

ARTHUR PENN

February 12, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

This is just a note the next morning to tell you how delighted we all were to have met you and to have had the opportunity to discuss some of the points of your program.

I'm proceeding with the plans here to start the cycle of dinners, and am providing the prospective hosts and hostesses with a sufficient number of copies of the speech. I am also enclosing a list of the people who attended on Sunday, and a list of the hosts and hostesses.

We will arrange for certain funds for secretarial purposes from the group here in New York. I promise to limit the amount to whatever you and Dr. Livingston feel will be the minimum required.

Other plans for raising "seed money" have been offered -- the one by Mike Nichols, which would be a form of entertainment rally here in New York and in California, has shown some considerable success in the past in behalf of SANE.

My instinct about such rallies is one of caution. I think they tend to have a slightly feverish and meretricious air about them. Perhaps there will be a time when these rallies will be effective, but I continue to admire the aspect of the program which suggests individual initiative under a commitment of longer duration than one night.

Peggy has not yet produced the child, but she has produced a bronchial condition that dismays her. The only pleasure she seems to have had in these last days was meeting you and Mrs. Szilard. I know she will remember it, as I will, for a long time.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



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23 March 1962

Mr. Arthur Penn  
2 West 67th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Penn:

Attached is an offer which I received. I wonder whether you could give me some advice as to what a reasonable counter-offer might be. If you have a lawyer friend who understands about options of this sort, perhaps you could ask him to draft a reply which I might make and mail it to me at my Washington address.

If there is any query about this perhaps you could call me over the telephone. I expect we shall have to talk to each other over the telephone in any case within the next few days.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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March 29, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

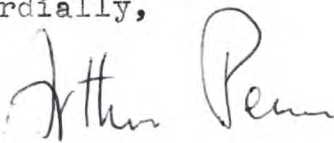
I have read over the terms proposed to you, and the terms, as proposed for theatre presentation of "Voice of the Dolphin", seem proper since they are covered under contract with the Dramatists' Guild, Authors' League of America. As for the movie rights, I'm not certain that \$3500 is sufficient. I think you should either seek advice from a literary agent or withhold the motion picture sale until after theatre presentation. I'm not terribly well equipped to advise you about motion picture sales, and I really would recommend the services of a literary agent.

We had a baby girl, named Molly, and she's thriving; and we are all delighted with being on vacation in Stockbridge. We'll be back April 10th, and shortly thereafter perhaps I can come down to Washington to discuss some of the aspects of the program with you, in person. I think I might be able to advise you of certain often-repeated sentiments that might be helpful in the completion of the program's aims. Nothing I have to say is urgent, and therefore I withhold any long descriptions of them in this letter.

I look forward to seeing you, and will be in touch with you before I journey down to Washington.

Warmest regards to you and your wife from us and from the Gibsons.

Cordially,



Arthur Penn  
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