

March 29, 1947

Mr. W. M. Wood
Bonneville Power Administration
Department of Interior
Portland, Oregon

Dear Max:

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram which I received today from Mrs. Pauling. Anything is all right with me as long as I can get to Spokane by air, allowing for a safety margin in case the plane should be grounded. I have forgotten whether I speak in Spokane on the 22nd or the 23rd. If I speak on the 23rd, then there would be no objection from this point of view to have the dinner in Portland on the 21st, except that I would like to talk in greater detail to the Council for Foreign Relations people and I do not think that I ought to talk to anyone very much in Portland until after the fund raising dinner is over. The Emergency Committee has a meeting in Princeton and I believe it starts on the 1st of May, though I am not sure; so there will not be very much time left to do anything in Portland after Spokane.

I shall try to ship to you from here, a suitcase containing my dinner jacket before I leave for Carmel tomorrow morning.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Enc.

April 9, 1947

Mr. W. Maxwell Wood
Bonneville Power Administration
U. S. Department of Interior
Portland, Oregon

Dear Max:

I have made the following reservations: A plane for the 16th leaving Chicago around noon time and arriving at Seattle around 9 o'clock. This is on the assumption that you might arrange something useful for me to do in Seattle such as having editorial conferences with the papers there. If there is nothing to do in Seattle, I can always continue from there to Portland. If planes should be grounded, I would take a train on the Great Northern Railway on April 17 which will get me to Portland Saturday, the 19th, in the morning.

I wonder how you made out with Hecht. If he can't go, whom do you want in his place to explain the work of the Emergency Committee? John Simpson, who is not a member of the Emergency Committee but very familiar with its activities and who is a Portland boy graduating from Reed College, might perhaps do this job. He is rather popular among the scientists and an instructor at the University of Chicago. Another possibility would be Professor Harrison S. Brown, of the Department of Chemistry, who is also deeply involved in the educational activities of the scientists. If you want either of these two men, please let us know as soon as possible.

Incidentally, a suitcase containing my dinner jacket was sent to your office by railway express by the Fairmond Hotel. Could you please confirm its arrival?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
PORTLAND 8, OREGON

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

April 11, 1947

AIR MAIL

Dr. Leo Szilard
Atomic Scientists of Chicago, Inc.
1126 East Fifty-Ninth Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I returned from San Francisco this noon and found your letter awaiting me. Your plans sound fine to me. I trust you will call me on your arrival in Seattle if the long distance strike is not still on, otherwise send me a wire.

I understand from Mrs. Fry that Harrison S. Brown is planning to attend. I sincerely hope he does. I am sure that his presentation would be very effective indeed.

Your dinner jacket has arrived and is being held for you at my office. I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again. You will, of course, be put up at the Arlington Club.

Most sincerely,



WM. MAXWELL WOOD
Special Assistant to the
Administrator

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APRIL 14, 1947

Mr. W. Maxwell Wood
Bonneville Power Administration
U. S. Department of Interior
Portland, Oregon

Just talked to Mrs. Fry who thinks that Pauling should be asked to talk on peacetime applications of atomic energy for which he was scheduled in San Francisco. Harrison Brown speaking on work of Emergency committee. Title of Brown's speech is ~~the~~ *the quality of* role of the scientist. ^{He will} cover what Hiroshima did to scientists and what scientists are trying to do for world. Suggest you clear this with Pauling and get title of his speech. Brown is willing to make appeal for funds unless you have other plans. Please advise him by wire Institute for Nuclear Studies at University of Chicago before Friday. I am leaving by plane Wednesday about noon for Seattle. Staying at Hotel Edmond Meany. Kindly advise whether you have anything useful for me to do there. Can stay west if necessary until 28th.

Regards.

Szilard.

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Merry Christmas

Dr. Szilard, from Katherine,
Laura, Anne + May Wood

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