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Dear Szilard,

I am sorry you were unlucky in your New York efforts.

I rather think that people who are favorable to the Soviet Government and are not personally acquainted with Klapitza will not understand the seriousness of the situation and will be unwilling to take any action against Russia. They will look upon it only as an affair between a Russian subject and his own government, and will not appreciate that Klapitza was looked upon almost as an Englishman. However, Millikan, and probably also others who are not so favorable to the Soviet Government, would be quite willing to support a boycott. In fact Millikan suggested a boycott to me in his talks with me in Washington. I am rather afraid though, that unless support for this kind of action is almost unanimous, it would not be of any use. Do you think it is any use proceeding on these lines? Millikan is known to be rather hostile to the Soviets and I do not think he would have much influence in persuading the friends of the Soviets to take any action.

Yours sincerely,

P. A. M. Dirac.

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