



DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 3, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard:

This will acknowledge receipt of the advance copy of *THE VOICE OF THE DOLPHINS*. Many thanks for having a copy sent to me. I am looking forward to reading it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Herbert York".

Herbert F. York

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Professor of Biophysics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

October 13, 1962

Dr. Herbert York, Chancellor  
University of California  
La Jolla, California

Confidential

Dear Dr. York:

I am writing to find out whether you might be willing to participate -- if invited to do so -- in a project which is described in the enclosed letter addressed to Chairman Khrushchev.

The sequence of events which led me to write the enclosed letter to Chairman Khrushchev are as follows:

Upon my return from the Pugwash meeting in Cambridge, England, I talked to a number of people in Washington and came to the conclusion that there is perhaps something that I myself could do at this point. I did not ask the blessing of anyone in the Government for what I would propose to do, but I did inform a number of people inside of the Government, including Robert McNamara, John McNaughton, Frank Long, and Jerome Wiesner.

Having listened to what they had to say, I talked with Ambassador Dobrynin. Thereafter, I talked to a number of "potential participants" in the project and having met with a favorable response, I asked Ambassador Dobrynin to transmit the enclosed letter to Moscow.

The "potential participants" to whom I talked included Roger Fisher, Freeman Dyson, Henry Kissinger, Harvery Brooks, Lew Henken, and George Rathjins.

I should like to strengthen this list of "potential participants", if I may, by adding your name to it. Assuming that the Russians respond favorably and the project is in fact set up, one would want to pick from among the possible American participants those who would be most effective in advocating in Washington the adoption of proposals which they regard as desirable. Clearly, if it were possible for you to free yourself for two weeks, or three weeks, from your other obligations, you would be a very desirable "participant" in the proposed project.

It is understood that if you were invited to participate, before accepting you would want to talk it over with those governmental agencies to whom you serve as a consultant, even though you would not want to embarrass them by asking them to give their blessing to your participation.

Please let me have your answer as soon as it is convenient and if you have any question, don't hesitate to call me over the telephone at HUDSON 3-6000, Washington, DC.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

Enclosure

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



CLARK KERR  
*President*

HERBERT F. YORK  
*Chancellor at San Diego*

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR  
LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

February 11, 1963

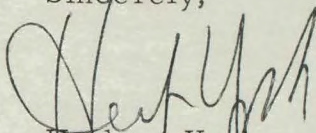
Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire  
Avenue, NW  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have reviewed your latest packet of correspondence, and am pleased to say that I am willing to participate provided that the project is approved (even though not sponsored) by the United States Government.

As for dates, I am pretty well booked up through March 7; after that, no dates except March 21 are absolutely impossible, but March 20-22, April 8-10, April 17-19, May 15-17, and June 19-21 are not good.

Sincerely,



Herbert York  
Chancellor

May 15, 1963

Dr. Herbert York, Chancellor  
The University of California  
La Jolla, California

Dear Dr. York:

As far as your participation in the proposed project is concerned, I propose that we let the matter rest until the conditions you have stipulated are fulfilled, i.e. until the blessing which the United States Government may extend to this project is formalized.

I expect that this will be done in the form of an exchange of letters between the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the White House. The reply from the White House to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences may either take the form of a letter written by the President or else it may take the form of a letter, written at the request of the President, by McGeorge Bundy.

I propose to send you a copy of the letters exchanged so that you may determine whether or not the condition which you set for your participation in the project is fulfilled by these letters. Until then, there is nothing much that you could, or would need to, do.

When you receive a copy of the letters exchanged then you may decide to discuss or not to discuss your participation in the project with Foster. Foster's position, as I understand it, is that you are a free man and can do as you wish; he is not going to call you up and tell you what you may or may not do. However, if you should call him and ask for his opinion, he would tell you that he is strongly opposed to your participation on the ground that you hold a Presidential Appointment as a member of the General Advisory Committee of the Arms Control & Disarmament Agency.

As I told you over the telephone, I plan to propose to the Russians that the meeting be held in Washington, in July, August or September. This I would do, however, only after I know who the participants will be and this, in turn, will not be determined until the above-mentioned exchange of letters is available.

Incidentally, I have delegated to Roger Fisher, Professor of Law at Harvard University, the responsibility for all arrangements to be made on the American side while I propose to retain the responsibility for the negotiations with the Russians. In these circumstances, the next communication to you may come from Roger Fisher rather than from me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Roger Fisher

Lee Sillard

June 19, 1963  
Wednesday

Dr. Herbert York, Chancellor  
The University of California  
La Jolla, California

Dear Dr. York:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter dated May 15th which I had sent you in order to refresh your memory. In the meantime, the United States Government's approval of the project has been formalized through an exchange of letters between Hudson Hoagland, President of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the President of the United States. I am enclosing a copy of this exchange of letters.

I am on the point of writing to Chairman Khrushchev to propose that the meeting be held in August or September in Washington or close to Washington and I need to submit together with my letters the names of those Americans who have agreed to participate, in principle. I am writing to inquire whether I may submit your name as one of those who have agreed to participate in principle. I hope very much that you will decide to participate, but before you make your decision I would suggest that you ~~read~~ read a passage of the letter of May 15th that I wrote you and which I have marked on the margin of the enclosed copy.

If you decide to participate, I would need from you a very brief curriculum vitae stressing those positions which you held that have a bearing on the problem of the arms race.

An Air Mail, Special Delivery letter addressed to me at the Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C., might reach me in Washington by Sunday. I should appreciate, however, your Air Mailing a carbon copy of your letter to me care of Professor Victor Weisskopf, Director General, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland. I am due to arrive in Geneva in the evening of Monday, June 24th.

While I would need from you a formal acceptance in writing I might call you in a few days to inquire what your decision is likely to be and perhaps also to give you such additional information as I might have before the end of the week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C., HUDSON 3-6000.

Sincerely yours.

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Keo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington 6, D.C.

Telegram for Prof. Szilard  
received from CERN.

1963

Lajolla, California.

As your letter indicates  
and as further checking  
on my part also indicates  
it appears that I cannot  
be both official and  
unofficial at the same  
time and therefore I must  
reluctantly and belatedly  
decline membership in your  
group however I remain  
most interested and would

be happy to serve if dates  
permit as either a pre-  
meeting consultant or as  
a post-meeting  
intermediary

Herbert York

Counsellor

University of California

San Diego.

P.O. Box 109

La Jolla

*file copy*

Geneva, 6 July 1963

Dr Herbert York  
Chancellor  
The University of California  
at San Diego  
P.O. Box 109  
La Jolla  
California

Dear Dr York,

I am writing to thank you for the cable you sent me to Geneva.  
I greatly appreciate your willingness to help as much as possible  
and I propose to communicate with you if anything positive develops.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard



28 January, 1964

Dr. Herbert York  
Chancellor  
University of California  
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear York:

Enclosed is the paper I mentioned to you, together with the summary of it. Attached also is a letter which I received from Franklin Long relating to it.

If you find time to read the paper and feel like discussing it please give me a ring either at the Hotel La Valencia or at the Salk Institute. Please note that the chances of a message left at the Hotel for me, reaching me are no more than about 1 in 5.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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