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December 24, 1952

Dr. Leo Szilard
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Leo:

I had a talk with Doering yesterday and have discussed matters with Snider. Everything points to the necessity of concentrating at the moment on getting the report out in final shape, and this is what I shall put my energies on. I am going to try to see all the people in the working group individually on the specific parts of the report in which they are most interested. In this way I think we can produce a document that satisfies everybody, and I shall also aim at readability as much as possible.

You laid out the base so well that this task should not take more than three weeks. In other words, it should be finished by the latter part of January, and then I think it would be in order to have a group meeting to finalize the report and decide the next steps.

I realize this delays other moves, but I am hoping it won't delay them long. I don't think there's need for your getting here much before your January 7 date, but there are things that Bill and I can talk over with you when you get here so, if it is convenient, you might come a couple of days early. It will be good to see you again.

Season's greetings.

Sincerely,

Kingsley Davis

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February 24, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Leo:

In accordance with our recent conversation I am confirming the date of the meeting of our fertility working group. We plan to meet at 10 A.M. on Saturday, March 7, in the Weld Room of the Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street, New York City. We will continue through lunch and until probably a little after the middle of the afternoon. We will discuss the draft of the final report of the working group which you have already discussed, or will in the near future, with Kingsley Davis, the chairman of the group. We look forward with considerable anticipation to your participation in this and will defray any expenses which you incur to attend this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert G. Snider
Vice President

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March 16, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Leo:

I was delighted to get your letter of March 9. A copy of this was forwarded to Kingsley in my absence. I certainly agree with your point No. 1 about the size of the cost estimate, and I think that your second point is one which probably should be included. We will also look into Alan Gregg's availability.

With warmest regards,

Cordially,

Bob

Robert G. Snider

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June 24, 1953

Dr. Leo Szilard
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Leo:

Since the distribution of the final report of the Fertility Working Group in early April, the staff of the Foundation has had an opportunity to discuss the report with various interested groups and individuals and in addition distributed ten copies of the report to the directors of the newly formed Population Council of which Mr. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd is President and Mr. Frederick Osborn is Executive Vice President.

The report has also been the subject of discussions both directly and indirectly with members of the Ford Foundation staff.

We are assured that by early fall we will be receiving information on the impact which the report has made on these groups. We already know that it has been received with very great interest as a comprehensive and able contribution to knowledge of this field. We believe we are justified in the hope that it will prove a stimulus to some very practical action in the not too distant future.

As further developments occur, we will keep you posted. Again, our thanks for your assistance.

Cordially yours,

Robert G. Snider
Vice President

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to answer answered 8/7/62

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July 30, 1962

Dear Leo:

Somewhat more than a year ago the thought occurred that it would be valuable to gain the opinions of certain people of varied interests here and abroad concerning the world-wide significance of population growth. A list of those who have contributed their views is attached. These are being incorporated in a book to be published by Doubleday & Co. entitled OUR CROWDED PLANET. I am having the fortunate experience of being its editor.

The publishers will send you an advance copy of this book in early August. This note expresses the hope that you will mail to Doubleday & Co. -- attention of Mr. Richard Winslow, Senior Editor -- 575 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, encouraging comment concerning this book. Doubleday would very much like to have your opinion in hand at the earliest possible moment. Your approval will greatly help the distribution of this book on this all-important subject.

Sincerely,

Dainfield
CHAIRMAN

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

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*warmest regards —
after all, this is the
subject concerning which
we first met!*

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Fairfield Osborn
The Conservation Foundation
30 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Osborn:

Your letter to Dr. Leo Szilard of July 30 arrived while Dr. Szilard is out of town. I am writing to acknowledge your letter, and to advise you that I shall bring it to the attention of Dr. Szilard upon his return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Lauterbach
Secretary to
Dr, Leo Szilard