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January 12, 1964
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Salk Institute for Biological Studies
10010 La Jolla Scenic Drive
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Dear Dr. Szilard:

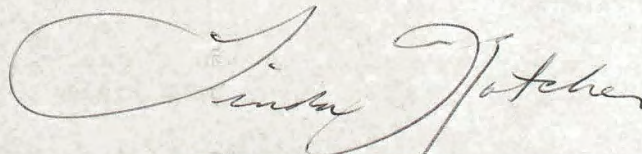
The Bay Area Supporters of the Council for a Livable World would welcome the opportunity of having you speak to us about the activities and progress of the Council while you are here on the West Coast. We feel we could gather together many potential new members for the Council at this time.

If it would be convenient for you to come here in the last of January and/or the beginning of February if this meets with your approval, we would arrange for you to speak at Stanford University, in the KPFA Studio in San Francisco, in a house reception in Berkeley, and at a meeting in Davis to be arranged by Professor Bolton.

I believe that if we could bring together those friends truly concerned about arresting this terrifying drift toward war in such an atmosphere that we may be able to think and question with you, it would do much to strengthen our spirit and to offer many searching people one of the last sane plans to save Humanity.

I do hope it will be possible for you to speak here, I will be glad to make any other personal arrangement for your visit that you advise. Will you call me Monday night or anytime Tuesday? Otherwise I will try to contact you on Wednesday.

With all good hope,



LINDA KOTCHER, Program Chairman
823 - 36th Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

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1401 Pole Line Road
Davis, California
January 22, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
Salk Biological Institute
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am writing as chairman of the Davis Supporters of the Council for a Livable World. We understand that you may be available to meet with supporting groups in the San Francisco Bay area sometime during the next six weeks or so. I believe it would be a great help to our group if you would be able to come to Davis for a day or evening. We could either arrange a formal speech or a more informal meeting where you could talk individually with interested people. I am inclined to think the latter really would be more effective for recruiting.

As I presume you know, Davis is the site of a branch of the University of California, one with strong emphasis in scientific areas. We are also hopeful of extending the Council's influence into Sacramento. I am sure that if you came we could get a good contingent from Sacramento as well as Davis. I believe Mrs. Kotcher has contacted you on behalf of the San Francisco group. We would hope that you would be able to work in time for both of our groups. It is not practical for us to get any number of people to San Francisco, particularly those not already committed to the Council. Thus we do hope you will be able to arrange some time for Davis. I might mention that we could work in a TV appearance in Sacramento too. We even have Edward Teller here!

If it is feasible for you to come, please let me know and I will arrange for whatever program you would like. We have a major speaker scheduled for February 28, but otherwise could manage any time.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Bolton
Charles D. Bolton, Chairman

28 January, 1964

Mr. Charles D. Bolton
1401 Pole Line Road
Davis, California

Dear Mr. Bolton:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 22. I regret that it is not possible for me to schedule anything until the first week in March, when I will know where I have to be and when. I intend, therefore, to contact you on or about March 7 to see if we can set a time when it is possible to fit in a visit to Davis.

Perhaps you could drop me a line, giving me your telephone number, since, when I am in La Jolla, it is much easier for me to deal with matters of this sort over the telephone.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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1401 Pole Line Road
Davis, California
February 1, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
The Salk Institute for Biological Studies
P.O. Box 9499
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you for your letter of January 28. Our group will be happy to arrange to meet with you whenever you can work it in. My telephone number in Davis is 753-2089 (area code 916). If I should not be here, it is likely that I would be at the University: 753-4011, ext. 719.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Bolton

Charles D. Bolton, Chairman,
Davis Supporters of the
Council for a Livable World

January 22, 1964

Colonel H.A. Crosby
Council for a Livable World
Room 301
1346 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Crosby:

Attached is a copy of the letter I received from Frank Long,
for your information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS:jm

Enc.

Invitations

1304 Acton St.
Berkeley 6, Calif.
February 28, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
Council for a Livable World
1346 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Linda Kotcher of the Bay Area Supporters of the Council has asked me to write you to find out whether or not you might be available for meeting with groups or a speaking engagement here in Northern California in connection with your forthcoming trip to the Salk Foundation.

I was most impressed by your most recent paper mailed out by the Council, by the way, and to make the inference that you are still "with it," which some people were beginning to wonder about.

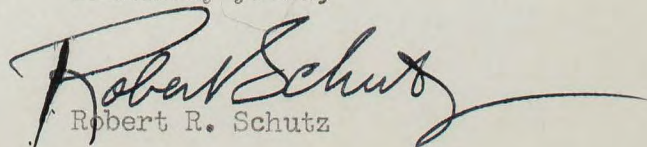
I do believe that we would benefit greatly by being able to meet with and listen to you, although we both know that there is no guarantee, particularly in the present state of "peace apathy" that seems to have swept the Country.

I understand from Linda that persons at Stanford she has contacted will see to it that an on-Campus meeting is held, if you are willing to address it. She tells me the same is true at Cal, Berkeley, if you come after Easter Sunday, since their schedule is tight until then.

Charles Bolton at Davis will set up a meeting for about 200 there if you could conceivably make that a stop. And a number of people would be happy to open large homes for smaller, more informal gatherings with you if you would care to meet with people on that basis. In addition, I was called by Madeleine Duckles of the Berkeley Women for Peace the other evening asking if you would be willing to address their post-Easter rally in Union Square, San Francisco, on the distribution of nuclear weapons to NATO. I presume she has contacted you directly by this time, since I would not presume to speak for you.

These are the possibilities we would like to discuss with you by telephone on March 2, when one of us will call as you have suggested in an earlier talk with Miss Kotcher.

Sincerely yours,


Robert R. Schutz

March 1, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
Council for a Livable World
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The Bay Area Women for Peace are planning a large public meeting in April to launch their spring peace program in general, and their anti-MLF project in particular. As we understand you are planning a visit to this area around that time we were wondering if there is a possibility you might be our featured speaker? The dates are Saturday, April 4, 11, or possibly the 18th. The meeting might be in Union Square where we have drawn from the shopping crowds as well as our own people in the past.

Would you please notify me by wire collect as to your availability? As you know we have no money, but might be able to contribute something toward your traveling expenses.

(2 sent \$5)

I inclose a small personal contribution. Please reinstate me on your mailing list and send your latest report for January - February.

I should like to be able to contribute a larger amount. Senator McGovern on his recent visit to this area gave the Council credit for winning his election. I believe you should feel that your efforts were rewarded. The Senator has made a fine contribution in cracking the (overkill) defense wall.

Sincerely yours,

file: Washington



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5 March 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
 P. O. Box 9499
 San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am enclosing, for your information,
 a copy of the Boston Herald article of
 March 3, 1964 by Holmes Alexander. Thought
 you might like to see this.

Very truly yours,

H. Ashton Crosby
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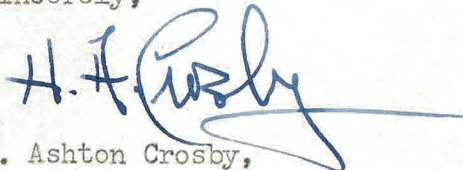
10 March 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
P. O. Box 9499
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Enclosed are two articles from the Boston Herald. I am not worried about the impact on the Council but I am worried about what these articles may do to our Senators. I am working with John on a statement from somebody high up in the Administration that they support the Council's efforts and knows that it is a responsible organization.

Sincerely,



H. Ashton Crosby,
Executive Director

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Cold War Comes Into Wyoming

By HOLMES ALEXANDER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Wyoming is only one of 35 states to elect a Senator in 1964, but a case can be made to call it a microcosm, an America-in-miniature.

This is true because the incumbent, Sen. Gale McGee (D), has run up distress signals, claiming himself under attack by the John Birch Society. He has gotten some mileage out of this claim—it has attracted the sympathetic attention of liberal columnists and of the anti-extremists.

That in itself could not make the Wyoming election a national incident, but McGee's candidacy is now being backed with his avowed approval by an extremist outfit on the opposite end of the ideological spectrum, the Council for a Liveable World.

For perfect laboratory conditions of the test case, it would help if McGee, who's a professional rather than political type, were further identified. For example, at President Johnson's first "live" television press conference, the question arose as to whether reporters should give their names before asking questions.

Good Guy or Bad Guy

It was jocularly proposed among us that the questioner, instead of bothering with his name, should merely say whether he was a Good Guy or a Bad Guy. So, as a true word, though spoken in jest, let us say at the outset that McGee is a Good Guy, whose worthiness is strictly a local issue. But the head-on clash in Wyoming between the Birch Society and the Liveable World Council should bear some wider examination.

The society is headed by Robert Welch, whose ideas are too well known to need expatiation here. The council is headed by Dr. Leo Szilard, actually its co-chairman, who is not less outspoken than Welch, but who has yet to become a household word for polemic politics. Yet a candidate who accepts Welch's backing should not, I think, be held more responsible for the company he keeps than one who accepts Szilard's backing.

Leo Szilard, Hungarian-born, is one of many intellectuals who were refugees from Hitler. Like others of his bent, Szilard participated in making the A-bomb to incinerate Fascists, but he doesn't feel the same way about incinerating Communists. While the Axis was intolerable to Dr. Szilard and to others holding his views they are willing to tolerate a worse evil in communism. They aim to make the world not free, but "liveable." They are among the first to condemn anti-Communists for asserting that any "means" are justified if they achieve the "end" of exposing and defeating the Red menace. But some of the "means" by which Dr. Szilard would make the world "liveable" with communism will leave Americans

aghost.

Specifically, there is the Disarmament plan that Dr. Szilard put before the so-called Pugwash Conference of Free World and Communist scientists, which met in September, 1961, at Stowe, Vt. Among his ideas for policing a nuclear peace are these:

1. An informer system among Americans: The President would post a \$1 million tax-free award to any American who reported nuclear treaty violations to a U.N. Control Commission. To enable the squealer to become happily adjusted, Szilard adds that "the recipient of such an award who wishes to enjoy . . . a life of leisure and luxury abroad . . . would not be hampered by currency restrictions . . ."

2. A head-hunt system: A U.N. Peace Court, following a barbaric precedent of the Middle Ages, would pass the death sentence upon any American citizen or government official deemed guilty of violating "peace." In almost incredible savagery Szilard told this international group, which included some vicious enemies of America that:

"The court could deputize any and all Americans to try and execute the sentence. An American citizen killing an 'outlaw' could not be legally tried for murder in an American court, inasmuch as the treaty . . . would be law of the land."

Situation Can Be Remedied

Whether this sort of gabble comes from an unbalanced mind, or from a kindly scientist talking of matters out of his field, or from a genuine "hater" of the American Constitution and people, or from a gargantuan hoaxster, it is about to be injected into the Wyoming campaign.

The situation could be remedied if McGee would repudiate the support of Dr. Szilard and the Council, just as many candidates have repudiated the support of the Society and Robert Welch. This McGee has declined to do in an interview with me. Or, if the Council members could publicly dissociate themselves from Dr. Szilard, just as many Birch members have done in regard to Mr. Welch.

But in the absence of such repudiation and dissociation, Wyoming will show what could happen (and, under the surface, may be happening) in many states where the desperate conflict of the Cold War has come home to America.

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12 March 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
P. O. Box 9499
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The money has been coming in slowly for Senator McCarthy and I would say very shortly we will reach the \$2,000 mark. My understanding of the agreement you had with Senator McCarthy is as follows: that when we had turned over to him checks from our supporters totaling \$2,000, he would return to us the \$2,000 advanced from Council funds. Is this correct?

Sincerely,



H. Ashton Crosby,
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March 13, 1964

Colonel H. Ashton Crosby
Council for a Livable World
1346 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036.

Dear Colonel Crosby:

I have your letter of March 12 regarding contributions to Senator McCarthy. Your understanding of the arrangement I made with Senator McCarthy is correct. One advantage of this arrangement is that Senator McCarthy does not have to report having received a contribution from the Council because the contributions come from a number of citizens who make out their checks directly to him.

I think it would be well to carry out the arrangement as soon as possible. To this end perhaps you could suggest to some of those who are asking the Council where their next contributions shall go, that they make out their check to Senator McCarthy. This way it should not take long to reach the total of \$2,000.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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823 36th Avenue
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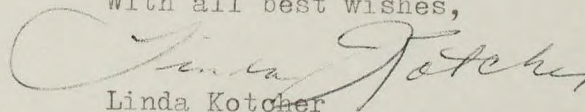
Probably the best time for you to come on a speaking tour here would be in the second or third week of May. This would provide the month needed for sufficient publicity and allow you the opportunity to speak at the Universities before the end of the semester.

The University of California would pay you \$75 and San Francisco State, \$100. At Stanford, the Faculty Peace Group and the Student Peace Caucus would be willing to co-sponsor your talk and believe they they can glean a concerned group of several hundred from various peace lists. Dr. Charles Bolton could arrange a similar meeting at the University of California at Davis.

In addition, other Council members feel they would like to arrange large 'House Meetings'. There has been an offer for one in Marin County, north of San Francisco, and one has been proposed for the Peninsula area, south of Palo Alto. This personal confrontation, they feel, might be a greater inducement for membership in the Council. If you are willing to participate in both kinds of meetings, I will try to arrange for them with the most concerned people available.

I would welcome your suggestions and sentiments pertaining to these plans, as well as an indication of the time in May and the number of days you will be able to spend here. I hope to hear from you in a few days by letter. Otherwise, I will call you at the Institute by the ninth or tenth of April.

With all best wishes,



Linda Kotcher
Program Chairman, Bay Area Supporters
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April 6, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o Salk Institute
P. O. Box 9499
San Diego, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Two things have come up which I believe you should know about - One, we have written a paper on the MLF, a copy of which is enclosed and 3000 copies of which will be sent to the Council supporters in the near future. This paper has also been given wide distribution in the Senate and in the Administration. We are planning to proceed with a Senate Seminar and an Administrative Assistant Seminar on the MLF this month. I am writing Dr. Franklin Long to ask him to speak at the Senate dinner, the date to be determined on his availability. For the Administrative Assistant Seminar, we will try to bring Dr. Rowena down.

Secondly, instead of hiring an outside individual to do our publicity, etc., we are offering the position to Lois Gardner who would come in here as assistant to me which would then give me time to go out and make a number of contacts around the country. Lois has agreed to come to work full time for the Council as of 1 June.

Sincerely,

H. Ashton Crosby

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Executive Director

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