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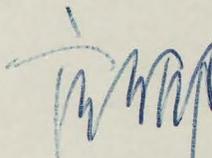
Prof. Leo Szilard,
The Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago 37, Illinois,
U.S.A.

Dear Prof. Szilard,

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 11th from Quebec. I am sure you have had a busy time at the International meeting of scientists in Quebec, which is participated by Prof. Chou Pei-yuan from China. I think you must have met him there. As regards the matter you raised in your letter, it is receiving attention, and I hope that I shall be able to give you a reply before long.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,



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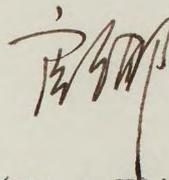
April 30, 1958.

Prof. Leo Szilard,
The Enrico Fermi Institute for Nuclear Studies,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago 37, Illinois,
U.S.A.

Dear Prof. Szilard,

In continuance to my letter of the 16th April, 1958, in reply to your letter of the 11th April, 1958 concerning Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson's likely visit to China, I wonder if you could kindly give me further clarification about it, so that I could refer the matter back to Peking together with your present letter.

Yours very sincerely,



(Huan Hsiang)

May 8, 1958

Dr. Huan Hsiang
Office of the Charge d'Affaires
of the People's Republic of China, London
49 Portland Place
London, W.1, England

Dear Dr. Huan Hsiang:

Your letter of April 30th was forwarded to me in Boston. When I wrote you from Quebec, I acted on the initiative of Prof. Jerome B. Wiesner, who spoke to me subsequent to a conversation which he had with Governor Stevenson. Because I am not fully informed on all the details of this matter, I think it best that Prof. Wiesner write to you directly.

Prof. Wiesner is out of town, and I may not see him before he returns to Boston. I am therefore leaving with his secretary copy of the correspondence which you and I have had in this matter, with the request that he contact you directly and supply you with information requested in your letter of April 30th. I assume that he would want to talk to Governor Stevenson upon his return to Boston and prior to writing to you. For this reason, you may expect a short delay before hearing from him.

Perhaps I should add, for your information, that Prof. Wiesner is Director of the Research Laboratory of Electronics of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., and he is also a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C.

With best regards,

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Leo Szilard

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June 24, 1958

Dr. Huan Hsiang
Office of the Charge d'Affaires
of the People's Republic of China, London
49 Portland Place
London, W.1, England

Dear Dr. Huan Hsiang:

I wrote you on May 8 in answer to your letter of May 30, and I am now writing again in connection with the same matter.

In the meantime, I have been informed that the situation has changed since I first wrote you from Quebec on April 11, and that no useful purpose would be served at this time if you were to extend the invitation suggested in my letter of April 11.

Right now, I personally am quite distressed by the political executions that have taken place in Hungary. It is difficult for me to see what good anyone may have thought that they would do, and only too easy to see the harm that they are going to do.

I might have to fly to Moscow for a two-weeks visit and should I return to America by way of London, I would make a point of calling on you, if your time permits. I have not lost interest in the problem of control of family size which we discussed on my last visit to London and am still seeking ways and means for making progress on this problem.

With best regards,

Very sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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