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Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1961

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Most sincerely,

(Miss) Ray Haele
Inaugural Committee

Mr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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Bill HARDIGAN
Bill *daughter*

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July 28, 1961.

Dear Dr Szilard -

I wanted to call you the day I left Washington to tell you that I spent a half hour with the President taking the books bearing the sentiments of the 170 eminent American creators to him. I also took him a copy of the Dolphins and spoke about you and our hope that he would arrange for an appointment. So let us hope that it will be forthcoming.

I found the President looking very well and he seemed very relaxed even though it was the morning after his speech on arming to parley. I am sending him another memorandum and will remind him of my discussion with him about you. I am leaving for London August 2nd and will be back around the end of October and hope then to have you and your lovely wife dine with me in Georgetown.

Most Sincerely

Ray Hare