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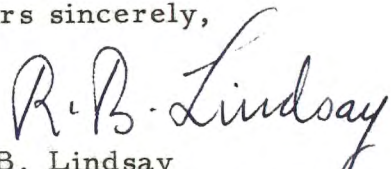
July 17, 1958

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o Dr. Robert B. Livingston
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Dr. Szilard:

In the absence of President Mather, it is my privilege to appoint you as a member of the new committee on the oversight of the Study of World Security Problems Raised by Nuclear Weapons and also as Chairman of the subcommittee to carry on the operations of the project, authorized by the Executive Committee of the Council. It is my understanding that you have consented to serve. The committee will meet at the call of its Chairman.

Yours sincerely,


R. B. Lindsay
Vice-President, Class I

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

President Mather wishes me to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Council of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences would be glad to sponsor your proposed study, by scientists and others, of world security problems raised by nuclear weapons as a special project under an already authorized program of the Academy on technical problems of arms limitation. An overseeing committee for this latter was established by the Council on March 12, 1958, and President Mather was authorized to appoint it. He appointed the following committee to supervise: John T. Edsall (Chairman), Charles D. Coryell, Saville R. Davis, Bernard T. Feld, and Milton Katz; and a subcommittee to carry out the details of the project: Bernard T. Feld (Chairman), Donald G. Brennan, Charles D. Coryell, John T. Edsall, David H. Frisch, W. J. Levison, M. Stanley Livingston, Louis S. Osborne, D. Z. Robinson, and Walter A. Rosenblith.

This committee was authorized by the Council with the understanding that funds to support the project will come from other than Academy sources, since we have already committed all of our own funds this year. The subcommittee has sought out gifts and grants to cover their expenses. As you know, the Academy is a non-profit corporation and is recognized by the U. S. Treasury Department as one to which contributions are deductible under the income tax laws.

It is suggested that the related project proposed by you could be set up similarly, and the following committee appointments by the President for general oversight of the Study of World Security Problems Raised by Nuclear Weapons are proposed: John T. Edsall (Chairman), Saville R. Davis, Leo Szilard, Walter Whitman, and Jerome Wiesner; and for a subcommittee to carry on the details of the project: Leo Szilard (Chairman), Richard Leghorn, Walter Whitman, and Jerome Wiesner.

The Academy would place no restrictions whatever on the imaginative exploration of possible solutions to the problem of world security in the face of nuclear weapons but would heartily encourage your efforts, recognizing your unique gifts and capacities to serve the public welfare in these matters and the unique position of certain scientists to have insights not available to others. However, it is our understanding that under Academy sponsorship

Dr. Leo Szilard

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you would work within the above-proposed committee setup; that you would report to the overseeing committee for approval before taking any major new steps that would be likely to commit the Academy in the public view; and that expenditures would not exceed monies received by the Academy's treasury for the project. Payments of expenses would be made upon submission to the Executive Officer of vouchers or bills with your signature as chairman of the subcommittee on the Study of World Security Problems Raised by Nuclear Weapons. The Academy's internal costs in the operation also would be charged against the monies received.

It is our understanding that your study will involve private conversations among American scientists and also between American scientists and Russian scientists in Russia, with the objective of clarifying issues and perhaps discovering ways in which the United States and the Soviet Union might be able to reduce the danger of the situation in which nuclear and other modern weapons place them and the world. It is also understood that formal meetings aimed at proclaiming a consensus of the participants or any other meetings which are not strictly private in character would fall outside the scope of this study.

If this is acceptable to you, please let us know; and I presume operations can start at once.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Burhoe
Executive Officer

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6 March 1959

Dr. Leo Szilard
The Quadrangle Club
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The telephone bill of the Academy for the period January 15 to February 15 shows the following calls charged to your credit card:

January 15	Denver to Boston	\$6.95
" "	" " "	8.05
January 26	Chicago to Ames	1.00
January 27	California to Boston	3.50
January 27	California to Watertown	6.10
January 29	Chicago to Boston	<u>1.30</u>
		\$ 53.70
	Tax	<u>5.37</u>
		\$59.07

The telephone company admits that the dates may vary from ours, but if the description agrees with your records, would you be good enough to initial the carbon of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

Lois Livingston

Mrs. Lois Livingston
Assistant to the Executive
Officer

cc: Dr. Leghorn
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30 April 1959

Dr. Leo Szilard
The Quadrangle Club
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am listing below the charges to your credit card on the current telephone bill. Will you be good enough to check this listing with your records and return the carbon to me with your initials, if it is correct?

Sincerely,

Lois Livingston

Mrs. Lois Livingston
Assistant to Executive Officer

cc: Dr. Leghorn
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March 1	Indio, Cal. to Watertown	\$5.20
1	" Boston	9.05
20	San Diego to Cambridge	6.75
24	" " to Boston	6.75
April 3	San Diego to Boulder	3.15
3	" " Champaign	5.85
		<u>\$36.75</u>
	U.S. Tax	3.68
		<u>\$40.43</u>



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16 March 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

President Hoagland called me on the phone today and told me of his conversation with you. In regard to this I am sending you under separate cover an issue of the Records of the Academy for 1960-61 listing the various committees in it. You will find that your committee is listed on page 8.

There are some corrections in your subcommittee on Informal International Conversations among Scientists. Paul Doty has resigned as Chairman of this Committee and Sub-Chairman of the Rabinowitch Committee on International Conferences, to become an ordinary member, because he does not have time to do more than that. As a result your committee is now constituted as follows:

Subcommittee on Informal International Conversations among Scientists

Leo Szilard, Chairman
Harrison Brown
Paul Doty
Richard S. Leghorn
Alexander Rich
Jerome B. Wiesner

The Subcommittee for International Conferences is now constituted as follows:

Eugene Rabinowitch, Chairman
Bernard Feld, Vice-Chairman
Harrison Brown
Paul Doty
John T. Edsall
H. Bentley Glass
Alvin M. Weinberg
Victor F. Weisskopf
Jerome B. Wiesner

These two committees are among the special committees of the Academy whose terms come to an end with the Annual Meeting on May 9 when you are speaking here. At the meeting of the Council preceding this meeting, the usual custom is for the various

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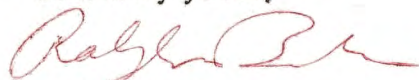
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committees to indicate whether they have reason for continuing in being for another Academy year, and the Council usually authorizes an extension of the committee and authorizes the President to appoint the members thereto. If you have in mind different members who you think would be among those who might be considered for appointment to your subcommittee, I should be glad to have a line and would communicate this to the President and the Council when the time comes.

I am delighted to learn that you are going to give the communication to the Academy at its Annual Meeting on May 9 on the topic "Can We Get Off the Road to War?" As you know, we announce in the Bulletin of the Academy a little more than the title concerning the upcoming meeting. Usually this is not so much in the way of a summary of what will have been said as an appetizer to indicate the kind of problems which will be dealt with and anything that will indicate to the readers of the Bulletin why it is that they should be coming to hear the communication. I enclose as samples a couple of Bulletins showing different styles that have been used. I have marked these with a red pencil. Could you send me in the near future your description of what you would like us to use in this context in the Bulletin.

Sincerely yours,



Ralph W. Burhoe
Executive Officer

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cc: Dr. Hudson Hoagland

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23 March 1962

Ralph W. Burhoe
American Academy of Arts and Science
280 Newton Street
Brookline Station
Boston 46, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Burhoe:

Many thanks for your kind letter of 16 March. You may want to use the following text -- as an appetizer -- for my lecture.

"Because the arms burden weighs very heavily upon Russia and also because of the general set of values prevailing in Russia, the Russians would very much like to have the kind of disarmament that would enable them to free themselves from the economic burden of arms. The same economic argument does not provide a substantial motivation for Americans. Disarmament is impeded not because so many people in America are opposed to it but because so few people in America are whole-heartedly in favor of it."

"Disarmament does not automatically guaranty peace and no one appears to know the answer to the question how peace may be secured in a disarmed world. In the absence of a satisfactory answer to this question America is not able to offer to Russia the kind of disarmament that Russia wants. Moreover, in a disarmed world, America could not militarily protect any country which is geographically remote from her own territory and it follows that disarmament will be

politically acceptable to America only if there is an adequate political settlement which will permit America to free herself from her present commitments without too much loss of prestige and without sacrificing the security of the other nations involved."

"If America and Russia were able to reach a meeting of the minds on how the peace may be secured in a disarmed world, subsequently America should be in a position to offer to Russia the kind of disarmament Russia wants and Russia might be expected to pay a commensurate *price* by agreeing to a political settlement which would enable America to liquidate her military commitments. Such a meeting of the minds of America and Russia could be greatly facilitated by extended private discussions between the Americans and the Russians resulting in a joint report to the two governments."

I hope the above fills the bill.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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27 March 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you very much for your statement indicating the topics with which you will be concerned in your lecture at our meeting in May. We are looking forward with great interest to your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Burhoe
Executive Officer

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Love: engagement ~~for 5~~

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13 April 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We enclose a copy of the summary of the communication which you will present at the Annual Meeting of the Academy. Please let us know if you would like to make any changes.

Besides printing a summary of a communication before it is given, we also publish a longer one afterwards. In your case, this summary will appear in the October Bulletin. (The Bulletin does not come out between June and September.) We will therefore need a short resumé for this purpose.

Thank you for your attention to these two matters.

Most sincerely,

Catharine Wilder

Catharine Wilder
Assistant to the
Executive Officer

Enclosure

P. S. It would be most helpful if we could have the resumé shortly after the Annual Meeting.



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10 January 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard
Hotel DuPont Plaza
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

In response to your phone call of the other day, I have conferred with officers of the Academy, and they would be agreeable to your financing work of your Committee on Informal International Conversations Among Scientists by a temporary grant which would be returnable to the grantor if and when another grant or grants are received to cover the same expenses.

Sincerely,

Ralph W. Burhoe
Executive Officer

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