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Dr. Leo SZILARD
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Dear Szilard :

Thank you very much for your interest concerning my book. Arrangements have been made and a contract signed with John Wiley and Sons 3 months ago.

I was very much interested in your paper and in your note on the T₂ - T₄ story. Please, keep me on your mailing list.

Regarding my own work, the catalase story I told you about last june has somewhat progressed. UV-rayed K-12 and Megatherium are both healed by a short contact with catalase. As both are lysogenic, I am investigating the Lwoff effect (UV and X induced lysis in lysogenic strains). A fact which might interest you is that X-ray induced lysis can be suppressed by subsequent treatment with visible light.

As far as I know this would be the first clear cut light induced recovery after X-ray injury. (I dislike the word "reactivation").

Best regards to Novick and to Dr. Zirkle,
Sincerely,

Raymond Latarjet

Dr. R. Latarjet

August 3, 1960.

Dr. R. Latarjet,
Institut Pasteur,
25 rue du Dr. Roux,
Paris XV^e.

Dear Latarjet,

I am enclosing a manuscript "The Voice of the Dolphins", a revised and edited version of which will appear in book form. The preface which is attached explains what it is all about.

I thought this piece of writing might perhaps interest you. If you think that it might also interest Andre Malraux, I should very much appreciate your transmitting it to him with such comments as you might care to make. I have not met M. Malraux.

There is one point, upon which I just barely touch in the "Dolphins" (see pages 38, 39), which I believe might be of some interest to France at this juncture of history, which is as follows:

The interdependence of the nations of Western Europe is great but the political structure of Europe does not take this into account. None of the various proposals which have been made for the political integration of Europe are likely to be workable - as far as I can see. There is, however, another approach to this problem, which to my knowledge, has so far not been considered. It would have the advantage that it could lead to political integration gradually, just at the rate which is desired. The first step, if necessary, could be made a very small step, yet it would break the ice.

What I have in mind is that the "free" nations of Europe could be represented - on a reciprocal basis - in each other's Parliament. At first this representation could be very small, but gradually it could increase - at a pre-arranged rate - until it reaches the desired level, where it would be significant. Just what that level should be would need to be carefully considered.

I think it is easy to see that such reciprocal representation would weaken the influence of the extreme nationalists since, say, in the German Parliament, the French Nationalists would hardly vote with the German Nationalists. The influence of the extreme Left would probably not be affected.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures

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Dear Szilard :

I just find your letter and shipment on my way back from New York. It is a pity that I did not know you were there, since I spent most of the two last days at Sloan-Kettering. I would have been very happy to see you there and talk with you.

As soon as I get settled again, I'll read your manuscript, and will forward it to Malraux. Since he does not read English, I'll join as many comments as needed, in such a way that if he gets interested, he will have your script translated.

I have no indication on your health. I deeply hope it is not as bad as one might fear for someone being taken care at Memorial Center.

Thanks again, and with best wishes,

very sincerely yours,

R. Latarjet

Dr. R. Latarjet