18th October 1961.

Leo Sziland, Esq., Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Sziland,

Patrick Blackett has suggested to me that when I am in Washington I should make a point of seeing you. I should be delighted to have an opportunity of meeting you and to talk to you about defence matters. I am writing to let you know that I expect to be in Washington for a few days at the beginning of November - from 3rd to 7th staying at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel and I will get in touch. Prior to this, from 19th October, my address will be c/o Courtaulds North America Inc., 600 Fifth Avenue, aumult 23 NI

22nd November 1961.

I am now back in England and I am writing to say how much I valued my conversation with you in Washington, and to thank you for giving me your time. After I left you I enjoyed a meeting with Mr.Raskin and I had an extremely interesting talk with Henry Kissinger.

I would like to remain in touch and hope you will allow me to look you up again. Meanwhile if you happen to be in London I hope you will look me up.

Leo Szilard, Esq., Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C., U.S.A. Aubuy Ime,

December 10, 1963

Hon. Aubrey Jones, M.P. 16 St. Martin's-le-Grand London, E.C. 1

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have now written down my thought on the subject of our discussions in London and I am enclosing an unedited rough draft of the manuscript in which these thoughts are embodied. Any comments which you might care to make if your time permits would be appreciated and would be held in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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22, KINGSWAY, LONDON, W.C. 2.

11th February 1964.

Dear Mr. Szilard,

Please forgive my not having replied earlier to your letter of December 10th last with the accompanying draft recommending a policy of semi-neutrality for European countries. I was out of the country when the letter arrived, ski-ing in Switzerland. Unfortunately I sustained an injury which made my absence longer that I intended it to be, with the result that I have had much catching-up to do since my return.

I have read the draft with great interest. With much of the analysis I find myself in agreement, but I'm afraid I cannot bring myself to accept the recommendation of semi-neutrality. I agree that in the hands of a single European country or for any foreseeable time in the hands of any combination of European countries an independent deterrent can only be used as the sting of a bee. It might be effective in promoting security, but it might very well not, and it is this very uncertainty which drives one to a pooling with the U.S., despite the dangers that this brings with it. This may be a démodé approach, but I cannot get away from it. There is one thought which your draft brings out very clearly and for which I am very indebted to it namely, the close inter-dependence of policy outside Europe and policy inside Europe, and the total failure of present arrangements to cope with this inter-dependence.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Leo Szilard,
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The Rt. Hon. Aubrey Jones, M.P.
16, ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND.

4th February 1963.

LONDON E.C.I.

Dear Mr. Szilard,

I am writing at the request of Mr. Aubrey Jones, who is now on a round-the-world trip, to let you know that he expects to be in Washington for four or five days from about March 4th/5th, before leaving for London, via New York.

Mr. Jones asked me to say that he would much appreciate an opportunity of meeting you again and he hopes that if you will be in Washington at that time it might be possible to arrange something. He has your Washington telephone number in his book and he will no doubt give you a call on arrival. He has reservations at the Sheraton Carlton.

Yours very truly,

(Nora Jane. (Miss)).
Private secretary.

Mr.Leo Szilard, Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C., U.S.A.