

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
May 4, 1950

Mrs. Louis S. Gimbel
163 East 78th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Gimbel:

Enclosed are a memorandum and copies of two letters which will give you an idea of what we are up to. I wonder what you think of this approach to the problem. If you feel like discussing it further, would you give me a ring at the King's Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street, telephone University 4-2700, extension 914. I plan to return to Chicago Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning, my last appointment here being Monday for lunch.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
May 12, 1950

Mrs. Louis S. Gimbel
163 East 78th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Gimbel:

Enclosed is the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists of October of last year and January of this year containing two somewhat overlapping articles written in an effort to define the problem which we will have to solve. Enclosed is also the February issue containing a fragment of an article which I wrote in the summer of '48 for my own consolation, Entry Five of which deals with the German problem.

Enclosed are also, for your amusement, "Grand Central Terminal" and "My Trial as a War Criminal."

With best wishes--

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
May 20, 1950

Mrs. Louis S. Gimbel
163 East 78th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Mrs. Gimbel:

Enclosed you will find copies of some documents which might interest you because they indicate what kind of response our plan is getting. Some of these documents you have seen already, but others you have not.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Denver - March 7, 1955

Mrs. Elinor Gimbel
163 East 78th Street
New York, New York

Dear Elinor:

Enclosed is a copy of a Letter to the Editor that appeared in the New York Times on February 6. It was reprinted in the Denver Post as a Guest Editorial, from where the attached clipping is taken. The response was surprisingly favorable and so strong that it has put me somewhat on the spot. Having appealed to others to do something, it seems now that I will have to do something or prove that I cannot do it.

The enclosed Memorandum indicates what it is that I might try to do. It is my hope that General Hester, or someone like him, would serve as Secretary of the Commission described in the Memorandum. I am sending this Memorandum to various foundations, but I have considerable doubt that any of the larger foundations would want to provide funds for such an unconventional approach - and no conventional approach will do. I do not anticipate any difficulty in finding a suitable university, or some other tax exempt institution, to take over the administration of the funds, if funds can be obtained.

Please let me know if any thoughts occur to you that might be useful. I expect to be back in New York at the King's Crown Hotel after March 16th.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures