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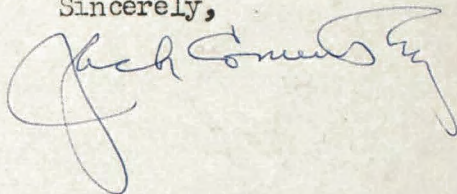
Dear Dr. Szilard:

Here is that remarkable speech
made at Ann Arbor by the publisher of
the Louisville Courier-Journal.

I enjoyed very much chatting with
you in our office.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack Cominsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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RICHARD THRUELSEN
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Professor Leo Szilard
Department of Biophysics
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

Do you think there would be an *Adventures*
of The Mind article in your theory relating
ageing and death to faults among the "vegeta-
tive" genes? If you do, I would like to
discuss the possibility with you.

Cordially,

Richard Thruelsen

RT:ps

Enclosures

June 7th. 1960.

The Saturday Evening Post,
Attention of Mr. Richard Thruelsen,
The Curtis Publishing Co.,
Philadelphia 5.

Dear Mr. Thruelsen,

You wrote me on April 17th 1959 and asked me if I might contribute an article which you might include in the Adventures of the Mind series. These days I have been giving some thought to the problem of how the world might get rid of major wars and I am enclosing the unedited version of an article, "Has the Time Come to Abrogate War?". Attached is a copy of a letter from Senator Kennedy which makes a reference to this article.

I have submitted the enclosed article to LOOK and they have accepted it, in the sense that they sent me a cheque for \$2,500, but they were, so far, unable to give me any indication when they would want to print the article. I told them that I may have to withdraw the article if its publication is delayed too long.

I feel that in view of the latest Russian Note on disarmament, it is urgent that the decisions which we as a nation must now make, be publicly discussed and therefore, I am eager to have my article published at a reasonably early date.

If we were interested in printing an edited version of my article,

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and if were able to do so at an early date, I could contact LOOK magazine and withdraw the article.

Yours very truly,

Leo Szilard.

P.S. I am, at present, a patient at Memorial Hospital, New York City and I should appreciate being advised over the telephone, at ext. 133 TRafalgar 9 - 3000, whether you are interested in the enclosed article.

L.S.

A STATEMENT FOR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

In a continuing series of articles called ADVENTURES OF THE MIND, The Saturday Evening Post is offering its readers an appraisal of the significant ideas and technical advances of the 20th century. These articles will be written by men eminent in the fields of science, the humanities and the arts, in language acceptable to the specialist, and comprehensible to the intelligent layman. It is our hope that these ideas will be presented with grace, wit and felicity of expression.

The vein of these articles may be philosophical, controversial, polemical or interpretive. They will not be journalistic or topical. They will not be simplifications, popularizations or descriptions of techniques. They must be original in concept, broad in purpose and execution, and of universal importance. We hope, above all, that they will reflect the mainstreams of contemporary thought and research and that they will interest and stimulate the thoughtful adult reader.

Suggestions for articles in the ADVENTURES OF THE MIND series, which is a regular feature of The Post, are heartily welcomed by the editors. Articles are assigned after consideration of an outline or precis of the projected treatment by the editors. We will gladly consider extracting portions of book manuscripts or galleys provided we can publish before or simultaneously with book publication. Maximum length of the articles is 5,000 words. Payment for acceptable manuscript is \$2,500.

August 7, 1960.

Mr. Robert Sherrod,
Managing Editor,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Independence Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sherrod,

Mr. George Jones told me that he transmitted to you a copy of "The Voice of the Dolphins". This manuscript is still under revision. I am removing the discussion of post war history, in order to limit the main text to the description of the future. Everything else will be relegated to three Appendices. The Appendix which you have will be Appendix 2 and Appendices 1 and 3 I can send you in a few days, if you are interested. This will complete the major revisions as far as the book is concerned which Simon & Schuster are supposed to publish but, as you may have noticed, the manuscript will require editing.

If you should be interested in a serialisation, then it may be that further major revisions might be needed.

I am also considering writing a strongly abbreviated version limited to describing the history of the next twenty five years - without involving the dolphins. I might use such an abbreviated text as the basis of discussion with American and Russian colleagues of the problem of stabilizing peace.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Enclosure

Leo Szilard

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ROBERT SHERROD
MANAGING EDITOR

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PHILADELPHIA 5

August 10, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

My friend George Jones sent us your projected treatment of the dolphins, and your new pages 18 to 27 followed a few days later. At least half a dozen of us have tried to find a way to fit it into our scheme of things, but we have not come near to success. I'm very sorry about this, because we should be pleased to have you as a contributor.

Perhaps another idea will occur to you which might be more suitable. If so, please let me know.

With my best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Sherrod

RS:csd

August 19th. 1960.

Mr. Robert Sherrod,
Managing Editor,
The Saturday Evening Post,
The Curtis Publishing Co.,
Philadelphia 5, PA..

Dear Mr. Sherrod:

Many thanks for your letter of August 10th. I regret to hear that you have no use for dolphins.

In the meantime I have entered into a contract with Simon & Shuster for my "memoires", which I propose to limit to that part of my life which is relevant to the pre-war history (and to a lesser extent also the post-war history) of the liberation of atomic energy on an industrial scale and the bomb. This contract is limited to the American hard-cover edition. The Rights for an American paper-back edition and Foreign Rights are covered by parallel contracts with the New American Libraries. My deadline is December 31st. 1962.

I have retained the Right of First Serialization for America. I was thinking in terms of writing five articles of about 5000 words each in case you, or some other magazine, should be interested in printing ^{such a} ~~this~~ series of five articles and if suitable terms can be arranged.

One of these articles would deal with the decision to use the bomb against Japan. It so happens that I have covered this subject in a recent interview which I gave to U.S. News and World Report

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and I am enclosing a copy for your information.

I imagine it might be customary to pay half of the total amount agreed at the time when the contract is signed and the other half in instalments as the articles are delivered and accepted for publication. An arrangement of this type would suit me.

Should you be interested at all, you might call me at extension 133 at TRafalgar 9 - 3000 in New York City, or drop me a line to Room 812, Memorial Hospital, 444 East 68th Street, New York 21, N.Y.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard.

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ROBERT SHERROD
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August 25, 1960

Dr. Leo Szilard
Memorial Hospital
Room 812
444 East 68th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you for your letter of August 19.
I should think that your memoirs would be very
interesting.

We have a rule against committing our-
selves in advance because we can't determine
until we see a manuscript how much interest it
will hold for our readers. So, about all I can
say now is that we hope you will send us a copy
of your manuscript when you send it to your
publishers, Simon & Schuster. Then we can decide
whether we can use five parts, as you suggest, or
three or two or -- as sometimes happens -- none
at all.

I read your interview in U. S. News &
World Report and found it very interesting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Sherrod

RS:rd

cc: Mr. George Jones

September 9, 1960.

Mr. Robert Sherrod,
Managing Editor,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Independence Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sherrod,

You wrote me that you found "The Voice of the Dolphins" amusing, but that you did not see any way how it could be made into an article that the Saturday Evening Post might print. I am sending you enclosed a revised and shortened version of "The Voice of the Dolphins", from which the dolphins have been removed.

It now reads as a straight history of the world from 1960 to 1985, written in retrospect and it describes how the world might get disarmament twenty-five years hence. If this looks to you like a possibility for an article, some further minor changes will still have to be made.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

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ROBERT SHERROD
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October 10, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you for letting us see your
"The Mined Cities." But I'm sorry to report
that we can't use it. This fictionalized
treatment has never worked for us and we
haven't used it for many years.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert Sherrod

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