

June 6, 1961

Mr. Edward R. Murrow  
Director  
United States Information Agency  
United States Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murrow:

Because what we think about ourselves is even more important than what others may think about us, I should be very grateful to you for transmitting the attached letter to the President, together with its enclosures and with such comments as you might care to make.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Enclosures

May 28, 1963

Mr. Edward R. Murrow  
5171 Manning Place, N.W.  
Washington 16, D.C.

Dear Mr. Murrow:

It seems to me, and apparently quite a number of other people share my view, that the United States is headed for serious trouble in the late 60's, if we continue steering the present course. In the enclosed memorandum, I have tried to formulate the problem which appears to me to be relevant. If my formulation of the problem makes sense to you, then I would very much like to see you sometime at your convenience. I can be reached until June 6th at HUDSON 3-6000, when I leave for a conference at Cold Spring Harbor.

I have talked to several people within the Administration; Averell Harriman thought that he might ask a few people who are likely to be interested in the problem to meet with him for dinner and see whether a concrete proposal could be formulated that might fill the bill. Would you be interested in participating in such a discussion?

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard



UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON

DIRECTOR

June 24, 1963

Dear Doctor Szilard:

I regret that your letter of May 28 was delayed somewhere between my home and my office. Please accept my apologies.

I have read your memo with deep interest, and I would indeed be interested in discussing it in company with Averell Harriman or anyone else.

Sincerely yours,

  
Edward R. Murrow

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