PHILIP M. STERN 1712 I STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

If, in expressing to you my feeling that I was unsuited and therefore disinclined to participate in the activities of your group, I conveyed anything but the highest regard for you personally, this was a failure of communication for which I am deeply apologetic.

Sincerely yours,

Philip M. Stern

February 9, 1963

February 11, 1963

Philip M. Stern 1712 I Street, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stern:

Thank you for your very kind note of February 9th.

I mentioned this matter to Joe Rauh because I was
curious; I am not the kind who takes offense.

Incidentally what I wanted to see you about had no connection with the Council for Abolishing War, which I know does not interest you. I wanted to tell you of a tax-exempt project which is about to be set up under a committee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences of which I happen to be the chairman, and to ask your advice on foundations which might take an interest in this project.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

cc: Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.

February 14, 1963

Philip M. Stern 1712 I Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stern:

You were kind enough to suggest that I submit a formal application for a grant to be given to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, for the work of the Subcommittee on Informal International Conversation Among Scientists, of which I happen to be the chairman. The grant given to the Academy will qualify for tax-exemption. The names of the members of my subcommittee are listed on the attached sheet.

Attached you will find also the Program, dated January 15, for which the grant is requested. This Program, as it is at present envisioned, will comprise 3 three weeks sessions. The first of these three weeks sessions would constitute the Arms Control, or Angels, project and the other two three week sessions would constitute the World Security Project. The cost of each session is estimated at \$20,000 so that the cost of the whole Program would amount to \$60,000.

The first three weeks session which constitutes the Arms Control Project has been cleared in principle with the Soviet Government, and I have the green light from the White House for the recruiting of the American participants at the present time. In the White House, I have been dealing with Carl Kaysen, deputy to McGeorge Bundy.

I am satisfied that no objection will be raised by the White House to the World Security Project either, but, this second project has not been adequately discussed with the Soviet Government as yet. In these circumstances only the first three week sessions, which constitutes the Arms Control Project is ready to be implemented immediately.

Since I have a commitment from the Reynolds Foundation for a contribution for \$7500 for the cost of the attached program our need at this time is an additional commitment of \$12,500, to cover the cost of the first three weeks session of the Program.

On the basis of past experience with the Soviet Union, I assume that they would take care of the traveling expenses of the Soviet participants and also of the living expenses of the American as well as the Russian participants inside of the Soviet Union.

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Any funds left over from the first three weeks session (Arms Control project) would be available to cover the expenses of the remainder of the attached Program.

If you think I ought to modify the grant request formulated above, or, if you wish to have any additional information perhaps you will find it convenient to call me over the telephone at the Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D. C. (Telephone: HUdson 3-6000).

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard