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September 23, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard University of Chicago Chicago 37, Illinois

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CHICAGO 37 · ILLINOIS

INSTITUTE OF RADIOBIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS

1155 East 57th Street Chicago 37, Illinois January 10, 1949

Dr. Peter Odegard
Department of Social Sciences
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Odegard:

Some time ago I saw in the newspapers a notice stating, among other things, that you and Dr. Lauritsen are members of an advisory committee of the Ford Foundation. I wonder whether your committee plans to hold hearings on the question as to how such funds could best be used for the betterment of mankind. If such hearings will be held, I would appreciate an opportunity to testify before your committee.

In the meantime, I have jotted down a few thoughts which you will find enclosed.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

cc: Dr. C. Lauritsen

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time ex consists in the fact that government has become very important, and that there exists no system of government which is at all adequate to cope with the problems of the modern world. The parliamentary form of democracy, which may be considered the most successful of these systems, functions satisfactorily only under very specific conditions, which meet realized in the past only in certain parts of the world, and for certain limited periods of time. The most successful embodiments of the parliamentary exe form are perhaps represented by the political systems of England and the U.S. These systems have been extablished several hundred years ago. They are not at all devised to meet the requirements of present-day conditions, and it is very doubtful to what extent they could be applicable in other parts of the world, or could serve as a model for a world government.

It is remarkable how little ingenuity or attention went into the invention of forms of democracy, other than the conventional parliamentary form, but the invention of such systems, though useful and perhaps necessary, does not lead us very far towards the actualization of new and improved political systems.

What could be done in this respect is a different question, to which I have given some attention, particularly between 1920 and 1930, in connection with the expected collapse of parliamentary democracy in Germany. The considerations of those days might be applicable to countries in central Europe and to England, but whether they would be applicable to the U.S. at the present time may be more doubtful. In no case, however, not even in the case of Germany or Central Europe, did it appear practicable or desirable to attempt to create a new political system on the basis of a blueprint. The general principle on which I thought one eught to proceed was rather that of creating an organization which would fulfill a useful function in the society, and within the political organization as it existed. Assuming that the organization filled this function well, and were capable of growing, it could be

expected to increase in political influence until finally when a situation arises in which theproblems become manifestly incapable of a solution by means of the existing parliamentary mechanism, the people may decide to entrust this organization with excercising a political function. Such development might, of course, take one or two generations, but I thought in the mid-twenties, quite erroneously, that the parliamentary system might survive in Germany for that long.

The general problem with which we are faced is well presented in the first 20 pages of the first edition of H. G. Wells' "Open Conspiracy," but the book itself has no real solution to offer.

At this time and in this place, I would not want to go beyond saying that the problem of bringing into existence a political system which can function satisfactorily under modern conditions appears to be the outstanding task of our times. That such a political system ought to be democratic, in the sense that the series wast majority of the people who form part of the system should approved of the measures instituted by the government is a prerequisite upon which most be people would, I believe, agree. I say vast majority rather than majority, because I believe that if the political system produces adequate leadership, that is if the decisions which the people have to make are put in the proper terms, a high degree of consensus can be achieved. Our civilization is remarkably uniform over large territories of the world, and the decisions taken with small majorities arise because the political bettles are fought on the false issues, and it is not possible to obtain the right answers if one asks the wrong questions.

Apart from wishing the political system to be democratic in the abovementioned sense, there are no a priori requirements to be met, and there is much freedom left for devising a variety of rather different political systems. The Enclosure (3)

difficulty lies not in the devising of systems, but rather in putting the system to a test, by allowing it to grow.

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Department of Social Sciences
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1762 Hower Ave. E. Cleveland, O. Christmas Eve62

Mrs. Qvrus Eaton Northfield, O.

Dear Mrs. Eaton:

I am almost a stranger to you. Having been present at the Dr. Skilard after mon meeting at the Student Union, and not having said a word there — I am making up for it now.

Since I believe sincerely in your deep interest in peace and in that of Mr. Eaton, may I make the following remarks?

As to the bias Mr. Szilard feels that the majority of Americans have against the truth, I believe that this is a bias artificially produced by misinformation and misinterpretation of information via press, radio and TV. I believe this can be eliminated in great part by true information.

To get down to brass tacks, I'd like to see American given true imformation on subjects searing on world peace by that most cheap means of potentially vast potency — the telephone.

This is not an easy letter for me to write. A natural diffidence gets in the way. However, I believe the urgency of the times calls upon each one of us to do our bit promptly. You may have thought of both the methods of using the telephone and already rejected them in that case, forgive me. Otherwise please hear me out.

The first method would be to initiate in Cleveland a personal telephone campaign to get people to do whatever you wish—come to large or small meetings, write congressmen, etc.

Each person involved in the campaign would be asked to call 3 or so persons, etc. etc. Possibly this could just be relaying of true information relating to methods of achieving peace.

The second method (which I prefer) would be to offer true and unbiased information on world affairs and on walt each of us can do to advance world peace offered by a means similar to the "Dial a News" (TO 1 8800), "Dial a Prayer" (UL 1 3680), or the new defunct ("Dial a Program". As I envision this, it would be backed up by many people sympathetic to peace ideas using their telephones to ask other people to listen. A "chain reaction" could be formed (as stated above) by having people calling friends (and later strangers also).

The other means of mass communication (to my mind) too often produce bias in people's minds. A telephone-dialing service is colossaly less expensive than any of the other means of mass communication; all that is needed is a telephone line (and lines later) and some recordings.

Mrs. Cyrus Eaton (cont.) --

Small as the initial cost would be, I cannot see my way clear to start a dialing service -- nor would I have sufficient factual information along the necessary lines.

But, should the idea appeal to you and Mr. Eaton, I would be glad (gratis of course) to do some telephoning, as would a friend to whom I spoke this evening. If usable, perhaps I could even help with some recordings, as I have a trained speaking voice.

I envisage the recordings at times urging certain types of letters to be sent to congressmen, to the State Dept., to President Kennedy, by the listeners.

A sincerely voiced telephone appeal I believe is exytsordinarily effective.

To get the heart beat of the grass roots of America I have done much direct selling -- and feel most strongly the good will is there, the will for peace is there, the lack of bias is there if it can be freed from the propaganda which has haunted our people too long.

This letter is written spontaneously to get it off.

I do feel the urgency of the times.

Please excuse the defective typewriter (on other sheet), all I have here at home. Perhaps I should have revised the content also, but it is late.

Yours appreciatively,

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1762 Hower Ave. E. Cleveland 12 0. Jan. 3,62

Dr. Leo Szilard Hotel Dupont Plaza Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

At the small discussion meeting in the afternoon in Cleveland there was a concurrence of opinion as to the misinformation too often given by the usual means of mass communication, — the press, TV, and radio.

These usual means of communication also happen to expensive.

I am completely sold on your objectives. But I do believe that you would find a great <u>majority</u> in sympathy with you and willing to work with and for you <u>if</u> they had true information.

I do so hope that you would be willing to use in your peace work that inexpensive and most potent of all distributors of quick information — the telephone.

What I would most like to see would be (first in a few key cities) the esta dishment of a recording station which could be dialed, having at its disposal records (or live speech) handing out true information to the voters of this country.

Cleveland has two such recording stations — one a "Dial A Prayer" and one a "Dial a News" station.

As I envisage this, it would be an enormous instrument for world peace — and so i expensive. Through a mounting chain of feeder telephone calls — peace—intentioned people could be informed of its existence and value. Start with 6 people each calling three persons and asking them to call 3 — to wild up a great listening body for "DIAL THE PEOPLE'S PEACE", as the station might be called.

Later on may be even the people of Russia could be heard on such a recording station.

This would mt rule out your mi mrity still working also.

But I am convinced that we can (by some such means as outlined above) reach and make effective the great majority of our people who would be far more peace-minded than they are even now, if they had the true facts.

You, with your invaluable experience directly with the atomic bomb, could be of inestimable value in this recording work.

How I hope that you are not averse to this idea.

The passing of two newspapers in Los Angeles shows us again how

much more one-sided am falsity-conveying newspapers can easily grow to be.

As I think of this project of recording stations available to anyone at any time by a mere telephone call, I beyjjg believe that (if it were used) later words from living Russians could be used — first from the women of Russia to allay fears on the part of government.

Enclosed is a letter I wrote some time ago to Mrs. Cyrus Eaton in this regard as to recording station for telephone use by people of this community to start with. Mrs. Eaton wrote me that she is most interested and has referred the project to the Action Committee of The Voice of Women U.S.A. However, I should like the station to be not particularly a women's station, as I fear this may limit its usefulness.

With deep admiration for your courage, initiative and wisdom which I trust will never lag or grow weary and discouraged with well-doing in the fair cause of peace.

Yours sincerely,

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History A grs 74, Gower Street, W. C. 1. 4th June, 1935. C.K. Ogden, Esq., Dear Mr. Ogden, I should very much appreciate it if I could have your advice on a matter of general interest. and Mr. Cottrell of the Research Corporation, New York, gave me your name and address, but it was in the last minute before I left New York and there may have been some misunderstanding in the matter. Would Friday be convenient to you ? My permanent address is c/o The Clarendon Laboratory, Oxford, but this time a message won't reach me there, so I am giving above a temporary London address. Yours very truly, LEO SZILARD

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

DATE

May 9, 1945

To

Dr. Leo Szilard

DEPARTMENT

Patent Office

FROM

John A. O'Hearn

DEPARTMENT Finance Director, Metallurgy

IN RE:

OSRD Case No. S-506

You will find enclosed herewith University of Chicago check #14528 in the amount of \$1.00, and drawn in your favor.

This check represents reimbursement for signature charge on Patent Application Case No. S-506, and was requested by Lt. Col. H. E. Metcalf.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same by signing and returning to this office the enclosed copy of this letter.

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November 28, 1962

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Dr. Leo Szilard Council for Abolishing War Dupont Circle Building 1346 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Ohio Wesleyan University has for many years brought to its campus men and women who are dealing with some of the most creative issues of our time. We hope to bring our university community into a creative encounter with people and ideas that are forcing us to examine our own views and, hopefully, to live more productive lives.

Among the issues we are raising are: ethics in labor and management, the Peace Corps, voter registration in the South, the whole racial issue in our land, the population explosion, peaceful uses of atomic energy, nuclear test bans, the Arab-Israeli dispute, the China-India dispute and nonviolence.

It is the hope of our committee that it might be possible for you to come to our campus sometime during the spring semester to share with us your views and the work of the Council for Abolishing War. You would have 40 minutes for your presentation on a mutually agreed upon date at 10 o'clock in the morning. There could be a number of other opportunities to contact students and faculty depending upon your time schedule and your willingness to be used. We could have a coffee hour, informal discussion group, and/or class presentations. If you were to come, however, you would not need be involved in all of these for the schedule would be determined by your interests and availability.

If you were to be able to accept this invitation, we would pay for your transportation, meals and accommodations and offer you a modest honorarium of \$150. We could meet your train or plane in Columbus and return you to the station or airport following your time here.

Dr. Leo Szilard -2-November 28, 1962 Some suitable dates for our schedule would be Friday, February 15; Monday, March 11; or Monday, April 29. Should these not be suitable for you, I shall be glad to suggest alternate times. You would do our campus a real service if you were able to accept this invitation. Sincerely yours, James S. Leslie University Chaplain JSL:n

November 30, 1962 Dr. James S. Leslie Ohio Wesleyan University Delaware, Ohio Dear Dr. Leslie: At the present time Leo Szilard is traveling in Europe and I am taking the liberty of answering your letter of November 28 for him. He decided this Autumn that it would be impossible for him to accept any speaking engagements woer the next six months. He might very well reconsider this decision sometime after his return. I shall bring your letter to his attention as soon as he gets back. Thank you very much for your kind offer of a speaking engagement to Dr. Szilard. Very sincerely yours,

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Allan Forbes, Jr. Vice President and

Acting National Director

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DELAWARE, OHIO 43015

July 24, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard Dupont Plaza Hotel Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Last year I wrote to you about the possibility of your coming to our campus to speak to our student body. At that time you were not available. Since then a number of our faculty members have repeated the request that you be re-invited to visit Ohio Wesleyan and to share with us some of your concerns about the abolition of war.

We are in a conservative area of the nation with newspaper policy reflecting the views of our citizenry rather than challenging those views. Your presence in this state would go a long way toward posing alternatives to the views that exist here.

You would have an audience of some 1500 students and faculty for a 40 minute address either at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. with additional opportunities throughout the day, if your schedule would permit. We could have a large group of people at 4 p.m. and smaller groups at a coffee hour time at the dinner hour or in informal discussion groups.

A number of dates that are possible on our calendar are Fridays, January 10, 17, 24 and February 14, or Monday, February 10. The Friday program would be at 11 a.m. and the Monday program would be at 9 a.m. Depending upon your availability, other times could be scheduled during the day. Should these dates not be convenient, I would be glad to suggest alternate ones.

We would be glad to handle your transportation, entertainment in Delaware, and offer you an honorarium of \$200.

I hope you will be able to be with us this year.

Sincerely yours,

James S. Leslie University Chaplain

31 January, 1964

Dr. James S. Leslie University Chaplain Ohio Wesleyan University Delaware, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Leslie:

I am writing to thank you for your kind letter of July 24, last year. Unfortunately, I am not able to schedule a visit to your campus at the present time. I intend to write you, however, if I may, if the situation should change and we could then see if we could work out a schedule that is convenient to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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July 12, 1950

Dr.Leo Szilard % Quadrangle Club 57th & University Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We haven't seen you in a long, long time - you may not even remember us any longer. Our son, Andrew Steven Kende won the Westinghouse Science Talent Search two years ago - and entered the College of the University of Chicago soon after. We had dinner with you once, more than a year ago - and your friendly interest in Andy encourages us to approach you again.

Lots of things have happened since our last conversation - and we would like to meet you, and to talk to you, again.

Please, let us know, where and when would it be convenient to you? We still live in Evanston and we know that you do not care for wasting your time on transportation - although, maybe, by now you have your car? However, we shall be quite happy to meet you wherever you wish us to, either near your Club, or, perhaps, at some real nice place in the Loop?

If you wish to give me a ring, I am now Classified Manager of the above Magazine, HArrison 7-7821, Extension #11. Or, we can be reached at home in the evenings, UNiversity 4-9574. If you don't call me, I'll try to reach you again.

Andy has grown a lot since you saw him, and expects to gethis B.A. this fall. We would like to talk to you, among others, about Andrew's schedule and future, too.

We are sending you our kindest regards and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kende

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Dear Doctor Szilard:

I have not forgotten the subject matter of our conversation and am appending a list of persons who could be of substantial assistance to you at the level sought.

I just saw the new issue of the bulletin of the atomic scientists which in some ways is the most terrific of any of its numbers.

Lapp's article on secrecy and the article on the fall-out in particular.

Please call on me for any assistance I may render at any time.

Harold Wo Oram

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

Dr. Leo Szilard

Hotel DuPont Plaza

Washington, D. C.

I have not forgotten our undertaking to found a television program, and I am proceeding carefully with one network after another.

For various reasons my first approach is to the American Broadcasting Company, which has the worst record of public service programming.

I will keep you informed.

Cordially,

Harold L. Oran



Dr. Leo Szilard
Dupont Plaza Hotel
Washington 6, D.C.

Igen tisztelt Professzor Ur:

Kérem, engedjen meg néhány észrevételt egy "man of the street" részéről.

Javaslatából nem tünik ki, hogy Professzor Ur kizárólag amerikai, avagy kétségbevonhatatlan békeakaratukról ismert más nemzetiségü tudósokat is választana-e a Szervezetbe.

A négyhavonkinti beszámolókon csak a Szervezet tagjai vehetnének-e részt? Az Adminisztráció hozzáértéssel rendelkező delegáltjai jelen lennének-e? - Talán lehetséges volna, hogy a békeszervezetek is egy-egy kiküldöttel képviseltessék magukat, hogy az ő révükön a Szervezet felvilágositásai leszivároghassanak az utca népéhez.

Az összejővetelekről szóló részletes--az előadók által ellenőrzött--kiadványek minden érdeklődő számára hozzáférhetők lennének-e? /Ajánlatos volna, hogy az ujságoknak magára az előadás szövegére vonatkozó beszámolója csak szószerinti idézet lehetne a Szervezet kiadványából./

"Victory" csak az utca népe számára konzervált etimológiai csökevény. Igazi jelentése már nem is "conquest," hanem vérfagyasztó egyszerüséggel "destruction." Talán üdvös lenne ezeket a kifejezéseket szinonimáknak tekintetni és hirdetni.

A szabad világ és az istentelen kommunizmus "szükségszerü" mérkőzése az utca népe számára készült kötelező hitvallás. Ez szégyelni való 'mákony" és felvilágositó folyamat elinditását igényli.

Az uj országok bármilyen nevű rendszerben valószinűleg csak akkor boldogulhatnának, ha kormányzatuk inkább olyanféle lenne, mint az oroszoké, akiknél a "legfelső szovjet" állitólag gazdasági, ipari stb. szakértőkből áll. Különben minden egyes országban szükség volna valami lobby rendszerre, ami kockáztathátná megbizhatóságukat és állandóságukat. Elvégre a demokratikus önérzetet és hazájuk iránti felelősségérzetet a városi és hasonló közhivatalokba való egyéni választás alkalmasan fejleszthetné ki közöttük. És talán valamelyik uj országban kisérletezni lehetne M.J. Keynes kapitalista szocializmusával.

Ha a Szervezet vezetőségében való részvétel nem szoritkoznék a Professzor Ur által kiszemelt tudósokra, nem fordulhatna-e elő, hogy többségi határozatok veszélyeztetnék a Szervezet célkitüzésének sikerét? És azok között a tagok között, akikre a lobbyzás feladata hárulna, esetleg akadhatnának olyanok, akik a Szervezet képviseletét általános lobbyzásra való alkalomnak tekintenék. Előfordulhatna, hogy nem-hozzáértők igyekeznének meggyőzni nem-hozzáértőket. A kongresszus és szenátus tagjai többnyire ügyvédek, akik talán nem jutottak hozzá, hogy megbizható tájékozást szerezzenek az uj felfedezések szépségeiről és veszedelmeiről; ennélfogva megértés hijján inkább csak a lobbyzók ügyessége hatna rájuk. Vajjon a Szervezet tudósai hajlandok volnának-e a kongresszus és szenátus tagjai számára taxkandá egyszerüsitett előadás-sorozatok tartására?

Szavazógépek nincsenek háboru és béke kérdésére beállitva; igy a tagok és az általuk remélhetőleg befolyásolt egyének számára továbbra is csak az a lehetőség marad fenn, hogy a választási kampány alatt hallott szónoklatok irányitanák őket. Am a kampányszónoklatok nagyen hasonlóak és óvatosak. Nem is biztos, hogy maguk a jelöltek kötelezőnek tekintik-e kijelentéseiket; és vajjon illik-e lemondaniok a választási időszak előtt, ha nem tartanak ki igéretük mellett? Talán lehetne a Szervezet által megfogalmazott, félremagyarázhatatlan nyilatkezat nyilvános elfogadását kivánni a jelöltjeiktől.

Hogy az általános leszerelés megakadályozása azért volna fontos, hogy Amerika megvédhesse Keleteuropa népeit, nyilvánvalóan puszta ürügy. A "konvencionális" védelmezés után egyes országokból csak történelmi multjuk és a megmentett telekkönyvi kivonatek maradnának meg. /Ki tudna közönnyel emlékezni a "felszabaditott" Délkorea látványára?/ Ha Amerika nem ön-kinevezett sugalmazókra hallgatna /amilyenek félre tudták vezetni a nemeslelkü Wilson elnököt/, hanem csakugyan a Keleteuropában élő népek megváltója akarna lenni, akkor átengedhetné nekik a döntést --plebiscite formájában, nemzetközi ellenőrzéssel-- nemcsak kormányzati rendszerük, de egyéblétfontosságu problemáikban is; avagy létesithetne az ott élő emberek közös érdeke és kivánsága esetén egy nagy, inkább nyelvterületek mint hajdani nemzeti határok alapján csoportozott, de egységes semleges államet. Bármit inkább, mint konvencionális felszabaditást.

A Javaslat többször mondja, "if war breaks out..." Ha ez csakugyan lehetséges, önmagától, nem-tudottan és nem-akartan: akker bármilyen szervezkedés eredménye csak a véletlen játéka lenne.

Kérem, bocsássa meg, hogy--Professzor Ur iránti hittel és bizalommal--magyarul irtam. Angolul nem merek gondolkodni. Ez valami ragály lehet.

> Tisztelő hive, Rena a. Orban

> Renée A. Orban

St.Paul,Minnesota June 2, 1951

Dr. Leo Zsilord
Department of Biophysics
University of Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Zsilord:

I found a job here in St. Paul where I am working in the analytical laboratory of the Grant battery company.

I wonder if you have heard from Dr. E.C. Stakman in regard to the inquiry you offered to make about myself. I am interested in knowing his attitude, since I would like to obtain a permanent job in my own profession.

Hoping to see you sometime in the future, I am yours sincerely,

Rodrigo G.Orellana
77 N.Lexington
St.Paul, Minnesota

June 10, 1951

Mr. Rodrigo G. Orellona, 77 N. Lexington Pky. St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Orellona:

I am roady to inform you that I have written to Professor Stakman, as I said I would, and that I received from him a very nice letter of recommendation about you. I think you can count on his support in any concrete case that might come up.

Sincerely yours,

L. Szilard

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OF A BOOK TITLE, FOR THIS PRIZE WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED, STOP, WITH SINCERE WISHES OF ALL OF US FOR YOUR EARLY AND COMPLETE CONVALESCENCE STOP THIS MESSAGE WILL BE READ TO CONGRESS ASSEMBLY SATURDAY APRIL 9TH 1960, AT 12 MIDDAY

JOHN O'REGAN GENERAL CHAIRMAN NORTH NASSAU SCIENCE CONGRESS NORTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL GLENHEAD LONG ISLAND NEWYORK.



May 20, 1964 Dr. Leslie Orgel Department of Biology Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Mass. Dear Orgel: Enclosed you will find a copy of Wooldridge's little book which I believe you would enjoy reading. I am particularly impressed by Wooldridge's sense of proportions which manifests itself in the book being remarkably well-balanced. Enclosed also is an excerpt from a letter which I received from Bob Livingston about Wooldridge's book and a copy of a letter which I received from Wooldridge. With kind regards. Sincerely, Leo Szilard LS:jm Enclosures

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Oct.5,1953.

Dear Szilard:

I was very glad to read that you are coming to this district. I hope you will be very happy here.

If you need any topognostical advice I can give, or any action I can do, please do not hesitate to write me.

Looking forward to seeing you here,

Yours sincerely,

Egon Orowan.

JOHN B. ORR, JR. R. F. D. 3 GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS.

Feb. 2,1962

Dr. Leo Szilard Hotel Dupont-Plaza Washington 6,D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I have read with great interest a copy of your speech at Harvard. This is the first plan for peace that I have found sufficiently reasonable to be of interest in the last twenty years. Please count me as a whole hearted supporter, financially and actively.

I am an industrialist, an engineer and a self taught physicist.

Yours,

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Please reply to the Secretary:

21 HAMPSTEAD LANE HIGHGATE VILLAGE, N.6

Telephone: FITzroy 0088

8th July 1955.

Dear Dr. Szilard,

Enclosed is a programme of a meeting to be held in London on August 3rd-5th. Knowing you as one of the most original and creative thinkers in the sphere to which the conference is devoted, we would very much appreciate it if you could participate in it. You might perhaps be planning to visit Europe this summer and in that case we hope it will be possible for you to join us.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Walter Orr Roberts High Altitude Observatory Boulder, Colorado

Dear Roberts:

Enclosed I am sending you two dittos in which a number of letters are collected that indicate the kind of response we get to our plan. I thought Byron White might be interested in seeing them when you talk to him. Please keep me informed how your discussion with him is progressing and let me know if you think that some useful purpose is served by my coming to Denver sometime between May 25 and June 5.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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P.S. Please feel free to show the enclosure to Edward C. King or Robert L. Stearns if an occasion arrises.

August 22, 1957

Mr. Earl D. Osborn President, Institute for International Order 11 West 42nd Street New York City 36, New York

Dear Mr. Osborn:

Enclosed I am sending you an inquiry which is self-explanatory. It is primarily addressed to the scientists whose names you will find listed on the sheet attached to the memorandum. I felt that I ought to inform you about what I am trying to do, and any comment which you might care to make would be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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Dear Leo:

At least a brief line of old friendship and warmest regards. I have been most interested to read interviews with yourself that appeared in the Herald Tribune, but above all I am deeply distressed to learn of the severe blow you are enduring because of your illness. I know, however, that with fortitude and bravery you are meeting this great hardship. I frequently think back upon our meetings together and the great contributions you made to the work of our organization. Please know that I am thinking of you and send you my very, very best.

Sincerely

President Famueld

Dr. Leo Szilard Memorial Hospital 444 East 68 Street New York 21, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Cowles:

Thanks for your letter of February 28th. Talking with you about the problems we are trying to tackle here would be a pleasure at any time, and I will be at your disposal whenever you find youself with some free time in New York.

I saw something of Dr. Leo Szilard when I was representing the United States on the United Nations Atomic Energy Coumission. Dr. Boering of Yale I have not met but I hear often of him through our Medical Director, Warren Helson, who is a friend and admirer of his and consults with him frequently.

We know in a general way of Sailard's and Boaring's plans for a research institute to study the physiology of reproduction, looking towards a physiological means of fertility control. This is one way of going about the problem and it might be the most effective. That would depend a good deal on the quality of the personnel who could be gotten away from other institutional associations. I would certainly like to see it tried, in a large way.

When the Population Council was set up with funds to spend on the medical side, we consulted with all sorts of people experienced in medical research on the best procedure for us to follow. A few of our advisors put forward the ided of a centralised institute concentrated on this work. The majority, and those most experienced in research development, recommended the alternative, namely, a grant-making organisation which would support and encourage research and research workers in this field in medical schools and universities. This latter method has the advantage that the institutions to which the grants are made are already carrying the major part of the cost of the facilities and personnel so that a limited sum of money in grants goes much further. This method also spreads the interest more widely, and may increade the chance of new discoveries.

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In the end we decided to set up both a grant making organisation and a laboratory. Detlev Bronk, the imaginative head of the Bockefeller Institute, provided us with office and laboratory space in the Institute. Dr. George Corner, the dean of research on reproduction, now retired from the Institute at Johns Hopkins, also has a laboratory of researc on reproduction adjoining ours in the Bockefeller Institute.

We have at present about \$200,000 a year available for our Medical Division. A good deal less than half of this amount goes to salaries and expenses of our staff and laboratory at the Rockefeller Institute. The balance is expended in grant to laboratories all over the world which our Medical Directo Warren Nelson, has visited and where he believes important work is going on. By constant travel of Dr. Nelson and his assistant, by conferences in this country and abreed, and by welcoming visitors at our offices we are trying to bring about the coordination in this field which you speak of as so desirable in your letter.

Recent developments have been promising, and I rather feel ware on the right track. Our medical people tell me that wit the experience of the past three years they feel they could spend very effectively much larger sums then we now have available, and this is something we are working on at present

I did not mean to write so long a letter, but the problems are terribly important and it is helpful to have such interchange of ideas.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Prederick Osbern Executive Vice Presiden

Mr. John Cowles The Star and Tribune Minneapolis, Minnesota



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March 4, 1957

Mr. Cass Canfield Chairman - Executive Committee Harper Brothers 49 East 33 Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Canfield:

Mr. John Cowles recently wrote me about Dr. Szilard and Dr. Doering, referring to a conference he had had with you about them.

I thought you might be interested in my reply, and I am enclosing a copy.

The Szilard-Doering proposal is an interesting one and it would be a fine thing if it could be implemented. The more people there are working on these problems the more likely we are to get results. Certainly, at the present time, the amount of money available for research in this field is very limited compared to the importance of the work.

Yours very sincerely,

Frederick Osborn
Executive Vice President

FO: EG

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R. Morton Adams, Esq. 247 Park Avenue New York 17, New York

Re: Szilard Patent

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have your letter of Rebruary 7th, enclosing copies of the letter you received from Mr. Szilard. He asks you to ascertain from me how Mr. Strawss feels about the premises on which the proposal in his letter is based. From my conversations with Mr. Strawss, I can state most positively that Mr. Strawss is not willing to pay your bill either in the full amount or in a reduced amount, if any part of the payment is to redound to the benefit of Mr. Stilard.

As to Mr. Szilard a statement that he will consult with Mr. Harold Manheim, of course he is free to seek the advice of anyone he chooses.

Very truly yours,

Morton Pepper

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Dr. Leo Szilard Hotel Dupont Plaza Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard,

We have recently read in New University News of your proposals for a scientists' lobby in Washington. This is the kind of action that the editors of Our Generation Against Nuclear War heartily applaud. We would be homored to be able to publish your speech in which you propose this, or to publish any statement which you would write, large or small, concerning your ideas in the whole area of disarmament and ending the Cold War.

To our knowledge nothing on your recent statements has appeared in Canadian publications, and we want to fill this gap for a growing number of Canadians who are willing to make sacrifaces for peace.

We enclose a copy of our current issue which is the first one. Our winter issue, which will feature a special section on "Berlin and the German question", will be out in another month. We are published in a non-prifit basis by the CUCND in Montreal. As you can see from our statement of purpose, we have a very strong committment toward examining carefully the issues in war and peace, with a belief that war MUST be eliminated.

We sincerely hope you will find time in your busy schedule to at least consider our request. We shall look forward to your reply.

Respectfully yours,

Dmitm' Raussapoulas: LK Dmitri Roussapoulas, Editor-in-chief

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Feb. 15th 1962

Dear Professor Scilard:

On Monday eve. Feb. 12th, my husband and I were privileged to hear your address "Are We on the Road to War?" which impressed us deeply. We felt obliged to leave during the question period because we sat way up front and feared, that if we waited to the end, we might not be able to obtain any of the printed copies of your speech.

May I introduce myself: I am Mary Ouyang, the wife of a Chinese staff member of the secretariat of the United Nations. I have long felt the urgency of concrete, concerted action on the part of the public to stop the madness of the arms race.

Last Sunday I returned from Vienna, where I was born, and where I had been visiting my cousin, Mrs. Toni Thirring, wife of Hans Thirring, the physicist, whom you undoubtedly know from the Pugwash conferences.

Like you, Hans Thirring has consecrated his life to working for peace. However, he is not as well known in the U.S., where the fate of the world hangs in the balance, as he is in Europe. I felt he ought to be over here, lecturing, but he told me he had no invitations at the moment.

Could you advise me, please, if there is anything I can do over here, to set into motion the proceedings for a lecture tour? Dedicated men, whose opinion carries weight, are few, bigotry is widespread and the time is short.

Let me thank you warmly for the fine work you are doing and the great heart that prompts it.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ouyang Mary Ouyang 246 Bronxville Road,

Bronxville, N.Y.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

November 10, 1954

Interview with: Mr. Frank Altschul, President

* Overbrook Foundation 730 Fifth Avenue New York 19, New York

Representative: William B. Cannon

Summary: I went to see Mr. Altschul to talk about the Overbrook Foundation, particularly because I had heard that the Foundation had given some support to other schools in the field of Democracy and Government. Mr. Altschul is a fairly well known figure in certain public circles: for example, he heads up the New York Council on Foreign Relations, has some important connection with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and apparently was the head of Radio Free Europe when it first got started. From his remarks I would gather that he travels in the George Kennan crowd of internationalists.

However, Mr. Altschul was not interested in discussing the Overbrook Foundation because he didn't really consider it a Foundation in the sense of an organization having a definite policy for financial support of education. According to him, his Foundation is simply a device whereby he and his wife can give to their favorite charities at the least cost to themselves. Apparently the only favorite charity that refers to education is Yale University, with which Mr. Altschul has strong ties.

I would not have much hope for getting anything from the Overbrook Foundation.

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