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February 6, 1955

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am writing in response to your letter in this morning's N.Y. Times. I like your proposal for groups of qualified men to explore the possibilities for a workable international settlement that would preserve peace. I would like to offer whatever help I can in carrying out this proposal.

I edit the Bulletin of the Research Exchange on the Prevention of War, a copy of which I enclose. This Bulletin appears every two months and is read by a small number of social scientists, mostly psychologists, who are concerned with this problem. If you would like to make any kind of announcement or proposal in the pages of our Bulletin, we would be very happy to publish it.

I would also be glad to help in any other way, such as talking to colleagues here or writing to those elsewhere. I do not have any contacts with foundations or other sources of funds, but I would suggest that the American Friends Service Committee would be worth approaching for sponsorship.

I would like to urge that any groups which are set up should include people who might be able to judge the probable reactions of the Communists to any proposals that are considered. One of the major defects in our thinking about foreign policy has been a stubborn unwillingness, or at least inability, to look at things from the Communist point of view in order to understand, and perhaps anticipate, their reactions. I think the current Formosa crisis is an illustration of this.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Gladstone

Arthur Gladstone

Kings Crown Hotel
420 W. 116th St
New York, N. Y.
February 12, 1955

Dr. Arthur Gladstone
Department of Psychology & Education
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa

Dear Dr. Gladstone:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of February 6th. The letter to the Times will be reprinted in the Denver Post also. It is too early to say whether the moral support which may be forthcoming will be sufficient to catalyse some concrete course of action even though the initial reaction is quite encouraging.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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February 18, 1955

Professor Leo Szilard
Kings Crown Hotel
420 West 116 St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Professor Szilard:

We are planning to reprint a portion of your letter to the New York Times in the March issue of our Bulletin. We will use paragraphs nine through thirteen, i.e. from the sentence that begins "To remove the instability inherent in the power conflict..." to the sentence that concludes "... such men would make themselves available in response to the proper invitation." The quotation will be preceded by the following paragraph:

"On February 6 the New York Times published a letter from Leo Szilard, professor of physics at the University of Chicago, suggesting that the only way to avoid a devastating war with Russia is to seek for some kind of overall agreement which will make peaceful coexistence possible and urging the formation of groups to study the bases for such an agreement. Since this proposal may be of interest to the readers of the Bulletin, we reprint the portion of Professor Szilard's letter in which it is made."

If you would like some changes or additions to be made or if you would prefer us not to quote you at all, please let me know right away.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Gladstone

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The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Denver - March 8, 1955

Professor Arthur Gladstone
Psychology Department
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Gladstone:

Your letter of February 18th was forwarded to me in Denver with some delay so that I did not receive it until yesterday. This answer may, therefore, come too late to serve any useful purpose.

My general preference is to have the letter published in the New York Times reprinted unabridged or not at all. Omissions change the balance and the mood, even if they do not change the content.

I regret if this belated answer should have caused you any inconvenience.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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March 24, 1955

Professor Leo Szilard
Department of Physics
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

I am afraid that your letter of March 8 reached me too late to prevent publication of a portion of your letter to the New York Times in the March issue of our Bulletin. I enclose a copy of this issue and you will find the quotation from your letter on page 39. I hope that you do not feel that this quotation misrepresents your point of view. If you feel that it does we should of course feel obliged to apologize and hope that we would be able to make amends in some way.

I am afraid that I was at fault in going ahead with this before securing your permission.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Gladstone

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