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Mr. Thomas Finletter
Coudert Brothers
2 Rector Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Finletter:

I was doing a little biology this summer, and when I got to New York City about the middle of August, the symptoms of the present strained political situation struck me with full force.

I am enclosing the manuscript of an article entitled "Letter to Stalin" and a copy of a letter which I have written to Secretary Marshall. Both have been submitted to the BULLETIN for publication.

I wonder whether you could find time to read the article and to scrutinize the letter addressed to Marshall.

The present plan is to have the article and the letter to Marshall printed in the next issue of the BULLETIN, which should appear around the 28th of October. Advance copies are being sent to a number of people by the BULLETIN with a request of commenting on it. The comments would be, if possible, printed in the same issue of the BULLETIN.

It is felt that if this article were accompanied by good comments on the part of persons whose voice carries weight, the chance that the article might have a good effect would be considerably increased. It is not expected that all people who have been asked to send in comments will be in a position to say that they approve of the contents of the article. Comments which would draw attention to the seriousness of the situation would also be helpful and could by implication express approval of the decision to write such an unusual article and to take such an unusual step as writing the letter to Marshall.

If you feel you can make some comment which might be useful if published along with the article, please address it, either in the form of a letter or a telegram, to the BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS. They would presumably be in a position to have it printed in the same issue. Such comments ought to be received, if possible, by October 10 and not later than Monday, October 13.

I would, of course, be very much interested also in any private comments you might care to make and which you may send me directly.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

April 17, 1955

The Honorable Thomas K. Finletter
c/o Coudert Brothers
488 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Finletter:

Attached to this letter is an addendum to the memorandum which I left with you.

Also enclosed is another copy of the material which you have seen. If you do not think it is too early to take the matter up with Mr. James S. McDonnell, of McDonnell Aircraft Company, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo., please feel free to send him this material. If he is interested, I would be very happy to discuss it with him in New York, Washington, or St. Louis.

I can be reached at the Kings Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street - UNiversity 4-2700.

In the meantime, we shall be exploring the possibility of getting the Russian government committed to the extent of putting up half of the funds needed for the Commission's work. The Board, being an all-American affair, will require 100% American financing.

I shall probably contact you within a few days about Will Clayton, if I find I will have time to fly out to wherever he is, and to discuss with him the acute danger of an atomic war breaking out over the Formosa crisis, or the next crisis of a similarly local nature.

I was very happy about the conversation which Urey and I had in your office.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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Enclosures

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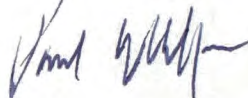
Dear Mr. Szilard:

Your letter of May 12 reached me in New York when I was there last week. I telephoned Mr. Finletter, who spoke of you in most complimentary terms and told me something of the project in which you are interested.

I told Mr. Finletter that while it would be a great privilege to spend the evening with you and him, my present situation precluded my taking on any new responsibilities. The simple truth is that I have a bad conscience because of my failure to contribute as I should to several civic activities to which I am already committed.

From what he told me of your project I am sure that you and Mr. Harold Stassen would find that you have much in common. I assume that you have already seen him, but if not, I urge you to do so.

Sincerely yours,



cc: Thomas K. Finletter