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February 19, 1955

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I read with greatest interest your letter in the New York Times of February 6.

If I understand your point of view correctly, the over-all settlement would be made possible by a system of security under enforceable law; for I can see no other "path from containment to contentment", to quote from an article of yours. With some luck your proposal may be the means to overcome the deadlock.

I would be glad to help with a contribution to the first costs. Perhaps I could also be of assistance later by writing memos for internal use, since I have studied the peace problem for a great many years.

Yours very truly,

William Esslinger (Dr. jur.)

The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

February 25, 1955

Dr. William Esslinger
511 West 235th Street
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Dear Dr. Esslinger:

I appreciate your interest expressed in your letter of February 19th. I am trying to compose a memorandum spelling out some of the ideas touched upon in the letter to the Times in greater detail, and I may send you a copy at some later time. You will then see the position which I am inclined to take with respect to the issue of "enforceable law".

Your very kind offer of a contribution to the cause is gratefully acknowledged, and I might come back to this point later. You also mention that you might be of assistance in other ways, and in this respect, if you would care to write me a little bit about yourself, I would keep that letter on file and come back to it if any concrete steps are contemplated where your assistance would appear to be of value.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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March 2, 1955

Dr. Leo Szilard
Professor of Biophysics
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Dear Dr. Szillard:

Thank you very much for your letter.
According to your suggestion, I give you
some data about me.

I was formerly a lawyer in Munich, Ger-
many. My interest in peace goes back to that
time. During the first world war, I was a
member of a small group responsible for the
publication in Switzerland of a monthly for
peace, "Internationale Rundschau". After emigrat-
ing from Germany, I studied the problems of dis-
armament and peace in Geneva, Switzerland, for
three years. Since 1941, I live in New York;
I became an American citizen in 1948. I wrote
a book, "The Technique of International Secur-
ity", but found no publisher for it. More re-
cently I have written another book, "Politics
and Science"; Professor Albert Einstein was
kind enough to add to it a foreword. This book
will be published in May, and I shall send you
a copy of it as soon as possible. It deals with
the question how politics can be adapted to
modern science and technology. Peace is not the
only but the most urgent issue in this connect-
ion.

Sincerely yours,

William Esslinger