

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF
SCIENTIFIC UNIONS

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND ITS SOCIAL RELATIONS

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DELFT, Holland.

To Dr. L. Szilard
c/o Atomic Scientist of Chicago
1126, East 59th Street,
Chicago 37
Ill.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Szilard,

As a member of the C.S.S.R. you are invited to attend to a meeting of this Committee, which, in accordance with the decision of September 1947, will be held in Paris, 15 and 16 June 1948, at UNESCO-House, 19, Avenue Kléber, Paris XVI.

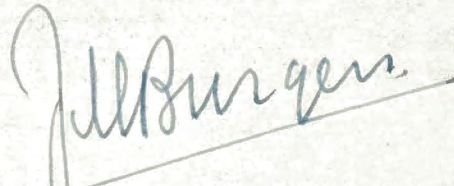
Provisional agenda :

- a. Discussion of reports received in reply to the circular letter addressed to National Academies etc. in October 1947.
- b. Report by Prof. Rehberg and Prof. Szilard on a charter of rights and obligations for scientists.
- c. Work of UNESCO concerning the popularisation of the social relations of science.
- d. Report to be submitted to the I.C.S.U.

Travelling and subsistence costs will be rebursed by the I.C.S.U. to the members of the C.S.S.R. present at the meeting.

Members are requested to inform the secretary whether they have received this letter at the proper address, and whether they propose further topics to be added to the agenda.

The secretary,



(J.M. Burgers).

28th of April 1948.

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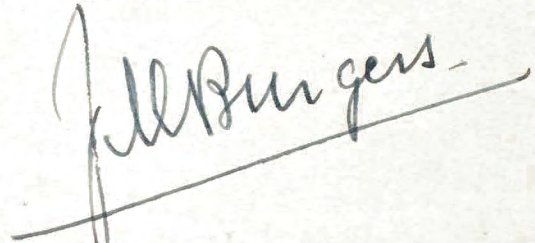
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Dear Colleague,

In connection with the meeting in Paris, June 15 and 16, 1948, I should be glad to know whether you wish to have your travelling and subsistence expenses paid to you in Paris during the meeting (in french francs), or whether you prefer to have them rebursed later on by means of a cheque on your own country. May I ask you to inform me as soon as possible, in order that I can arrange matters with professor Stratton and M. Establier ?

Yours very sincerely,



secretary C.S.S.R.

file name

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Professor J. M. Burgers
Van Houtenstraat 1
Delft, Holland

Dear Burgers:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 7th of May. I have written to Dr. Rehberg about a week ago, and I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum which I sent to him.

With respect to the proposed Charter, I feel that the crucial issue with which scientists are faced in the United States and in many other countries is the role which they may be called upon to play in connection with the war towards which the world may be moving. There is no point in drafting a Charter for Scientists which avoids the most important dilemma with which scientists are confronted these days. The enclosed memorandum was written with this point of view in mind. Probably before this letter reaches you you should have a cable from me concerning my attendance at the meeting in Paris. I would not want, in any case, any traveling expenses paid to me in Paris in French francs, but would need to have it reimbursed by check drawn on some bank in the United States.

With many thanks for your kind letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Leo Szilard

1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

June 16, 1948

Professor J. M. Burgers
Van Houtenstraat 1
Delft, Holland

Dear Professor Burgers:

I am exceedingly sorry that I had to cancel my trip to the Paris Conference. A few days earlier, the Director of the Institute with which I am associated resigned, as of the first of July. The question of his successor was about to be decided, and a number of arrangements had to be made in this connection. I had my passport and all my visas ready to go when this change took place.

I hope very much that it will be possible for me to attend the next meeting. Otherwise, I would suggest that someone else ought to replace me, since I do feel that there ought to be adequate participation in your meetings from the United States.

I would appreciate your letting me know for when your next meeting is scheduled, so that I can determine whether or not I shall be able to make it.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

LS:am
cc: Prof. Rehberg

PS: I assume that you received my cable, which I sent to Paris at the start of the meeting.

L.S.