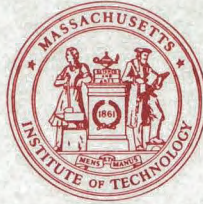


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3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
November 30, 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I received the list of Boston area names that you sent, and have arranged with a kind and hard working mother of three to mail copies to each of them in the next day or two.

Unfortunately we received the covering Note that you included too late to use it in our mimeographing of the speech. I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the first page which friends here helped me prepare last week, which we had already mimeographed and put on our copies. You will note that there is considerable similarity, but that we do have one glaring omission. We forgot to mention specifically that students should report to you early in January on their findings. However, this is suggested towards the end of your speech, and the friend who did the mimeographing for us did think to add, at the end of your speech, the following instruction: "You may send the results of your survey to: Leo Szilard, Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C." Other individuals who have received a copy, perhaps in the mail, without having a personal contact with a student, will be writing to me, and I can report such results to you in January.

You mentioned having revised the speech. As I am at this very minute in the process of writing an article about your efforts for a Harvard undergraduate magazine (Comment) it would perhaps be best if I could know what revisions you have made. Although the article is due tomorrow, there will still be time for alterations next week, so if you could send me a revised version as soon as you get back to Washington I could still make any necessary corrections.

Boston A Mr. Jerome Grossman, head of the Massachusetts Envelope Company, gave us 500 envelopes this morning to help the project along. He is the ~~New England~~ head of a new group called Turn Toward Peace, and I am enclosing some of their pamphlets for your possible interest. Since these were printed several unions have joined, including the IUE and Reuther's UAW. He also put me in touch with a sympathetic printshop, the Murfal Printing Co., which quoted me rates of slightly over 20¢ a copy for orders under 5000 and slightly under 20¢ a copy for orders of 5-10,000. This is for a photo-offset process similar to multilithing and I'm curious as to whether it is significantly cheaper than those you had done in Washington. I suspect that for orders well over 10,000 we might get the average price down a great deal more, and that this might be useful for the second round if the experiment works.

Our hopes and best wishes go with you.

Michael (and Barbara) Brower

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3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts
January 15, 1962

Mr. Richard Hudson, Editor
War/Peace Report
305 West 18th Street
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 and for your interest in Dr. Szillard's proposals. I am enclosing a copy of the revised speech with this letter. You will notice that most of the revisions are in the latter half, especially in the discussion of the structure and operations of the lobby.

As to whether an "organization" or a "movement" will be necessary, I think this may be partly a question of semantics. However, I do agree with you that there must be some sort of central organization to handle financial affairs (as well as for lobbying and arranging for interviews, etc., in Washington, formulating policy positions, and communicating with members.) Perhaps the revised speech is somewhat clearer (and improved) on these points. Remember, also, that most of the money involved will be sent directly to political candidates by the members and not siphoned through the central lobby. Incidentally, my own view is that local groups (organizations?) will also be vital--to work at securing better candidates, to work in primaries and elections, and to give the individual members a close-at-hand focus and reinforcement for their convictions and energies--and that the national lobby must offer at least minimal support and co-ordination to help them get started.

Is the outlook for a "Peace Lobby" propitious? I agree with you that past history shows more failures than successes by far but my mail and biased sampling of current winds give me strong hope. I don't know what has happened at the other Universities, but here in Cambridge we have used up about 4800 copies, most of them sold in batches of 10 to 50, at 10 to 25 cents each. And groups of interested people are active or in the process of forming at the Universities of Connecticut and Pittsburg, and in Stockbridge, Mass. and New York City.

Mr. Richard Hudson

January 15, 1962

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I am delighted that you are considering running a condensation in the March issue. Any cuts and changes would have to be checked with Dr. Szilard himself as I have no authority to approve such matters for him. Nor can I promise you an "exclusive" on his speech. Dr. Szilard has given copies to at least some segments of the press (I understand the New York Times carried a story on or about December 3, but only in the late city edition, and Commonweal has recently given it a favorable editorial.) I myself have sent copies to McWilliams, Robin and Cousins at the Nation, Progressive and Saturday Review, and copies have also gone to Newsweek and to a number of much smaller student and "peace activity" journals. From most of these I expect, however, not an article or a condensation, but perhaps an editorial or other form of shorter plug. And I can at least promise, if you wish, to keep you informed of any publication plans I may become aware of.

Dr. Szilard is in the middle of a trip to the West Coast. He is speaking Thursday, January 18 at a SANE rally in Los Angeles, and can be contacted there c/o the local SANE office at 910 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 35.

I am sending your letter and a carbon of this one to him there, with the hope that he will drop you a note as soon as he can. Or you may wish to reach him by telephone on or about January 18th through the Los Angeles SANE office: ORleander 5-9784.

The rest of Dr. Szilard's itinerary is unknown to me, except that he must be back in the East at least by February 14 to fill a speaking engagement at Sarah Lawrence College. Perhaps his secretary in Washington Miss (or Mrs.?) Esther Leibel (at the Hotel Dupont Plaza?) has more detailed information. Or one could contact an associate of Dr. Szilard's in Washington: Dr. Robert B. Livingstone, 9201 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda, Maryland, EMerson 5-0484. (I will also send him a carbon of this letter and a photostat of yours.)

I did send a copy to Mr. Abrams, President of Curtis Industries.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Brower

MB:bc

cc: Dr. Leo Szilard, c/o SANE, 910 S. Robertson Blvd, Los Angeles 35, Calif.
Dr. Robert B. Livingstone, 9201 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda, Md. ✓

3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
January 15, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o SANE
910 S. Robertson Blvd.
Los Angeles 35, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The enclosed letter from Richard Hudson and the carbon of my answer should be self-explanatory. I hope you can find time to drop him a brief note telling what you think of the idea of a condensation in the March issue of War/Peace Report, and when and where he might reach you. The Journal is quite new, but seems to me from inspecting one issue to be a good one. Arthur Larson, Donald Brennan, Roger Fisher (I think), and a handful of other capable academics are on the board of advisors.
(of 3500 copies)

We have already exhausted our first printing of the revised speech, selling 1000 to the Chicago group, 500 to Worth in New York (your order, at 25 cents each), 1000 at cost of 8 cents each to an enthusiastic group in Stockbridge, Mass, and the other 1000 by mail in lots of 10, 15 and 25. Another 2000 will be off the presses this Thursday.

We have received 20 contributions of \$5 or \$10 apiece in response to a mailing of about 50 postcards requesting small donations to help with the cost of printing. In addition, one or two people have sent \$20 each, and one man sent a check for \$100 (he is the Director of Research for Hughes Aircraft!).

As a result of "profit" from the sale of speeches totaling \$180 plus contributions totaling over \$240, we now have on hand \$420 to be used in further printings and mailings, and eventually to be turned over to you.

Additional copies of the speech can now be printed for 8 cents each, or even less depending on the number ordered at once, so if you have need for several hundred or thousand, please don't hesitate to let us know.

I continue to get very few letters actually pledging 2% of income, and very little response from students in the area. However, I do get several letters a day expressing interest and enthusiasm in the proposals and ordering 10 to 50 copies. I think that many potential supporters are somewhat reticent about committing themselves at this point until they see what develops, and that many others do not realize that you are eagerly awaiting their response in order to evaluate the mood of the country.

Sincerely,

Michael Brower
Michael Brower

Michael & Barbara Brower

3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
January 23, 1962

Dear Friend,

This letter is an acknowledgement and thank you, a report, and an urgent request to those interested in Dr. Szilard's ideas.

First we want to express our appreciation to the more than two dozen of you who responded with donations of \$5, \$10 or more to our plea for help in financing a commercial printing of the revised version of Dr. Szilard's speech.

Second, we want to report that we will soon have distributed 7000 copies of the speech, including the original mimeographed version and two runs of the revised version. We will continue to keep a supply on hand, having more printed as we need them, and we hope that you will keep the orders rolling in. Those who haven't seen the revised version are encouraged to write for one or more; Dr. Szilard has made some changes for the better in our opinion in the operation of the proposed Lobby. For one thing, it would hold hearings every four months or so. For another, members would work for, and contribute for, only those specific objectives advocated by the Council that they personally felt in agreement with.

Finally, the most important reason for this letter. If you have not already done so, we want to urge you to write to us or directly to Dr. Szilard pledging your support for the proposed Movement and Lobby. Dr. Szilard is still conducting what is in essence an experiment, and if he does not get sufficient response from these initial talks he may decide there is not enough interest in the country to make it worth while to go ahead with his ideas.

Many of you have already written to him or to us pledging support. If so, fine; there is no need to write again. But many others have written expressing strong interest, or enthusiasm for the idea. This is not enough. We have several dozen letters like this which we cannot in honesty include as really likely supporters. If you have written one of these, or have been putting off writing at all, please do write to Dr. Szilard (or to us, as we forward letters to him), and do it soon.

Further, many of you have sent copies to a group of your own friends and acquaintances. We need to know from each of them directly, or through you, how many of them, and which of them, with names and addresses, would be likely to support the Lobby. So please send along the names of those who have told you they agree, or ask them to write.

Of course we are asking for only a preliminary commitment, to which no one can in any way be held. Members of the Movement will always be free to drop out at any time, and those who offer support now will naturally be free to decline if they dislike the direction things go in, or if they should simply change their mind.

Yours hopefully,

Michael & Barbara Brower

We are sending this to everyone who has ordered more than one copy, and possibly even to those who have received only one. 33 copies sent to Jane Scribner today. MBB

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Do you need more than the 24 copies I sent a couple of days ago? I have just received an order from Dr. Meiers group in New York for 2500 which will ^{more than} exhaust my present supply of 2000, so I am going to give another order to the printer next Monday or Tuesday.

The DuPont Plaza operator tells me Dr. Szilard is due back January 28. Do you know whether he is actually going to be back Sunday? Or has he ~~been~~ decided perhaps to stay longer out west?

I am going to wait until Monday or Tuesday or so before re-ordering in hopes of speaking with him and including any further revisions. But if he is going to be away another week or two I will go ahead once more with the present version.

Yours truly,
Michael Brewster

MJ

John A. Szilard

December 27, 1961

Mr. Michael Brower
3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brower:

Enclosed is the current version of my Speech and the revised version of the covering sheet.

Please use these if you have my Speech retyped unless, of course, you receive from me a still later version by the time you start on the retyping.

Enclosed are also requests for copies of the Speech from the Boston area. I should appreciate your filling these requests and returning the original letters to me.

I am leaving for the west coast on the 5th of January and expect to be back in Washington on the 22nd.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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29 December 1961

Mr. Michael Brower
3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brower:

If you should have my Speech retyped I would suggest you use the corrected covering sheet a copy of which is enclosed.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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3 Dana Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
March 11, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Enclosed is the final page of addresses of those who have received 4 or more copies of your speech. This page and the four I sent you two days ago list all those whose copies were sent through the end of February.

From March 1 on, I have adopted a new system of bookkeeping. Each day or two I send out all copies requested, and type out a list of the transactions, with 2 or 3 carbons. The original I will send to you every so often, and the carbons I keep here for my records. This means that you will be getting a small amount of extraneous information, such as my daily financial accounting, and the names and addresses of those receiving only 1, 2, or 3 copies. But it should be easy enough for your staff to pick out, whenever they may be needed, the names of those receiving 4 or more.

I am also enclosing a book review by Marty Peretz in the latest New Leader. While I don't agree with all of Fromm's assumptions and analyses, I personally find Peretz review distasteful, and wonder if you don't agree.

Two more sheets of names and addresses came from you yesterday, and I filled all the requests this morning. I trust that you are keeping carbons of these requests lists that you send me; please note that I do not bother to retype the names and addresses of these people onto the lists I send you. If you do not have carbons on previous lists you have sent me, let me know and I'll have them photostated and send them back to you.

You have now also received virtually all of the letters of special interest that I have received. I'm sorry to have fallen a bit behind in having them photostated and sent on to you; this delay never occurred in the filling of orders, and hopefully won't occur again.

The first 1000 reprints arrived today from Chicago. Since I am getting 4000 in all, I expect to have plenty to send on to you any time you may need them. In fact, with the Bulletin now selling them, I may not be able to use all of these, although the Treasury contains enough money to pay for them all already.

Since each reprint has the Bulletin's price of 10 cents each, or 7 cents each for 25 or more, clearly printed on it, I believe that I must also sell them for this, even to those who send in money at the old rates. Otherwise they will feel gypped upon receiving the reprints marked with a lower price. This will be possible because the Bulletin charged me only 4 cents each plus postage, and because we do already have enough cash to pay for the full 4000.

Yours,

Michael Brower
Michael Brower

P.S. I'd be curious to see the list of those invited to serve on the Council and as associates if you have an extra copy.