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September 28, 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Department of Bio-Physics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The University of Hartford annually conducts a series of Alexander S. Keller Memorial Lectures under auspices of a Fund established in memory of my husband who, during his lifetime, was deeply concerned with human rights, the dignity of man and with the building of sound international relations upon which might be laid a firm foundation for peace.

This year we feel it imperative to present, for the University students and for the community in general, lectures which will deal with the current world crisis, in the shadow of nuclear war, with this theme: "Is Peace Possible? Current Prospects".

During a recent visit West I visited with Albert Cahn and he suggested that we contact you immediately in the hope that you might be persuaded to come to Hartford to participate in this series. We are in touch also with Herman Kahn, F. Stuart Hughes and Abba Eban, and Mr. Eban has agreed to come. We have had no confirmation as yet from Dr. Kahn or Dr. Hughes.

In addition to projecting this series of four lectures to this theme, we have invited Prime Minister to Nehru to come to Hartford during his visit to the United States to deliver a Keller Lecture. The State Department and the Indian Embassy have informed us that every effort will be made to schedule this providing the Prime Minister is able to remain in the United States long enough to make the trip to Hartford.

Previous Keller Lecturers have included Martin Luther King, John Kenneth Galbraith, Judge Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr., Barbara Ward, William C. Foster and Mark Van Doren. Last year the Fund conducted a

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three-day Convocation on France, the bound proceedings of which we are sending you under separate cover to give you an idea of the kind of program we offer, through the Fund, to the University students and the community.

It would be a very great privilege indeed for the University to have you here as a Keller Lecturer and we very much hope you can accept this invitation.

Our tentative dates for the Lectures are November 9, 16, 30 and December 7 and 14. However if none of these dates is convenient for you we would be glad to have you suggest alternatives. If it is possible for you to come, we should also appreciate knowing the amount of your honorarium.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Carolyn W. Keller*

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October 5, 1961

Mrs. Alexander S. Keller  
366 West Bloomfield Avenue  
West Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Keller:

I am writing to thank you for your very kind letter of September 28 and to say that to my regret I am not able to accept your invitation.

I appreciate, however, your having thought of me in this connection.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard  
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Washington 6, D. C.

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November 10, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I very much appreciated your telephone call of several days ago and your willingness to come to the University on November 16 as a Keller Lecturer.

My delay in writing you is as a result of our trying to "reorganize" in such a way as to accommodate your schedule without completely undoing what has already been done on this end.

This now is our situation: Professor H. Stuart Hughes could not be moved from the November 16th date since all the publicity material was already beyond recall and large numbers of people have already registered for that lecture, "Alternatives to Nuclear War." Similarly, the Herman Kahn lecture on November 30, "Either-Or Thinking" was firmly set.

However, the plan for Abba Eban is still flexible. He was scheduled for either December 5 or December 7 and now finds that he will be still in Israel through December. If, therefore, you find that you can come to Hartford any time during the first two weeks in December, we would be absolutely delighted. We do need to know quickly in order to arrange for a suitable place for the evening lecture and in order to notify the several hundred people who regularly attend the lectures from outside the University, as well as our students, of course. We would need to know also the specific topic you would address yourself to in the general framework of "The Responsibility of Power" which is the over-all theme of the series.

Your participation would add immensely to the worth of the series and we are all hoping very hard that you can come.

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The Alexander S. Keller Memorial Fund of the University which provides the lectures offers honorarium and expenses.

Thank you again for your interest and I'm hoping you can be with us.

Sincerely yours

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