

L. SZILARD  
c/o Mrs. Hicklin  
65 Ridgmount Gardens  
London, W.C.1

Brussels, May 14, 1933.

Dear ... arschak,

This is to inform you of the following.

I saw Professor Guilbert Murray in Oxford and I had two long interviews with him. He is entirely of the opinion that international cooperation is imperative for us so as to be able to use money raised in America and in England for lecturers who would like to go to other countries where their chance of being absorbed may be greater.

He considers to take the initiative in order to unite all of the outstanding scientists and scholars throughout the world in the International Board. We were on the point to invite scientists in America through a cable which was to be sent to Boas, but decided after arrangement at which Beveridge and myself were present to postpone action of this type for later because we felt that Beveridge was not very much in favour of it.

Before I left London I asked Laski to come in touch with Murray and Beveridge on this point and to see that we get such an International Board which we need very badly as soon as possible.

I saw to-day Einstein. Though he is still at some sympathy for his original plan, he is perfectly willing to cooperate in view of the fact that our plan is further advanced than the other one. I shall stay in touch with him and will ask for his help in such a way as I shall think fit.

Please do not forget that my last letter was "Confidential"

Professor Mannheim is now in Brussels and will go to Holland on Monday. He will stay there about one week and he will stimulate the formation of a group in Holland.

I am in touch in Belgium with Duesberg, Recteur of the Liège University, Jacques Errera and Heinrich de Man. I do not yet see clear here as I have only been here for twelve hours.

Yours,

P.S.- Please use my permanent London address.

October 14, 1947

The Honorable George C. Marshall  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Dr. Leo Szilard has read an article of his to the Administrative Committee of the Federation of American Scientists at its last meeting. Dr. Szilard informed us that he planned to ask your permission to send a letter based on this article to Premier Stalin.

We believe that Dr. Szilard's request should be granted because his letter may serve a useful purpose at this critical time.

Respectfully yours,

Robert E. Marshak  
Chairman

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Recommendation

THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

ROCHESTER 3, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

March 22, 1950

Professor Leo Szilard  
Institute for Nuclear Studies  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Leo:

I understand that you knew Dr. James Tuck at Oxford at the time you were there. We are seriously considering offering a permanent position to Tuck, who is now at the University of Chicago. We need another mature and experienced experimentalist on our large cyclotron project in addition to Professor S. W. Barnes who administers the project. I would therefore appreciate it very much if you could send me an early letter giving me your opinion of Dr. Tuck's capabilities and originality as an experimental physicist and the extent of his present knowledge of nuclear physics ( or his potential ability to learn the subject if he is not now sufficiently well educated in the field). Since it is extremely important that this position be filled by the right person, I would be very grateful for a frank appraisal of Dr. Tuck's suitability for the job.

Sincerely yours,

*R. E. Marshak*

Robert E. Marshak

1155 E. 57th St.  
Chicago 37, Ill.  
March 29, 1950

Dr. Robert E. Marshak  
The University of Rochester  
College of Arts and Science  
Department of Physics  
Rochester 3, New York

Dear Marshak:

I have your letter of March 22 regarding James Tuck.

Tuck came to work with me at Oxford some six months before I left there at the end of 1937, and we planned jointly to build a betatron (no such accelerator existed at that time). It is my understanding that after I left, Tuck made very good progress on this project, but his work was interrupted by the war in September, 1939. At the time when Tuck worked with me, I formed the most favorable opinion of him. He was imaginative, resourceful, and very pleasant to work with. I am convinced that he would fit in exceedingly well with your group and that he would be a very good man for the position which you have in mind.

There is little doubt that Tuck is a very good experimental physicist. As to the extent of his present knowledge of nuclear physics, I hesitate somewhat to express an opinion because I have not been in close touch with his work here at Chicago. I would suggest that you ask about this one point either Herbert Anderson or S. K. Allison, both at the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the University.

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As you probably know, Tuck spent part of the war in Los Alamos and gained considerable experience while he was there.

I hope that something will come of your plan, and that you will be able to get Tuck.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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February 24, 1962

Professor Robert Marshak  
Department of Physics  
University of Rochester  
Rochester, New York

Dear Marshak:

Would you be good enough to read the attached "speech" and let me know whether you are sufficiently interested to be willing to be part of this operation.

I am enclosing some indication of the responses, and if you are interested I shall mail you a set of press clippings and photocopies of a sample of my mail.

Please let me know as soon as you can what you think about all this by writing to me at my Washington address given below.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington 6, D. C.  
Telephone: HUDSON 3-6000

Enclosures

Washington, D. C.  
March 3, 1962

Professor Robert Marshak  
Department of Physics  
University of Rochester  
Rochester, New York

Dear Marshak:

The attached letter is meant for you and those others whose names are listed in the memo "The Next Step". I should be very grateful to you for reading the attached letter and the enclosures, and for advising me as soon as possible whether you are willing to serve as an Associate.

I hope very much that you will not disqualify yourself from serving on the Board of Directors of the Council.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Enclosures

P.S. I am enclosing the revised and final version of my speech, which will be printed in the April issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS  
AND ASTRONOMY

March 9, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Dupont Plaza Hotel  
1500 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Szilard:

I have read over the material which you have sent me, and, needless to say, I am very sympathetic to many of the points which you make. Nevertheless, I feel that as of now there is no point joining your "Movement" when I already belong to a movement, the Federation of American Scientists. Why can you not feed in your highly original and provocative ideas into an existing organization of scientists of good will and somehow influence, and be influenced, by this larger group? More specifically, why do you not get together with John Toll, Chairman of the FAS for this year, and see whether or not you can work out a meaningful liaison. In particular, I should think that John Toll would be very pleased to invite you to address an FAS meeting in Washington during the period April 24-27 (both the American Physical Society and National Academy of Sciences meetings will be held then). Until I am more convinced than I am now (apart from the question of available time) about the rightness of your method, I would personally prefer to throw my financial and moral support (for whatever it is worth) to the FAS.

With best greetings and with admiration for your persistent concern for the human race.

Sincerely yours,

*Bob Marshak*

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R. E. Marshak, Chairman

cc: Dr. John Toll