

August 22, 1957

Mr. Cyrus S. Eaton
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company
Terminal Tower
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Eaton:

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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CYRUS S. EATON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 4, 1957

Dear Professor Szilard:

Your interesting letters of August 20, 22, and 27 were awaiting me when I finally returned to Cleveland after an extensive trip through the wild Ungava iron ore country in northernmost Quebec.

I am of the opinion that the more international meetings of scientists that are held, the better. The University of Chicago would make an eminently appropriate sponsor. As you point out, however, under present circumstances a meeting that would include representatives from the Iron and Bamboo Curtain countries would have to be held somewhere outside of the United States, and that would impose a severe handicap on the University. Even if special dispensation could be obtained for the admission of the desired participants, the obstacles and humiliations -- fingerprinting, for instance -- that our State Department imposes on foreign visitors would make a poor preamble to a friendly meeting aimed at an amicable exchange of divergent viewpoints from all over the world.

Has this whole subject been discussed with Chancellor Kimpton? Not only his wholehearted approval, but also his active leadership would be a prime requisite to the planning of a meeting to be sponsored by the University.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

CE:rbm

September 5, 1957

Mr. Cyrus Eaton
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company
Terminal Tower
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of September 4th. Your point about discussing the matter with Chancellor Kimpton is well taken. Dr. Morton Grodzins, Chairman of the Department of Political Science, has written to Dr. Kimpton and will discuss the matter with him upon his return to town. Dr. Grodzins is very much interested in this matter and I propose to lean on him in all matters pertaining to organization.

I am supposed to give a talk in Berlin at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society and do not expect to be back in the United States before the middle or the end of October. We should have heard by that time from most of the scientists to whom the memorandum was sent, and may then decide what action to take in the light of those responses.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

Canfield

September 13, 1957

Mr. Cyrus S. Eaton
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co.
Terminal Tower
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Eaton:

I have somehow or other gained the impression that you are very much aware of the fact that it is impossible for the under-developed countries to improve their economic condition without first getting their population increase under control. The governments of China and India, for instance, are by now fully aware of this but in those countries, as elsewhere, the governments are handicapped because biology has not come up with a method of birth control which would meet the needs of under-developed countries.

Twice in the past few years I have been asked to look into this problem, have spent several months of study on it, and went on record in writing as to what needs to be done. Because there is a revolution in modern biology, there are many young, capable men available in this country who might like to work on the problem, but there is no setting in which these men could aggregate. Curiously enough it seems unlikely that funds can be obtained in the United States for creating such a setting.

I am saying all this to you with two purposes in mind.

(1) Should you at any time be impelled to set up a foundation, for any one of the reasons for which foundations are set up these days, I should appreciate an opportunity to discuss this problem with you in detail.

(2) While I am in Germany I might try to interest the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, where I have many friends and acquaintances, in the possibility of perhaps setting up such an Institute in Germany under conditions where they would be able to draw, at least in part, on American scientific man-power. I noticed in the newspapers that Mr. Krupp will be visiting you and heard that he is interested in the problem of under-developed areas, although I do not know whether he is taking the long-range view on this subject. However, it occurred to me that perhaps you might have an occasion to discuss with him -- among many other things -- this subject also. Should

he be interested and should he return to Germany within the month of October, I should be very happy to call on him and discuss this matter with him, provided the response of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft is not altogether negative.

Attached you will find two memoranda which were recently prepared on this subject by Dr. William Doering of Yale and me at the request of Mr. Cass Canfield, Chairman of the Board of Harper and Bros. Mr. Canfield thought he would like to explore the possibility of obtaining the funds which may be needed. You might glance at these memoranda at your convenience if you feel like it.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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CYRUS S. EATON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 20, 1958

Dear Professor Szilard:

I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference at Lac Beauport, Quebec. If you will let me know the time of your arrival and the flight number of your plane, I shall be glad to have someone meet you at the airport.

Will you also please let me know what your traveling expenses will be so that I can send you a check to cover.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

CE:crs

March 21, 1958

Cyrus Eaton
Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio

Arriving Quebec flight 450 at ^{7:10}~~six~~ p.m. on Friday 28th or
Saturday or Sunday depending whether secretarial services
and accommodation are available over weekend. Kindly advise
on this basis which of these days you prefer me to arrive.
Regards.

Leo Szilard

Inst. for Nuclear Studies
4-5420-30-1000
Ex 3734

Called in at 11:30

Mr. Cyrus S. Eaton,
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co.,
Terminal Tower,
Cleveland 1, Ohio.

March 22, 1958.

Dear Mr. Eaton,

Many thanks for your letter of March 20th.

The one-way plane fare from Chicago to Quebec amounts to \$72.60, and in view of this, I estimate that my travel expenses would be covered if you were to send me a check for \$150.00.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard.



THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

TERMINAL TOWER - CLEVELAND 1, OHIO

CYRUS S. EATON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 22, 1958

Dear Professor Szilard:

Many thanks for your telegram concerning your travel plans to Quebec.

The Manoir St. Castin at Lac Beauport, Quebec, will be ready to receive our group on Saturday, the 29th. We will also have secretarial services available on that day. I would suggest, therefore, that you change your arrival in Quebec to Saturday, the 29th. We will arrange to have you met at the airport in Quebec City on the 29th at 7:10 PM, and hope this will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
1155 East 57th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

CE:crs

Tanner 1-2200

March 25, 1958

Cyrus Eaton

Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio

Arriving Quebec Saturday Flight 450 at 6:50 p.m.

Please note change of date and correction of time and kindly
confirm. If able to catch earlier connection would arrive
Flight 448 at 5:20 p.m. Regards

Leo Szilard

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ack: May 15/60

Acadia Farms
Northfield
Ohio

January 26, 1960

Dear Professor Szilard:

When Mr. Eaton and I were in Chicago for the Trustees' Meeting, I spent a very enjoyable evening with faculty and trustees' wives. I was particularly well cared for by Mrs. John Simpson who is your devoted admirer. In fact, when it became known that I knew you too, I was accepted as a regular by your many friends.

Mr. Eaton and I are very sorry to know that you have not been well and hope for good news about you soon. You have a unique place in our affection. You probably remember that at the first Pugwash conference you were the first to arrive, and the first famous scientist I had ever met. Your luggage had been lost enroute.

Of course, you turned out to be the most quotable scientist too, and I couldn't begin to number the times I have told fascinated audiences what you said in Pugwash, Lac Beauport and Kitzbuhel.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Arne Eaton
(Mrs. Cyrus S. Eaton)

Professor Leo Szilard
Hotel St. Moritz, Room 2334
Sixth Avenue at 59th Street
New York, New York



THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

TERMINAL TOWER - CLEVELAND 1, OHIO

March 18, 1960

CYRUS S. EATON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Professor Szilard:

The award to you of the Einstein Medal this year is eminently fitting. I am delighted to see this latest recognition of your many brilliant accomplishments.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Leo Szilard
Memorial Hospital
Room 804
444 East 68th Street
New York 21, New York

CE:rjp

August 16, 1960.

Mr. Cyrus Eaton,
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company,
Terminal Tower,
Cleveland 1, Ohio.

T0-1-2200

Dear Mr. Eaton,

I wonder whether you think you might be able to transmit to Mr. Khrushchev, with such comments as you might care to make, a letter which is attached.

I believe I understand quite well how Khrushchev's mind works and I think I could communicate with him much better than I could have communicated with, say, John Foster Dulles. He has made one ingenious discovery, which appeals to me: he discovered that, in diplomatic intercourse, you can state the truth, state it bluntly and not only get away with it, but even accomplish sometimes a useful purpose.

I think that in deciding whether he should visit me, Mr. Khrushchev may take into account the public relations aspect of such a visit. Therefore, if you think it right, you might gently indicate to him that, from this point of view, it might not be a bad thing for him to visit a scientist of the sort I am - in the circumstances in which I find myself.

I should perhaps add that for the moment I feel very well and am active, to the point where, on occasions, I am going out to dinner with friends. There is no way of telling how long this situation will last, however.

I am enclosing an article which appeared about me in Harper's, by Alice Kimball Smith, and an interview which I recently gave to the U.S. News & World Report on the use of the bomb in 1945. Please feel free to transmit these articles to Moscow, if you think that they would serve a useful purpose.

Perhaps after you have received this letter and had time to think about it, Betty Royon would call me over the telephone and tell me what you have decided to do about this matter.

I can be reached over the telephone at Memorial Hospital, New York, at extension 133, TRafalgar 9-3000, any time from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. My address is Room 812, The Memorial Hospital, 444 East 68th Street, New York 21, N.Y.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures



THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

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September 22, 1960

CYRUS S. EATON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Professor Szilard:

I am delighted that you can be with us on
Monday.

Will you please present the enclosed card
at the door.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Leo Szilard
Memorial Hospital, Room 804
444 East 68th Street
New York 21, New York

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Acadia Farms
Northfield
Ohio

May 11, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I was so pleased to be honored with your book which is naturally sheer delight. I was pleased that you began it with that wonderful Stephen Benet poem which is almost too good. For the rest, I can only say that Anatole France has finally an equal.

Thank you so much for sending it to me.

Sincerely,

Anne Eaton

(Mrs. Cyrus S. Eaton)

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o The Quadrangle Club
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

July 18, 1961

Cyrus Eaton
Chairman, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad
Tower Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Eaton:

In the first few months of the Kennedy Administration there has been some searching around for various ways in which America and the Soviet Union could cooperate in the field of science. One of the tentative proposals has been the setting up of a biological research institute under joint American-Russian management which could be open for researchers of all nations. I understand that the area which would be of the greatest interest from the Russian point of view is that of molecular biology, which is a comparatively new field and in which America is leading at the present time.

Because of the way things are going in Washington, it occurred to me that perhaps it would be wiser not to wait until the two governments come together on this, but rather to try to set up a research institute for molecular biology as an American-Russian enterprise with the American participation being private while the Russian would participate through the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The initial cost of building such an institute might be about five million dollars and the running expenses might amount to two million dollars. Of this, half could come from America and the other half from Russia.

It is conceivable that I could get the Ford Foundation interested in this but they might be too timid to tackle it at this time.

It occurred to me that you might have set up a tax-exempt foundation by this time -- for the usual reasons -- or that you might contemplate setting up such a foundation. In case you have

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not made up your mind where all of the income should go, I thought that you might be interested in the idea of financing through such a foundation -- perhaps on a contract basis -- such an American-Russian enterprise.

One point which you may want to check is, what fraction of the income a tax-exempt American foundation may contribute to a tax-exempt institution abroad.

The institute could be set up in Vienna, for instance, and in this case I am almost certain that the Austrian Government would give it a privileged status so that the staff would have to pay no income tax on their salaries. Geneva, Switzerland would be another possible location. Much could be said also for locating such an institute in England or Denmark, but I am not certain whether this would meet with the approval of the Russians.

An important question is of course, whether first-class American scientists would be willing to join such an institute.

It so happens that molecular biology is my own field. The main burden in this field is carried by a comparatively small group of young men whom I know and who would be very enthusiastic about such an enterprise. I am convinced that the very best of them would be willing to spend two years at a stretch at such an institute, but whether any of them would be willing to join such an institute permanently, I would not venture to predict.

Also this would depend on the location of the institute and other details. Thus, if the institute were located in England it would be easier to staff it with first-class Americans on a permanent basis than if it were located in Geneva or Vienna. Off-hand I can think of two very good men, either of whom could direct this institute (alternating with a Russian). One of them is a Pole who is now director of a research institute located in the United States.

Let me know if you are interested in this matter. If you are, then you might want to talk to a few scientists in this field and get a feel for just how enthusiastic they might be for such an enter-

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prise. I could arrange for you to see some of them sometime after Labor Day. If you wish to discuss with me anything relating to this general issue perhaps you could telephone me at the Hotel DuPont Plaza (HUDSON 3-6000, extension 745) and we might arrange then to meet in July or August at some place and time that is convenient to you.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Hotel DuPont Plaza
Washington 6, D.C.

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July 18, 1961

Cyrus Eaton
Chairman, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad
Tower Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Eaton:

It was a pleasure to see you and Mrs. Eaton on television yesterday.

Many thanks for sending me the Dodd committee report. I have leafed through it and came to the conclusion that it would be a mistake for me to draw attention to it by responding to it. This report got surprisingly little attention when it was first issued and the odds are that it will be quickly forgotten.

Attached to this letter you will find a clipping which might perhaps interest you and which you might use if the occasion arises.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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June 13, 1962

Mr. Cyrus Eaton
Chairman of the Board
Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad
Terminal Tower Bldg
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Eaton:

You probably heard of my recent exploits. In the response to the speech which I gave at eight universities and colleges and which was reprinted in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, I have received pledges for annual campaign contributions to Congressional candidates between \$150,000 and \$400,000. In view of this response two political committees, the Council and the Lobby were set up on June 2nd. The attached circular letter went to about 2500 people, who have expressed serious interest. I believe contributions will mainly come from people who are in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 income bracket. I believe that the response to this first mailing will give us all the funds that we may need for the present.

However, I have a problem about my own office expenses, which are charged to the University of Chicago. Since the middle of November of last year my mail jumped up to 25-30 letters a day and my office expenses sky-rocketed. If I were to submit the bill to the University at the present time, my account would be in the red, in the amount of about \$3,000. Our understanding is that the University pays my office expenses, but that I see to it that the account does not go into the "red". If your budget permits you to make a tax deductible contribution in the amount of \$3,000, I should be very grateful for your sending me a check payable to the University of Chicago. I would then transmit this check to the University and explain that it should be credited to the "Szilard World Security Fund" to which I customarily charge those of my office expenses which I cannot charge to my Biological Research Grant.

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I suppose that from here on I shall charge certain office expenses to the Council for Abolishing War, but I would not want to do that retroactively.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Leo Szilard



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June 18, 1962

BETTY ROYON

STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Professor Szilard:

We missed you at our Acadia Farms 50th anniversary celebration, but were delighted beyond words that Mrs. Szilard could be with us. She made a tremendous impression on all who were fortunate enough to meet her.

I had been holding off my reply to your letter of the 13th, because I had thought there might be an opportunity for a personal discussion of it and the accompanying letter for Mr. Eaton. You know, without my telling you, that we always follow your constructive work with the closest interest, and that we have the utmost sympathy for it. At the present time, however, the suggested contribution does not fit into our picture.

We shall be keeping the matter actively in mind against the day when we might be able to give you an answer more to your liking. Meanwhile, would any of your increasing volume of correspondence and related clerical work lend itself to handling from Cleveland? I should be happy to serve in some way as anonymous, absentee director of your secretariat, if this would be helpful to you.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Szilard and you,

Sincerely yours,

Betty

Professor Leo Szilard
Hotel Dupont Plaza
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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June 27, 1962

Miss Betty Royon
c/o Mr. Cyrus Eaton
The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company
Terminal Tower
Cleveland 1, Ohio

Dear Betty Royon:

It was very kind of you to offer, in your letter of June 18, to serve in some way as an anonymous director of our secretariat. Unfortunately, it would be impossible to set up an effective operation on this basis.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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