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June 9th. 1960.

Mr. Michael Land,
LOOK Magazine,
488 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Land,

I am writing to confirm your telephone call on June 7th in which you advised me that you are not able to estimate the date on which LOOK magazine will publish my article which has been accepted for publication by them. I understood you to say that in these circumstances you would not object if I looked around for some other magazine that might be willing to print my article at a reasonably early date. If I find another suitable magazine I will, of course, immediately let you know and naturally, whatever they would offer me would be payable to LOOK magazine. But suppose the fee is less than the \$2,500 which LOOK has paid me, what would then be the position that LOOK magazine would want to adopt?

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Leo Szilard.

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COWLES MAGAZINES INC. *Look Building 488 Madison Ave. New York 22, NY MURRAY HILL 8-0300*

June 14, 1960

Dr. Leo Szilard
Memorial Hospital
Room 133
444 East 68th St.
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:

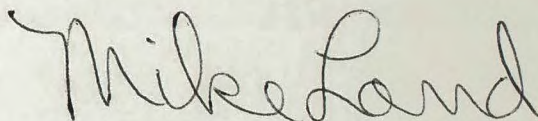
Thank you very much for your letter of June 9th.

I'm sorry about the delay in scheduling your article, and I certainly understand your interest in getting it into print.

As I mentioned to you in our telephone conversation of June 7th, we have no objection whatever to your offering this piece to other publications which might be able to publish it at an earlier date.

We appreciate your generous offer regarding any payment you receive from another publication. Please do not be concerned if the fee is less than the \$2,500 paid by LOOK. We recognize the fact that this problem arises as a result of our scheduling difficulties.

Sincerely,



Mike Land
Book Editor

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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THE ENRICO FERMI INSTITUTE
FOR NUCLEAR STUDIES

September 21, 1960.

Mr. Gardner Cowles,
488 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cowles,

Enclosed you will find an Excerpt from my forthcoming book "The Voice of the Dolphins", which will be published by Simon & Schuster. The preface of the Excerpt explains the circumstances under which it was written. I thought perhaps the contents of this Excerpt might interest you.

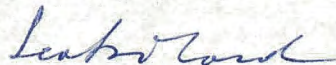
I should appreciate any comment which you might care to make on the issues which I am raising and, if you are interested, we could discuss them orally over the telephone or perhaps even in person. For the time being, I feel quite well; I frequently leave the hospital to go out for dinner and sometimes I go out for lunch.

I am at present considering making an article out of this Excerpt and, for this purpose, it might be somewhat shortened and, in any case, it needs some editing. I was wondering whether Look Magazine might be interested in printing an article along these lines, perhaps in two installments of about five thousand words each.

Please let me know if Look Magazine is interested.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,



Leo Szilard

Room 812,
The Memorial Hospital,
444 East 68th Street,
New York 21, N.Y.

Tel: TR9-3000, Ext.133.

Enclosure

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DANIEL D. MICH, *Editorial Director*

September 27, 1960

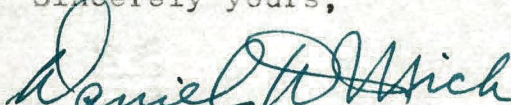
Dear Dr. Szilard:

Mr. Cowles has asked me to reply to your letter of September 21.

We have both read with interest the excerpt from your forthcoming book, "The Voice of the Dolphins." We won't be able to use this material in LOOK, but we appreciate your giving us a chance to consider it.

I am herewith returning your manuscript.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel D. Mich

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Dr. Leo Szilard
Room 812
The Memorial Hospital
444 East 68th Street
New York 21, New York

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Judy Stone

February 16, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard:

By now, I am sure, you have been contacted by the Mike Wallace show regarding a preliminary interview. I hope the arrangements were satisfactory.

We are supposed to be at the studio, WNTA, 1481 Broadway, by 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, February 21.

I would like to meet you and accompany you to the studio if that would be convenient for you. Could I meet you at your hotel at 4:30? However, I could just meet you at the studio if that would be more convenient for you. Please let me know.

And thank you again for agreeing to appear on the program.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Stone

TUES 4:45

NTA Studios JU2-7300
1481 B'way (42nd st)

3rd Floor

TOM COHEN
1 WEST 85TH ST.
N.Y. 24, N.Y.

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National Press Building, Washington 4, D. C.

Oct. 25, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard:

In connection with our phone conversation of yesterday, I send you the following upon your promise that you will hold it in confidence until the story appears in LOOK. This may not be until February or March, because our story must again proceed through the torturous security procedure which already has consumed four months for the notes alone.

On July 25, 1945, Col. Kenneth D. Nichols sent to Gen. Groves a whole package of opinions and views on the morality of dropping the bomb on ~~Japan~~ Japan. This package included your petition in a sealed envelope to the President. Nichols said in the letter: "It is recommended that these ~~papers~~ papers be forwarded to the President of the United States with proper comments."

July 25, 1945 was the same day the order to drop the A-bomb on Japan ~~was written~~ "after about 3 August" was okayed by Stimson in Potsdam after having been written in Gen. Handy's office in Pentagon the day before.

On May 24, 1946, almost a year later, Capt. R. Gordon Arneson, secretary of the Interim Committee, wrote a memorandum for the files covering many things. In this he said the package referred to above, including your July 17 petition, was delivered by Groves' office to Stimson's office on Aug. 1, 1945. "It was decided," said the memo, "that no useful purpose would

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be served by transmitting ~~either~~ the petition (yours) or any of the attached documents to the White House, particularly ~~since~~ since the President was not then in the country."

I would appreciate it if you would permit me to talk again on the phone with you next week when the story will be complete.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Fletcher Knebel

P.S. My collaborator on this project is Charles W. Bailey of this office with whom I collaborated on last year's book about the A-bomb project entitled, "No High Ground."

852 National Press Bldg.

District 7-9111

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SZILARD
Leo

Washington, D.C.
July 6, 1962

The Editor
LOOK Magazine
433 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Attention: Mr. John Poppy

Dear Sir:

I was grateful to you for mentioning, in your lead article of the July 17 issue, the Council for Abolishing War. This political committee was established early in June in Washington, D.C. as the result of the response I received to a speech given at nine colleges and universities. The text of this speech, "Are We On The Road To War?", was reprinted by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and describes how the Council is to operate. Since your article, which had to cover many facets of the general problem, could not possibly describe in detail what we are trying to do, I take the liberty of suggesting that those of your readers who are interested write for a reprint to the Bulletin at 935 East 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Washington, D.C.

cc: Mrs. M. B. Zerwick

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August 7, 1962

Mr. Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Dupont Circle, Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Szilard:

Thank you for your letter commenting on the article "The Big March for Peace" which appeared in the July 17, 1962, issue of LOOK.

You may be interested to know that a portion of your letter will appear in the August 28, 1962, issue of LOOK on sale August 14, 1962.



Cordially,



Anne Celli
Assistant to the Editors

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May 23, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The editors of Look believe that the problems of morality in our society concern an increasing number of people. Many are questioning the basis of our morality and some fear that we are experiencing a decline in moral values.

To examine this concern, the editors have asked me to prepare an article based on the views of notable authorities and thinkers in various fields. We all regard you as among those best equipped to point out the meaningful current and to put people's anxieties and questions into perspective. The central question we wish to pose is: What do you feel is most significant about our moral attitudes and the incidence of public and private immorality in our society today?

I have already talked with a few outstanding people abroad for this purpose, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Arnold Toynbee, Sir Charles and Lady Snow, Willy Brandt and Raymond Aron.

I would very much appreciate an opportunity to come and talk with you as part of this undertaking. We would not want you to prepare or write anything. If we could chat informally about some of the aspects of morality that concern you, the inclusion of your views in this article would help give many of Look's 34 million readers a better understanding of our concepts of morality at this moment in our history. Of course, I am most interested in hearing your views on the moral effects of our increasing scientific knowledge and also on the moral problems this new knowledge creates for the scientist in our society.

I can be in Chicago on June 12, 13 and 14 and hope very much that you can see me during this time. It would be very good to visit with you again. Please let me know when it might be convenient.

Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you.

Sincerely,

Bob Moskin

J. Robert Moskin
Senior Editor

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May 30, 1963

J. Robert Moskin, Senior Editor
LOOK Magazine
488 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Moskin:

Many thanks for your kind letter of May 23rd. As you see from the above address, I am at present in Washington and I don't expect to be in Chicago in the foreseeable future. I shall stay in Washington until the morning of the 7th of June, when I go to Cold Spring Harbor, New York, to attend a biological meeting. You could reach me there through the Long Island Biological Association. I shall stay in Cold Spring Harbor until June 13th and I might be in New York City the 15th and 16th of June, which is a weekend. After that, my schedule is uncertain.

I think it would be simplest if you mailed me a set of questions; some of these I would probably not want to answer and the rest I could answer in writing. The only thing I am compelled to say at this juncture is as follows:

"The individuals who make up our society are rarely guided in their actions by moral considerations alone or by considerations of expediency alone. Mostly their actions are influenced by both considerations.

"Those individuals who give moral considerations a much greater weight than considerations of expediency represent a comparatively small minority, five percent of the people perhaps. But, in spite of their numerical inferiority, they play a major role in our society because their's is the voice of the conscience of society.

"In contrast to individuals, governments are by and large guided by considerations of expediency and moral considerations are rarely taken into account by them. In this regard, the various nations differ, but they differ only slightly, and the resemblance in this regard between the United States under the present Administration and the Government of Imperial Germany under William II is rather striking. In the current debate between the opposition and the Administration on whether there should be a blockade or an invasion of Cuba, the spokesmen of the Administration say, that either an invasion or a blockade of Cuba at this time would be inexpedient, because it would involve too great a risk of war. None of those who have spoken for the Administration so far have said that a blockade or invasion of Cuba would represent a flagrant violation of the U.N. Charter which we are committed to uphold, particularly, if in the absence of long-range rockets in Cuba, Cuba does not represent a clear and present danger to our military security. The official position of the State Department is that while we may in the present circumstances chose not to invade Cuba, this is a matter of choice on our part, which is based on considerations of expediency; it is not a matter of principle, based on our international obligations.

J. Robert Moskin
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"The latest statement in this regard that has come to my notice was printed in the EVENING STAR (Washington, D.C.) on May 27th, quoting a State Department spokesman who said that the no-invasion promise in regard to Cuba was offered for something that the Russians never delivered - that is, on-site inspection of Cuba to verify the removal of (the) Soviet (offensive weapons). How we could invade Cuba without violating the U.N. Charter, the State Department spokesmen do not bother to explain.

"When, at the outset of the 1st World War, Imperial Germany sent its troops marching through Belgium in flagrant violation of the treaty to which Germany was a signatory, Bethman-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, called that treaty 'a scrap of paper'. Americans have a sufficiently strong Anglo-Saxon streak to appreciate the value of hypocrisy; our statesmen do not refer to the U.N. Charter as a scrap of paper; all they do is to ignore the Charter.

"A government which is guided solely by considerations of expediency is likely to come to grief sooner or later. As long as they arrive at their decisions through reasoned arguments based on valid premises, all will go well, but sooner or later they are going to base their reasoned arguments on an invalid premise and that is when they will come to grief."

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If you think you could use a statement along these lines, but want it shortened, I shall try to shorten it. But, whatever statement I may finally submit would have to be printed without change and without cuts.

As far as the issue of "morality" is concerned, the only aspect in which I am interested at this time is the one upon which I have enlarged above.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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June 10, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
Dupont Plaza Hotel
Dupont Circle
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I would like to thank you for being so generous with your time and thought when we talked together about morality in America. Your views on this subject were extremely stimulating and useful and I'm sure will be of great interest to millions of our readers.

I hope we will have future opportunities to talk together.

Sincerely,

Bob Moskin

J. Robert Moskin
Senior Editor

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11 September 1963

Dr J. Robert Moskin
Senior Editor
Look Magazine
488 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y.
USA

Dear Dr Moskin,

Many thanks for your kind letter of July 16. I am grateful to you for having sent me the Quotes. They are so strongly condensed that it is very often quite difficult to understand their meaning and in some cases I myself was not able to reconstruct what I may have meant to say.

Enclosed you will find the same Quotes you have sent me (with a few exceptions which did not ring true) except that I have added the water. Please feel free to use any selection you wish from among these quotes which I have numbered.

I shall be very grateful, however, if you do not cut down or change any of the quotes covered by a number and, instead, omit those of the quotes which appear to be too long or otherwise not suitable.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard
c/o Dr M. Kaplan
World Health Organization
Palais des Nations
Geneva

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October 14, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o Dr. M. Kaplin
World Health Organization
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have only recently received your letter with your written development of some of the questions we discussed.

Since I had not heard from you by the time I had to close the article, in August, I used one brief quotation from you. It would have been a shame not to include you in it. I am enclosing a tearsheet of the article so that you can see it in its entirety and hope very much that you like it.

The response to the article has been gratifying. We have received a great deal of mail; our expectation that moral problems are troubling many Americans seems confirmed. So far I have seen only the hundreds of letters addressed to me personally, and they have been heartwarming. I truly hope we have performed a service.

Since the article appeared, there has developed a very real possibility that I will have the opportunity to expand the article to book-length. If this comes about, I will be able to report your views much more fully, based on our interview and your very fine letter to me. I will certainly send you a copy of the book, if and when it is published, as a token of my appreciation and respect.

I hope very much that you believe that a fuller book-length treatment might help put our times and our problems into a clearer perspective for many people. Maybe it will even help some to re-examine their preconceptions.

Please accept my deep appreciation for your help.

With best regards,

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J. Robert Moskin
Senior Editor

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P.S. I regret that I will not be here to sign this note to you. I am off on a three-week trip and do not want you to wait until my return to hear from me. Please accept my appreciation without the signature.

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4 February, 1964

Mr. Leo Rosten
Editorial Offices
Look Magazine
488 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rosten:

I am enclosing an article which will appear towards the end of February in The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. It is aimed at pin-pointing the only avenue open to us along which we could move towards a meaningful kind of arms control. I was wondering whether Look magazine would be interested in an article written for popular consumption. As things are, I would rather not do it myself if I can find somebody else, preferably somebody who was involved in the Kennedy Administration but is not now working for the U.S. Government.

If Look magazine is interested, I shall try to think of somebody who could write such an article.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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LEO ROSTEN
Special Editorial Adviser

March 22, 1964

Professor Leo Szilard
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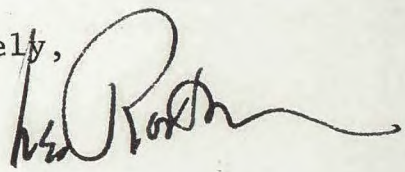
Dear Professor Szilard:

Thank you ever so much for your letter of February 4 and your paper on determents.

I have been on jury duty for several weeks, and turned your letter over to the top editor here just before that. I returned to find a note from him--and the verdict is, alas, in the negative, insofar as Look is concerned.

Do give my best regards to Warren Weaver.

Sincerely,



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