

The University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Denver - March 7, 1955

Mr. Marshall Field  
250 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Field:

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I would very much appreciate your looking over this material and letting me know whether you are interested at all, in which case we could perhaps talk about the matter at some time convenient to you. After March 14th, I



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expect to be in New York for a while at least, at the King's Crown Hotel,  
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420 West 116th Street, telephone University 42700, and your office could  
call me there if you want to contact me.

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Dear Mr. Field:

Since I wrote you on March 7th, I had answers from Colin Clark, Father Cavanaugh, and Marshall MacDuffie, copies of which you will find enclosed. Previously, I had a favorable response from General Hugh B. Hester to whom I talked over the telephone.

I thought I should give you this additional information.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures

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March 15, 1955

Dr. Leo Szilard  
The University of Chicago,  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you very much for sending along the very interesting memorandum. It sounds a fascinating idea, but very far from any of the objectives we have had in the Foundation. I am afraid we have become rather tied to certain lines of endeavor, and do not at this time have anything to go into the kind of project you are envisaging.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Marshall Field*