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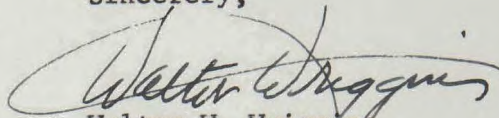
Doctor Leo Szilard  
The Memorial Hospital  
444 East 68th Street  
New York, New York.

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Victor Weybright has signed the proposed agreement for your Memoirs and I am asking my secretary, Mrs. McDonagh to hand it to you personally. If you find it in order, please sign and return two copies at your convenience.

Your copy of the basic Simon & Schuster agreement and an unexecuted draft of our reprint license are also enclosed.

Sincerely,



Walter W. Wiggins  
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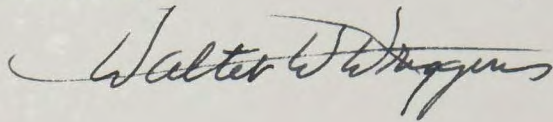
Doctor Leo Szilard  
The Memorial Hospital  
444 East 68th Street  
New York, New York.

Dear Doctor Szilard:

We are pleased to have your "MEMOIRS" as a New American Library publishing project and we are enthusiastic about its future not only as a document but as a literary work.

You will find your copy of the agreement enclosed with our check covering the advance royalty guarantee.

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October 11, 1960

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

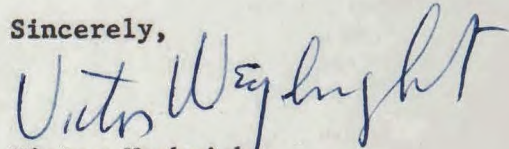
Dear Dr. Szilard:

How goes the memoir? While abroad, and especially at the Frankfurt Book Fair, I stimulated a great deal of interest in your memoir - and have given options, subject to terms, of course, to the following:

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7. Otava Publishing Company - Finland

This is only the beginning of book interest. Our agents, in addition, are tremendously interested in serial and syndication rights. I don't believe I can produce contracts until we've something to show in the way of a partial manuscript, but I know it will cheer you on to know the range of spontaneous interest in you, your work, your philosophy, your thesis, and your story.

Sincerely,



Victor Weybright  
Chairman and Editor

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October 14, 1960.

Victor Weybright,  
The New American Library  
of World Literature, Inc.,  
501 Madison Avenue,  
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Weybright,

Many thanks for your kind letter of October 11.  
At the moment I feel very well and am fully active to the  
point where I plan to go to Moscow to attend the Pugwash  
Conference on November 27.

Upon my return, I hope to get to work seriously  
on the memoirs. At the moment I am snowed under with what  
you might call the intellectual preparation of the Moscow  
Conference; I have no administrative or organizational  
responsibility, of course.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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

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March 16, 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard  
c/o The Hotel DuPont Plaza  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am delighted to hear that the Columbia University Living History group is going to work with you in Washington. Although Ledig Rohwolt is a dear friend, I have given an option to Fischer Verlag in Frankfurt which would be unethical to alter. If Rohwolt would outbid the Fischers, after I have an offer from Fischer -- after they have read the manuscript -- it would be ethical to move the MEMOIRS alongside THE DOLPHINS in Germany. I imagine that Rohwolt's 50,000 copy printing will be in his paperbound Ro-Ro-Ro series. Fischer also do an impressive paperbound series, with most printings near the 100,000 copy mark.

Since we have invested \$5,000 in foreign rights, you can be sure that we not only want to recover them but to earn accruals for you.

Sincerely,

*Victor Weybright*

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Chairman and Editor

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March 25, 1961

Mr. Victor Weybright  
The New American Library of  
World Literature, Inc.  
501 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Weybright:

Many thanks for your letter of March 16th. Since I last wrote you, I received a letter from Professor Donald Shaughnessy of the Oral History Research Office of Columbia University, a copy of which you will find attached.

I am afraid this is a major blow to the book because I was counting on using the technique that I have discussed with Shaughnessy and on starting in the near future. That Shaughnessy cannot come to Washington is unfortunate, but I could possibly arrange to move up to New York at some later date and do the work there. However, Shaughnessy also states that their "non-earmarked" funds are exhausted and this appears to close the door to all arrangements with this group.

I was, therefore, wondering whether you might not want to talk this matter over with Max Schuster or Skimkin and see whether it might not be possible for one of you to induce a foundation to give a "non-earmarked" grant to the Oral History Research Office that would enable that office to reinstate the proposal which they have made to me on their own initiative. If you should wish to discuss this matter over the telephone with Professor Shaughnessy, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

cc: Prof. Donald Shaughnessy

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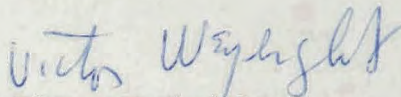
Marcy 27, 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard  
c/o Hotel Dupont Plaze  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

By good chance, I expect to be seeing Max Schuster tomorrow; but at the moment I cannot think of any one willing to finance the sort of thing that the Oral History Research Office at Columbia University was going to do for you. I shall be in touch after exchanging views. I do hope, however, that in the meantime you are working with a secretary on the first draft, or perhaps considering a friendly and qualified collaborator. Do get the MEMOIR into publishing form, first draft at least.

Sincerely,



Victor Weybright,  
Chairman and editor

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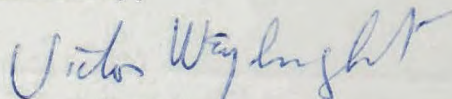
April 28, 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard  
% DuPont Plaza Hotel  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The Norman Cousin's article in the current Saturday Review reminds me that indeed a year has passed since the beginning of our talks about your MEMOIRS. Now is the time for your message to achieve world-wide circulation, and all of our overseas publishers as well as we ourselves and Simon & Schuster are eagerly awaiting some indication of work in progress.

Sincerely,



Victor Weybright  
Chairman and Editor

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January 15th 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard,  
Enrico Fermi Institute for  
Nuclear Studies,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago  
Illinois.

Dear Dr. Szilard,

In all the cosmic and Cosmos discussions of humanity and morality I never see any reference to the individual obligations of authors to their publishers.

This note is simply to atone modestly for such omission; what actually is happening with respect to the preparation of your Memoir. We have at least half-dozen eager foreign publishers, in addition to ourselves, awaiting a word, even a whisper, and I cannot get any reassuring progress report from our friends at Simon and Schuster.

Do, please, let me know approximately when you contemplate meeting the deadline.

Sincerely yours,

*Victor Weybright*

Victor Weybright,  
Chairman and Editor.

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May 16th 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard,  
DuPont Plaza Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.

*18 May ans'd*

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I am very distressed by the fact that, with all of the energy you now manifest in your Peace Campaign, you do not answer my letters concerning the delivery of your manuscript.

I should think that your book would do more for your cause than any other possible activity on your part.

Could you let me know your writing schedule, with a possible deadline?

Sincerely yours,

*Victor Weybright*

Victor Weybright,  
Chairman and Editor.

Washington, D.C.  
18 May 1962

Victor Weybright  
The New American Library of World Literature, Inc.  
501 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Weybright:

Many thanks for your letter of 16 May. As you probably know, I can write only if and when the spirit moves me and then only what the spirit moves me to write. Right now the spirit doesn't move me to write anything. Concerning what you call my Peace Campaign in your letter, I am in the process of organising myself out of it by setting up a committee which will carry on this work. With luck the committee will be in operation three weeks from now and it will leave me free from any operational responsibilities. It is conceivable that the spirit will move me then to write my memoirs.

Who knows?

Sincerely,

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