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Mr. James G. Patton
National Farmers Union
3501 E. 46th Avenue
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Patton:

I was doing a little biology this summer, and when I got to New York City about the middle of August, the symptoms of the present strained political situation struck me with full force.

I am enclosing the manuscript of an article entitled "Letter to Stalin" and a copy of a letter which I have written to Secretary Marshall. Both have been submitted to the BULLETIN for publication.

I wonder whether you could find time to read the article and to scrutinize the letter addressed to Marshall.

The present plan is to have the article and the letter to Marshall printed in the next issue of the BULLETIN, which should appear around the 28th of October. Advance copies are being sent to a number of people by the BULLETIN with a request of commenting on it. The comments would be, if possible, printed in the same issue of the BULLETIN.

It is felt that if this article were accompanied by good comments on the part of persons whose voice carries weight, the chance that the article might have a good effect would be considerably increased. It is not expected that all people who have been asked to send in comments will be in a position to say that they approve of the contents of the article. Comments which would draw attention to the seriousness of the situation would also be helpful and could by implication express approval of the decision to write such an unusual article and to take such an unusual step as writing the letter to Marshall.

If you feel you can make some comment which might be useful if published along with the article, please address it, either in the form of a letter or a telegram, to the BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS. They would presumably be in a position to have it printed in the same issue. Such comments ought to be received, if possible, by October 10 and not later than Monday, October 13.

I would, of course, be very much interested also in any private comments you might care to make and which you may send me directly.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard.

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APRIL 8, 1950

DR. ROBERT M. HUTCHINS
PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

LEO SZILARD AND I HAVE SPENT EVENING DISCUSSING PROPOSED COMMISSION ON AMERICAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS. WE HAVE CANVASSED A LIST OF MEN WHO MIGHT BEST SERVE AS CHAIRMAN. I AM CONVINCED AFTER DELIBERATION THAT YOU WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE CHAIRMAN FOR THIS EXCELLENT PROJECT. IT REQUIRES AS CHAIRMAN A PERSON OF INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY AND ONE WHO HAS THE GUTS AND AT THE SAME TIME THE INDEPENDENCE AND STATURE TO CHALLENGE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO DARING THINKING AND ACTION. I AM CONVINCED FROM RATHER INTIMATE CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN THAT THIS IS THE TIME TO LAUNCH THIS PROJECT. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMISSION. RESPECTFULLY

JIM PATTON, PRESIDENT
NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

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MAY 3, 1950
NITE LETTER

CLARENCE PICKETT, HONORARY SECRETARY
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
20 S. 12th ST.
PHILADELPHIA 7, PENNSYLVANIA

DR. HARRISON BROWN AND DR. LEO SELLARD HAVE BEEN TALKING TO ME ABOUT THE PROPOSED COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD TO STUDY RELATIONS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA. THEY VERY MUCH WANT YOU TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, WITH ROBERT HUTTONS, CHANCELLOR OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, SERVING AS CHAIRMAN. I HAVE AGREED TO GO ON THE BOARD AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL AGREE TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

RESPECTFULLY, JAMES G. PATTON, PRESIDENT
NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

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June 3, 1955

Dr. Leo Zillard
Atomic Scientist
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Leo:

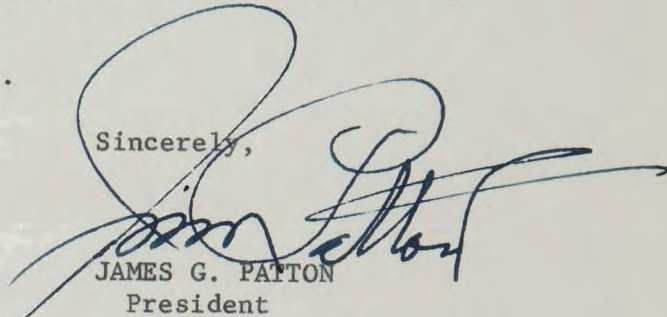
I enjoyed our visit in Denver the other day very much. I am looking forward to seeing you some time soon.

You will recall that I mentioned the Interdependence Council to you and especially Otto Mallery, its Chairman. I am enclosing a letter from Otto Mallery along with a copy of the Declaration of Interdependence. Attached to the letter is a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors which I thought you might like to see.

I will be very glad to write a letter to Otto Mallery if you decide you want to see him.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



JAMES G. PATTON
President

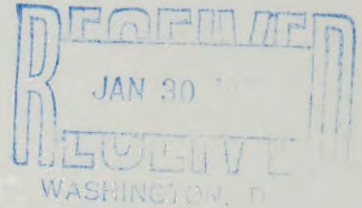
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January 29, 1963



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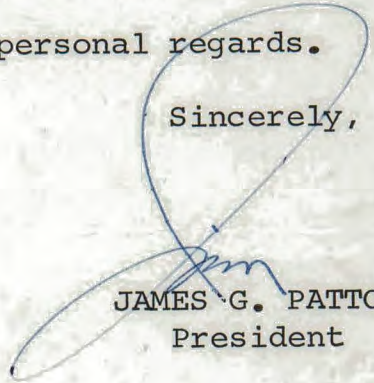
My dear Leo:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on January 11-12.

Sometime before long I would like to come over and have a visit with you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



JAMES G. PATTON
President