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Dear Dr. Szilard,

Please excuse the delay in replying to your questions.

I am trying to arrange my schedule at Columbia so that I will have at least two or three days clear each week in order to work with you on the tape recording of your reminiscences.

I hope to have things arranged shortly and as soon as I do I will pick up the suitcase from Dr. Fox and come down to Washington.

Cordially,

*Donald Shaughnessy*  
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14 March 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard,

Please excuse my delay in writing you, as promised, but for the past several days I've been trying, in vain, to rearrange my schedule to allow me an extended stay in Washington. Unfortunately, I've not been able to make such arrangements. There is just no one available to step in and take over my various regular assignments here.

In addition, I find that now all the funds available to this office are "earmarked" for special projects already underway. By that I mean that our general fund, which usually allows us to cover the cost of interviews with outstanding men and women, is now depleted. We must work within fairly confined fields - such as higher education, art history, etc. - for which foundation grants have been specifically given to this office.

This seems to me a sad commentary on the state of historical research and an excellent example of how foundations directly affect departmental affairs. I don't know what the answer is to this problem but I shall continue to work on it until I come up with some solution.

Cordially,

  
Donald Shaughnessy

March 25, 1961

Professor Donald Shaughnessy  
Oral History Research Office  
Columbia University  
New York, New York

Dear Professor Shaughnessy:

Many thanks for your letter of March 14th. I regret that you are encountering difficulties with this project. I am enclosing a copy of a letter, for your information, which I have written to Victor Weybright. If he should contact you, I would appreciate your discussing the matter with him.

I expect to remain for the time being at the Hotel Dupont Plaza in Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

July 15, 1962

Professor Donald Shaughnessy  
Oral History Research Office  
Butler Library  
Columbia University  
New York 27, New York

Dear Dr. Shaughnessy:

Enclosed is a text which you might want to read before coming to Washington. A room has been reserved for you at this Hotel for the evening of Sunday, the 22nd of July. If you know your arrival hour and want to get some work done on Sunday, please drop me a line.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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18 July 1962

Professor Leo Szilard  
DuPont Plaza Hotel  
Dupont Circle  
Washington, 6, D.C.

Dear Professor Szilard,

I am forced, due to circumstances entirely beyond my control, to postpone our meeting for one week. I shall not be able to come to Washington this Sunday, as previously arranged, but shall be there on Tuesday morning, 31 July.

I regret very much having to make this late and rather sudden change and I hope it does not cause you any inconvenience. I will write to the hotel and notify them of my change of plans as well as make reservations for 31 July.

Your manuscript arrived today and I have read it with great interest and enjoyment. It will prove to be very valuable in helping me prepare your biographical memoir.

Again, please accept my apology for this change of plans and I'm looking forward very much to seeing you again on 31 July.

Sincerely,

*D.F. Shaughnessy*  
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