

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

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NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

June 14, 1949

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Several of our staff have read your interesting letter of June 9 and because of our sympathy with the general idea back of your proposal, it is with regret that I write that the Commonwealth Fund cannot be of assistance. We have no funds available for grants to cover purposes such as you mention and in view of our generally heavy commitments I do not see any likelihood of our being able to give favorable consideration to such a proposal at any time in the immediate future. I do know that the Macy Foundation of which Dr. Frank Fremont-Smith is the Director is very much interested in conferences, but whether they are prepared to consider such a proposal as you offer, I do not know. I can think of no other suggestions.

I am sorry that I must write you in this vein but I do hope that you are able to secure whatever assistance you need in order to continue your joint seminars with the group at Indiana University.

Sincerely yours,

Lester J. Evans

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Dr. Lester J. Evans
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Dear Dr. Evans:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter of June 14th. Your suggestion to approach the Macy Foundation is very much appreciated and will be followed up if the need arises. I considered the meetings about which I wrote you as an experiment that is rather interesting, *and* I believe that it should not be too difficult to get the necessary funds for it from one foundation or another.

With many thanks for your helpful suggestion, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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March 29, 1957

Mr. Cass Canfield
49 East 33rd Street
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Dear Cass:

As I promised you after the delightful luncheon which we had with Messrs. Doering, Szilard and yourself, we discussed the proposal which you all presented and have reached a decision on the matter.

I am afraid that your program to create two independent research institutes designated as the Research Institute for Fundamental Biology and Public Health and the Institute for Problem Studies, would not be sufficiently close to our interests, or certainly not of sufficiently high priority, to warrant our taking it under active consideration.

We enjoyed the interesting lunch and the opportunity of meeting and chatting with you and Messrs. Doering and Szilard.

Hoping you have a good trip and with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Malcolm P. Aldrich

President

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