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420 West 116th Street  
New York, N. Y.  
February 23, 1955

Mr. W. H. Ferry  
Fund for the Republic  
1 East 54th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ferry:

After I left your office, I called at the Rockefeller Foundation and found that Warren Weaver will be out of the country until about March 7th. I shall contact him after his return and let you know how I made out.

Enclosed is a copy of the short article which I wrote for the Security (April) issue of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. Perhaps you would wish to send it on to the New York Bar Association for their consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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(Identical letter sent to Dr. R. M. Hutchins.)

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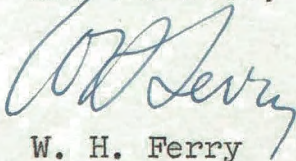
Mr. Leo Szilard  
King's Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Szilard:

Please let me know what  
you learn when Warren Weaver  
returns.

I am sending your letter  
and short article along to the  
proper people at the Associa-  
tion of the Bar of the City of  
New York.

All the best,



W. H. Ferry

Kings Crown Hotel  
420 West 116th St  
New York 27, N. Y.  
February 8, 1955

Mr. R. M. Hutchins  
Fund for the Republic  
1444 Wentworth Avenue  
Pasadena 5, Calif

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

Enclosed is a text that appeared last Sunday as "letter to the Editor" in the New York Times. Since the "Republic" can survive only if there is no war, I thought that perhaps the Fund might be interested in doing something about the pre-conditions of the "Republic's" existence. I ran into Paul Hoffman the other day by chance at a small dinner where he spoke, and I was quite impressed.

I had an odd thought the other day in connection with the Fund for the Republic. A rather interesting situation has arisen in connection with the United States Public Health research grants. These go mostly to Universities, ear-marked for the work of a given individual and they represent a large fraction of the financial support in the field of biology in this country. The scientists are up-in-arms at the present time, with the California Institute of Technology leading the rebellion - if it can be called rebellion - because

the United States Public Health Service refuse, for political reasons, grants that are recommended by its own scientific committees and does not state the reasons. There is no due process of any kind provided for. Pauling has been refused such a grant, and so have been others at Cal. Tech. and elsewhere.

It occurred to me that it would perhaps be possible for the Fund for the Republic to adopt and publicly to announce a policy of giving grants to Universities in lieu of grants that were favorably recommended by the appropriate committees to the U.S. Public Health Service and were refused for unstated reasons.

Du Bridge or Beadle at Cal. Tech. are in an excellent position to give you all the information on their unsuccessful attempts to remedy this situation through conferences in Washington, D.C. Perhaps you would like to call them up on the telephone and listen to their story. They don't know about this letter and I have not been in touch with them directly.

I hope to catch you some time when you are in New York.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Encl

Box 4068, Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mr. Szilard:

Just saw Mark Childs' piece about you.

This is a note to say how much I have admired you, & how great a contribution you have made to the sanity of the world. It might well have been lost by this time had it not been for the urgent & rational advice @ you and a few others <sup>gave us</sup> over these last desperate years. I share your views exactly as to our prospects & think that the only possible method of bringing matters off without catastrophe rests in the formula, Absolutely Novel Situations Require Absolutely Novel Solutions. My contribution attached, novel enough to provoke many howls but of course not original. Old ways just won't get us anywhere. If there are any historians around after The Blast, they'll look back at Geneva & say, What did they possibly think could be accomplished ~~in~~ by using 19th Century Diplomacy in the Atomic Century?

Andy Hacker has a really fine idea in his letter. Bob Hutchins & your many other admirers

here all send their warmest regards and affection. Your recent Fantasy delighted us all, as earlier ones never failed to do either.

with best wishes

and regards,

*W. H. Ferry*  
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