misinformation too often given by the usual means of mass communication, — the press, TV, and radio.

~~These usual means of communication also happen to be~~ expensive.

I am completely sold on your objectives. But I do believe that you would find a great majority in sympathy with you and willing to work with and for you if they had true information.

I do so hope that you would be willing to use in your peace work that inexpensive and most potent of all distributors of quick information — the telephone.

What I would most like to see would be (first in a few key cities) the establishment of a recording station which could be dialed, having at its disposal records (or live speech) handing out true information to the voters of this country.

Cleveland has two such recording stations — one a "Dial A Prayer" and one a "Dial a News" station.

As I envisage this, it would be an enormous instrument for world peace — and so inexpensive. Through a mounting chain of feeder telephone calls — peace-intentioned people could be informed of its existence and value. Start with 6 people each calling three persons and asking them to call 3 — to build up a great listening body for "DIAL THE PEOPLE'S PEACE", as the station might be called.

Later on maybe even the people of Russia could be heard on such a recording station.

This would not rule out your minority still working also.

But I am convinced that we can (by some such means as outlined above) reach and make effective the great majority of our people who would be far more peace-minded than they are even now, if they had the true facts.

You, with your invaluable experience directly with the atomic bomb, could be of inestimable value in this recording work.

How I hope that you are not averse to this idea.

The passing of two newspapers in Los Angeles shows us again how

much more one-sided and falsity-conveying newspapers can easily grow to be.

As I think of this project of recording stations available to anyone at any time by a mere telephone call, I believe that (if it were used) later, words from living Russians could be used — first from the women of Russia to allay fears on the part of government.

Enclosed is a letter I wrote some time ago to Mrs. Cyrus Eaton in this regard as to recording station for telephone use by people of this community to start with. Mrs. Eaton wrote me that she is most interested and has referred the project to the Action Committee of The Voice of Women U.S.A. However, I should like the station to be not particularly a women's station, as I fear this may limit its usefulness.

With deep admiration for your courage, initiative and wisdom which I trust will never lag or grow weary and discouraged with well-doing in the fair cause of peace.

Yours sincerely,

Enc. 1

(Miss) Wanda A. Foster

49 Remsen Street
Brooklyn 1, New York
February 21, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have read your paper "Are We on the Road to War". I do feel we are on the road to war, and I agree that the U.S. policy is probably as much responsible at this time as the U.S.S.R. policy is responsible.

Many people are now becoming activated to avert the catastrophe and are either joining peace groups or starting new movements themselves. Right now the primary problem, I think, is to organize and channel these forces. The number of people who are concerned is probably sufficient to be effective if it moves in a fairly unified direction.

Your outline of the Movement guided by the Council with its Research Organization and Lobby is admirable. My feeling toward it, however, is that it would be impractical to try to set up a completely new organization and get it into action in time to be effective. As you know, it takes much effort, time, and money to inform people and to gain their allegiance to a new group. Because I am an active pacifist, I find myself on the mailing list of a continually increasing number of peace groups, which propose new ideas and ask for money. I'm sure that many other people who feel as I do have this same experience. You have to become skeptical to a certain extent. This skepticism is another obstacle to overcome in starting a new peace organization.

I think it would be more expedient at this time to pour effort into existing peace groups and expand their expression into political areas. As you have shown in your paper, it is now necessary to actively lobby: marches and vigils are not enough. Last week SANE tried to force the New York State Legislature to bring the bill to repeal the shelter act out of committee. There was a lot of enthusiasm for this project by more than the thousand people who went to Albany, but I feel the project was too poorly organized to be really effective. You must be well informed in

both the facts of the situation as well as the politics involved and then carefully organize yourself accordingly. Groups like SANE are ready to become involved in politics. They need new forces of leadership and financial aid, though, to be effective in the terms you speak of. Any new group will have to go through many of the same initial processes as the existing peace groups have. If we can make use of the experience of people and organizations that have made these initial steps, then we could move on to more challenging and creative areas. No system will be perfect, but unless we settle on one and try to work through it, we never will get off the ground. Time is short.

I have enclosed a pamphlet on Turn Toward Peace, in case you have not already seen one. This type of union is probably too inclusive to make really bold political moves. But if the member groups carry on active programs, Turn Toward Peace can strengthen their individual lobbying power by demonstrating to the Legislature a unity of a great number of people on certain basis issues of war and peace.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Tweedie Korty

Mrs. John Korty

Enc.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO 37 • ILLINOIS
CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

February 21, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I wonder if you remember me? I used to work for Professor Urey and, for a short period, you occupied the office on the other side of mine. Gwennyth Tau was a very good friend of mine, but, alas, she is one of the world's worst correspondents and I have only had a couple of letters from her since she went back to Italy. I went to La Jolla with Prof. Urey but, being unable to stand the life down there, returned to Chicago after six months. I have only just returned to the University after a spell in the business world of the Loop. I am now secretary to Alec Sutherland, a Scot, who has been appointed Director of the new Center for Continuing Education which is being built across the Midway. For the moment -- and a very long moment, probably until next January -- we are housed in a wooden building on 58th Street, sharing an office with the radio and television department. That is how I gained possession of the enclosed letters. I was asked to send them on to you a week or so ago, but, alas, did not do so promptly. However, all the letters have been answered so perhaps it does not matter too much.

I have had news of you from time to time from Noreen Mann, and am delighted to know how well you have recovered.

I went home to Oxford the summer before this to see my mother. I chose August, thinking I might get good weather, but such was not the case. It was cold and grey almost the whole time I was there and I was quite thankful to get back here.

This winter, though, has been the "worst since 1918", or so I am told, and Hyde Park is very depressing just now with all the condemned buildings looking so dirty and the sidewalks never cleared of snow, which gets dirtier and more slippery.

Prof. Urey seems content in La Jolla. When last I heard from him, just before Christmas, he told me that he and Mrs. Urey were off on a trip round the world.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Cumberland

2.26.62.

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Professor
Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 6.D.C.

Dear Professor:

Last month I recieved from my son your letter "Are we on the road to war?" which influenced and impressed him very much and asked my opinion also. He is at the University of Chicago, learning at prepent Chinese besides of others. He was also very proud being a Hungarian and having you among our greatest scientist.

I promised him to write to you, which I do with full respect and pride also and full agreement what you writes and tells. But at times I am wondering, can we afford to treat somebody as he would be a gentleman or would have the same moral and political obligation, what we have.?

Hitler lied in every minutes and tried to let us believe he is seeking peace. Stalin and Russia or better Kruschev are lying since the very beginning and since 1945 they do not do anything but year by year they start again the Berlin question to divert the attention of the world from the whole midle European problem inculding our country also.

That we should not incidentally remember those unsolved problems and should not initiate some steps, when he has to dance around and constantly defend himself, as we are doing in a circle since the end of the war.

Can we afford looking out of our window and seeing approaching bandits equipped with guns and knowing they will kill us, with our whole family or rob us - when we have the defense and could prevent everything, but we do not do it for principle, letting happen whatever might be?

I believe, the lion or wolf has to be treated differently than that of a rabbit or a horse, as with a murderer we can not handle in the same manner, as with ourselves.

To put down our weapon would provoke the same situation, when we, including myself disarmed our székely soldiers returning from the front fully equipped and disciplined and let our whole country delivered to the communists or to the Roumanians, who with our weapon and equipment occupied our country and did tremendous injustice and harm with our poor people in Transylvania.

Anyhow, I do not try to convince you, only tried to put down my humble opinion about the same matter.

If I may ask a big favor, you would make my son tremendously happy, if you would send few words to him. He is among the lost souls, who in this turmoil do not see the way, and you belong to one, who should save some of them and it would influence him tremendously.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours

L. K. Varga
Louis von A.-Varga, M.D.
V.A.Center. Martinsburg. West Va.

The address of my son:
Louis von K.-Varga.
6107 S. Dorchester Ave. Apt. 102.
Chicago 37. Ill.

*Please do not mention, that I asked
you to do it -*



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TORONTO 5, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

February 26, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have read a copy of your paper "Are we on the road to war?" I suppose it was sent to me through the Committee of Correspondence, for whose News-letter I have occasionally written. I must say I find myself in perfect agreement with the opinion that the only practical thing to do, given our circumstances, is, ^{fake} the apparently quixotic measure of abolishing war altogether.

Concerning your concrete proposal, I wish it every success, of course, but I take it that in virtue of its nature it is intended to be primarily an intra-U.S. movement. There would be no point in my pledging participation. On the other hand, if your movement gets launched I would appreciate being kept informed.

You may be interested to know that a number of the staff (both lay and clerical) of this College, which is a Catholic institution, have recently organized ourselves into a specifically Catholic peace group. In view of the record of hostility of Catholics to the peace movement in this continent this seems to me no small achievement. But in this country, at least, Catholic opinion seems to me to have recently become rather receptive to the idea, and I would not be altogether surprised if our movement grew and met with a measure of success. For the present, our objec-



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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

tives are modest, namely, two: first, to mobilize Catholic opinion in this country through discussion and education; second, to co-operate in the fund drive of Dr. Norman Alcock's Peace Research Institute, of which, I believe, you have heard. You can see why I would appreciate being in any mailing list your movement might eventually compile.

Sincerely,

Leslie Dewart
Associate Professor

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DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY
THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
BALTIMORE 5, MARYLAND

March 12, 1962

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Mr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 5, D.C.

Dear Mr. Szilard:

I would very much appreciate receiving a
copy of your speech entitled, "Are We On the
Road to War"?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Connie Loiero
Connie J. Loiero

75 Blossom Hill Drive
Lancaster, Penna.
March 21, 1962

Mr. Theodore S. Saad, Editor-in-Chief
Solid State Design Magazine
1330 Beacon Street
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Saad,

I am writing this letter as an American scientist and engineer to protest the article by Donald Smith entitled "Two Per Cent for Peace" in the March issue of your magazine.

The intrusion of your staff expounding their naive views on social, political and military matters has, in my opinion, discredited your publication. I am taking steps to make this position more emphatic.

By copy of this letter to Dr. Szillard, whose name I'm sure is being "used" and has been for many years by "dove-eyed" unilateral-peace scientists, I am expressing my dissenting vote.

"My life for liberty and freedom but not one cent for tribute" and a communist 'peace'.

I am telegraphing my Congressmen and Senators to disregard Dr. Szillard's "scientists" peace lobby.

Very truly yours,

Henry F. Kasnowski

cc: Dr. L. Szillard
Mr. D. Q. Smith

HUDSON INSTITUTE

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21 March

P. O. BOX 551
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

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March 20, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

It has come to my attention that in a recent speech you proposed a number of novel unilateral steps which would contribute greatly toward an easing of tensions between East and West. I should be very appreciative if you would send me a copy of this speech so that I may give some thought to your proposals.

Sincerely,


L. M. Sharpe

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Mrs. Robert Epstein

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1160 Burke Avenue, Bronx 69, N. Y.

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March 22, 1962

Dupont Plaza Hotel
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Dr. Szilard,

After reading the article,
written by Joseph Wershba in
the March 14th New York Post -
about your wonderful recovery
and now your devotion towards
PEACE - I as an average
citizen heartily applaud you.

I hope you will be able to
influence many people toward
a peace lobby. Great minds,
such as yours must act to save
our world.

Sincerely,

Charles Epstein

11 April 1962

Mrs. Robert Epstein
1160 Burke Avenue
Bronx 69, New York

Dear Mrs. Epstein:

Dr. Szilard has asked me to write to you and to say that he is grateful for your interest and to return the check which you enclosed with your letter. He also asked me to enclose a copy of the speech which gives you better information about what this is all about than the article in the New York Post.

If you are interested to the point of being willing to spend 1% or 2% of your income on campaign contributions as set forth in Dr. Szilard's speech, I would suggest that you write to Dr. Szilard at the above address and you will then be notified of further developments.

Sincerely,

Secretary to
Dr. Leo Szilard

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WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

March 28, 1962

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

29 Mar sent

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I heard your talk to Cleveland attenders of the McBride Lectures on 11-14-61.

Having done nothing since hearing you, and also having sturgled with the notions you presented -- and also sure that I was unable to follow your argument completely -- I am writing to find out:

1) Has anything happened since that date: is an organization started? What are its goals, criteria for membership, feasibilities for action, etc.?

2) Could you send me a copy of your speech, for my own information and evaluation (and to permit me to follow your argument more completely)?

Sympathetically yours (I believe),



Jack A. Spanagel
1740 County Line Road
Chesterland, Ohio

JS/m, self

13830 Page Mill Rd
Los Altos Hills
California
March 23, 1962

Mr John Buckstaff
Radio & Television Dept
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Please send a
copy of the address called
Are we on the Road to War
recently broadcast on radio
station KPFA Berkeley Calif.
by Dr Leo Szilard.

Thank you -
Margaret C. Paulekas

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April 2, 1962

P. O. BOX 222
PLAINFIELD, VT.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

DR. SZILARD
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 6 DC

*Ans'd
4 April*

ATTENTION: DR. SZILARD

Dear Sir;

I have just become effectively acquainted with your plan for putting a lobbyist in Washington to counteract the military-industrial lobby-gents already pressuring the Washingtonians into more war-war-war preparations.

After carefully considering your plan from what little information I currently have at hand (Are We On The Road for War - a copy of your speech) I am definitely inclined to say that your cause warrants space in my magazine DESTINY, and independent weekly journal of opinion and creative writing and art. DESTINY circulates (via subscription) to college students throughout the sixteen colleges and universities in the state of Vermont as well as to people both college minded and sympathetic to movements and vigils and actions toward peace and disarmament.

DESTINY is only too available to carry your story and in effort, round-up more supporters for your cause. We are planning to run the article on your behalf in two weeks providing we receive a letter from you available for publication either in preface or conjunction with the article concerning your cause.

The letter should be sent to me care of the above address at the most immediate convenience to you. If you wish to correspond with me on the subject (all though correspondance is as time consuming as it is usually futile), again use the above address.

Sincerely in the threshold of Destiny -

Paul Winer
Editor-Publisher

(Editorial Board just voted in favor of supporting your Lobbyist idea... "more effective than all the pickets + vigils ever (D.C.) will be - a lobbyist in D.C.)

4 April 1962

Paul Winer
Editor-Publisher
Green Mountain Independent Press
Box 222
Plainfield, Vermont

Dear Mr. Winer:

Many thanks for your kind letter of 2 April. The speech to which your letter refers, "Are We On The Road To War?", is printed in the current April issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 935 E. 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois, and reprints are available at 10¢ per single copy, 7¢ per copy for orders of 25 or more and at 4¢ per copy for orders in excess of 100 copies -- all of this including mailing costs. Any assistance which you can render in spreading the gospel of the speech will be much appreciated. I do not feel, however, that I ought to write a letter or preface for publication in conjunction of any article that you or anyone else might wish to write about the speech.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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7802-18th Avenue,
Kenosha, Wisconsin,
April 13, 1962.

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I read your article, "Are We on the Road to War" in the April issue, of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. The Federation of American Scientists has been interested in Peace and Disarmament for a number of years and I have supported this effort.

I would like to list a few thoughts about such a council you propose.

In my opinion there is only one political leader in Washington D.C. who is interested in Peace and Disarmament and that is Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. So, of course he should be approached for his ideas and further I think he should be the candidate for President in 1964. This of course will take considerable money and the council could sponsor him as a candidate. For this purpose, for instance, I would be glad to contribute.

I think too that a board similar to the "Board of Sponsors" on the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists should be in charge of the "Council for Abolishing War".

It would also help the Council if Scientists like Dr. Teller and Dr. Pauling would work to-gether for Peace and Disarmament.

(2)

I am interested in politics and would like to suggest that we have a lady candidate running for the House of Representatives by the name of Miss Eleanora Wickstrom, in the first district, Wisconsin. She considers one issue in the campaign to be Disarmament and is the only candidate to say so. If the council was organized at this time I would propose that she be supported.

Sincerely,

Edward Sandberg

Edward Sandberg

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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DATE 4-23-62

TO Dr. Leo Szilard

DEPARTMENT Research Institutes

FROM J. L. Chapman

DEPARTMENT Radio and Television

IN RE: Attached correspondence

Your address "Are We on the Road to War?" has caused a number of people to ask for its text. I have sent such transcripts to each.

I thought you might be interested to see the attached correspondence, as some of it is addressed to you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. L. Chapman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MINKA D. PEARL
1699 CAMBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38 MASS.

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May eighteenth
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Dear Professor Szilard:

I have ^{re. auth.} received the "Two Percent for Peace" data in addition to a copy of your most recent thought-provoking "ARE WE ON THE ROAD TO WAR" lecture and hasten to assure you of my deep interest ~~tho~~ I do, after years of living in this "academic" community, hold out little hope for any action or sober interest, in fact, on the part of all but a very limited number of "Students", alas! For one who so recently was hospitalized "for one year", it would indeed be comforting for me, if I could, in all "truth," feel that your suggested approach, would yield the hoped-for results, and therefore would pledge whatever effort might be helpful in your ~~X~~ monumental undertaking - But alas! I do despair!

Quite apart from the fact that I too had, until recently, been hospitalized (without benefit of any revealing "cause") I may soon be leaving Cambridge, (?) or perhaps even the U.S. My earnest wish to join up with the "War Resistance Movement" in England may not be gratified, but I ~~must~~ ^{just} try - Hence, do believe I regret having to fail you, and shall continue to hope that you are given the necessary physical reinforcement, as well as spiritual, to battle on - I shall attempt to contact Michael Brower, if only to inquire as to the results of your undertaking to date - (I am an old, old friend of the late ^{with} Louis (another "Chicago University professor"; you may recall) and wish he could be here to help give your contemplated "movement" the warranted support -

Alone ^{DR} Do guard your health,

Blessings,

(Miss) Minka Pearl

P.S. I shall call on my friend Hange Frank (wife of Dr. Frank) and leave the data for them and for his to

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in any of the Peace activities -
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Age. 7. class.

DAVID S. KING
2D DISTRICT, UTAH

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COMMITTEE:
SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 18, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
DuPont Plaza Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Perhaps you will be interested in the enclosed items which bear upon this year's contest in Utah.

Sincerely,



David S. King
Member of Congress

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April 24, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I admire deeply your work and I would like to be included in your mailing list for reprints, especially of articles related to peace and peace research.

I am enclosing a reprint of a paper which may interest you.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rafael Rodriguez Delgado".

Rafael Rodriguez Delgado
Conference Services- Room 1494

Encl.

PALMER PHYSICAL LABORATORY
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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4/26/52.

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

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I have just finished reading a reprint of your article "Are We on the Road to War?" and I am impressed by its naivety which is typical of modern "Nuclear Disarmers" and "Ban-the-Bombers". One might have hoped that a distinguished and experienced would look at all the facts and not just those to your liking.

SCIENTIST

The basic theme underlying your approach seems to be that by making unilateral gestures, Russia can be induced to do the same for the benefit of all. I have no doubt the Russians might make some gestures but they would be strictly for their own benefit and would mean absolutely nothing should they decide to change their ideas of what is of benefit to them. The most recent and glaring example is, of course, the Russian bomb testing. All such gestures and statements would do would be to relax the vigilance of the United States. The Communists mean to spread their gospel and, either forcibly or not, convert the rest of the world. This is by definition of the word "Communist" so that the statements of private persons, on which you appear to place such weight, are just meant to deceive. If we were to relax our guard, unless under iron-clad inspection rules, we should be making a serious mistake. Any sign of moderation or willingness to compromise is always regarded by such totalitarian regimes as a sign of weakness which they are quick to exploit.

You pointed out that if we were to disarm, the Russians would be able to solve their economic problems. You realize also that America would be creating vast problems for herself. Personally I would rather the Russians were not able to "build twenty such (Aswan) dams in Africa" with all the attendant propaganda and infiltration of the countries concerned by Communist agents sworn to overthrow the legally constituted governments and replace them by such an odious Communist regime.

Yours truly,



J. R. Waters

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18 May 1962

Sibylle K. Escalona
Department of Psychiatry
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Eastchester Road and Morris Park Avenue
New York 61, New York

Dear Dr. Escalona:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter of 11 May. I have asked Shirley Fingerhood, 1270 Sixth Avenue, New York City, telephone, Circle 6-8689, to assume the responsibility for coordinating the doings of those who propose to be active in support of the Movement in New York City and she agreed to do so. I assume that she will keep in close touch with Arthur Penn, Maurice Fox, William Birenbaum, Dean of the New School for Social Research, and your group at Albert Einstein College. I am forwarding your letter of 11 May to her and I would suggest that if she does not contact you, you contact her.

At the moment we are held up because we have not formed yet the Council and the Lobby, but I am in the process of setting up these two committees and I hope that they will be completed within two weeks. I do not know whether we should have a press conference at that time or whether we should wait with the announcement until we have the response to the first mailing of 2,500 letters, to persons who have expressed strong support for the Movement.

Sincerely,

HOTEL DUPONT PLAZA
DUPONT CIRCLE, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

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

24, Kenton Avenue,
Surrey-on-Thames,
Middlesex U.K.

20th May 1962.

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

Dear Dr Szilard,

I have read with much interest
your article "Are We On the Road
to War?"

I would be pleased to subscribe to
your experiment to bring about ^{wider} a
understanding of the important issues
at stake in the present attitudes to
nuclear armaments. I support the
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
and the Committee of 100 in this
country, and I shall be interested

to hear if there is other action I
can take to bring about your
objectives.

Yours Faithfully,

David W. Martin.

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