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DR LEO SZILARD=

CARE WARDMAN PARK HOTEL DLR IMMEDIATELY REGARDLESS OF

TIME WASHDC=

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AGREE TO PRESENT ORALLY THE GROUP STATEMENT ON THE MAY- JOHNSON BILL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD YOUR SIGNATURE IF YOU DESIRE AND HAVE NIXON SIGN IF HE WILL DO SO. THE STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS OF CHICAGO AND THE ASSOCIATION OF OAK RIDGE SCIENTISTS AT CLINTON LABORATORIES, HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL NOW PENDING IN CONGRESS KNOWN AS THE "ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1945" WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO PASSAGE OF THE BILL,

IT DELEGATES TO A COMMISSION AND AN ADMINISTRATOR, NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE ELECTORATE, THE AUTHORITY AND DUTY OF DETERMINING AND FORMULATING, IN ADDITION TO ENFORCING, ALL NATIONAL POLICY IN REGARD TO ATOMIC ENERGY. NEITHER THE COMMISSION NOR THE ADMINISTRATOR ARE RESPONSIBLE IN THE ASKING OR ENFORCEMENT OF POLICY TO THE PRESIDENT OR ANY OTHER AUTHORITY. FURTHER THEY ARE VIRTUALLY=

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IMMUNE FROM OUTSIDE CRITICISM OR REVIEW BECAUSE THEIR SECURITY REGULATIONS MAY PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF THE ACTIONS OR POLICIES SUBJECT TO CRITICISM.

☐ SOME OF THE SPECIFIC FEATURES WHICH MAKE THE PROPOSED BILL OBJECTIONABLE ARE POINTED OUT BELOW.

☐ (1) COMPLETE AND ARBITRARY AUTHORITY AND POWER OVER ALL ASPECTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, WHOSE RELEASE HAS USHERED IN A NEW ERA OF OUR CIVILIZATION, IS PLACED BY THE BILL IN THE HANDS OF NINE COMMISSIONERS WHO, ONCE APPOINTED, ARE PRACTICALLY SPEAKING IMMUNE FROM REMOVAL.

☐ (2) UNDER THE BROAD POWERS CONTAINED IN THE BILL, THE PROPOSED COMMISSION AND THE ADMINISTRATOR SELECTED BY IT MAY RESTRICT ALL SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH IN THIS REVOLUTIONARY FIELD TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, MAY PLACE NO RESTRICTIONS WHATEVER ON SUCH RESEARCH, OR MAY TAKE ANY INTERMEDIATE POLICY.

☐ (3) IN THE NEW FIELDS, WHOSE IMPORTANCE TO OUR ECONOMIC LIFE CAN NOT YET BE FORESEEN, THE PROPOSED COMMISSION AND THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY COMPLETELY BAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, OR MAY COMPLETELY TURN OVER DEVELOPMENT, EXPLOITATION, AND PATENTS TO PRIVATE INTERESTS.

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¶ (4) THE PROPOSED COMMISSION MAY ALLOW FULL AND COMPLETE REVELATION OF ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY, OR MAY PROMULGATE SECURITY REGULATIONS SO STRINGENT AS TO PREVENT DISCUSSION AND INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION, THE LIFE-BLOOD OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS, EVEN BETWEEN CO-WORKERS IN THE SAME LABORATORY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE. THE SCOPE OF SUCH REGULATIONS IS NOT LIMITED TO THOSE NECESSARY FOR MILITARY SECURITY.

¶ (5) UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL, THE COMMISSION HAS THE ABSOLUTE POWER TO MAKE GRANTS TO ANY PERSON ON SUCH TERMS OR CONDITIONS AS THE COMMISSION OR ADMINISTRATOR DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO ITS PURPOSE.

¶ (6) THE DIRECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE BILL ADMONISHING THE COMMISSION AND THE ADMINISTRATOR TO USE THEIR BROAD AND UNDEFINED POWERS FOR THE PROMOTION OF GENERAL WELFARE AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE ARE UNIMPLEMENTED. NO METHOD IS PROVIDED FOR THEIR ENFORCEMENT.

¶ (7) ACCORDING TO THE BILL, THE ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BOTH MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY ASPECTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MAY BE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY.

¶ WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GREAT DANGER UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL OF RETARDING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

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WE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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AS CITIZENS AND AS SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE WORKED TO BRING TO FRUITION THE PROMISE OF ATOMIC ENERGY, WE BELIEVE THAT CONTROLS SHOULD AND MUST BE EXERCISED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF OUR GOVERNMENT. THE CONTROLS MUST BE EXERCISED FOR THE MILITARY SECURITY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE, SUBJECT TO INTER-NATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF WORLD PEACE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIMITS AND OBJECTIVES OF THESE CONTROLS MUST BE DEFINED BY THE PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR ELECTED CONGRESS. THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY BY A LAW DRAFTED AFTER THE FULLEST DISCUSSION, IN CONGRESS AND OUT, OF THE MEANING AND POSSIBILITIES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND ATOMIC BOMBS. IT REQUIRES FULL PRESENTATION OF THE VIEWS OF THE ARMED FORCES, SCIENTISTS, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, LABOR, AGRICULTURE AND OTHERS WHOSE LIVES AND INTERESTS WILL BE AFFECTED.

¶ WE PROPOSE THAT THE PRESENT BILL BE ABANDONED AND THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PREPARE A NEW BILL BASED ON EXTENDED HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATION. IT SHOULD EMBODY ENFORCEABLE OBJECTIVES AND LIMITATIONS ON THE CONTROLS TO BE EXERCISED. IF THE DEMANDS FOR CONTINUITY OF THE WORK AND MILITARY SECURITY REQUIRE IMMEDIATE

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ACTION, WE PROPOSE THAT CONGRESS PASS INTERIM LEGISLATION  
ENABLING WORK AND SECURITY TO BE CARRIED ON FOR SIX MONTHS  
IN THE PRESENT WARTIME MANNER=

:ASSOCIATION OF OAK RIDGE SCIENTISTS AT CLINTON  
LABORATORIES P S HENSHAW CHAIRMAN W E COHN E G  
BOHLMANN S G ENGLISH H S BROWN R P METCALF J G STANGBY  
L B BORST J H RUSH K Z MORGAN M D PETERSON R N LYON  
ATOMIC SCIENTISTS OF CHICAGO: J A SIMPSON CHAIRMAN D L  
HILL E RABINOWITCH A M BRUES

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THE ASSOCIATION OF OAK RIDGE SCIENTISTS AT CLINTON LABORATORIES. REPRESENTING 90% OF THE SCIENTISTS WHO WORKED ON THE ATOMIC BOMB AT CLINTON LABORATORIES. RECOGNIZE THE URGENT PRESSURE FOR DISCUSSION OF BILLS RELATING TO ATOMIC ENERGY. HOWEVER IT IS BELIEVED THAT NO HEARINGS SHOULD BE HELD ON ANY SUCH BILL UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM BEFORE A BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE WHICH MAY BE SET UP FOR THIS PURPOSE BY CONGRESS=

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF OAK

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RIDGE SCIENTISTS AT CLINTON LABORATORIES EDWARD BOHLMANN  
LYLE BORST HARRISON BROWN WALDO COHN SPOFFORD ENGLISH PAUL  
HENSHAW RICHARD LYON RICHARD METCALF KARL MORGAN MERLIN  
PETERSON JOSEPH RUSH JAMES STANGBY.

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