

To: Those who received copies of Leo Szilard's  
speech "Are We On The Road To War?"

This is to remind you that Dr. Szilard would like your reactions to his talk, as well as those of others you may have contacted. If you have not yet done so, please send your responses to him on the attached card. Responses to the "experiment" will soon be tabulated, and Dr. Szilard would like to hear from those who are willing to commit themselves, and from others.

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# The American Humanist Association

HUMANIST HOUSE

YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

April 15, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard,

This letter has a number of points which are more or less related.

- (1) Since the deadline for the June-July issue of Free Mind is April 28 (the issue to appear at the end of May), I will appreciate any additional data and/or comments you can supply in regard to the "Peace Lobby" story for that issue. A couple of short quotes for AHA readers would be particularly welcome. If there have been any handbills or folders issued since the Bulletin account appeared (i.e., statements of details, program, etc.), they would be valuable in my hands.
- (2) The Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice group here in Yellow Springs has been holding a series of monthly meetings on major aspects of disarmament. At the latest one, Friday, it was decided to discuss in detail your ideas of a Council for Abolishing War and of a Peace Lobby. The meeting will be on May 18. However, a number of persons indicated strong interest in the possibility of having you here in person. If it is possible that you would be in this area during the second or third weeks of May and if you would be interested in speaking publicly in Yellow Springs, it would no doubt be possible for us to arrange appropriate sponsorship and arrangements. The USFJ, Friends, Humanists, and possibly others would welcome your remarks. Certainly, many persons at Antioch College would be deeply interested. Please let me know your wishes in this matter.
- (3) You may be interested to know of some corresponding which I have done in regard to peace. Early in March, I wrote to Norman Cousins, National Committee for Atomic Information (apparently now defunct), McGraw-Hill, and Dr. Eugene Rabinowitch to inquire about the possibilities of One World or None being re-issued (with or without a series of "up-dating" articles.) So far, Dr. Rabinowitch is the only one to reply--and he seemed interested. I had previously asked Gerard Piel about this, but he has not yet replied. Today I wrote to Dexter Masters at Consumers Union, Mount Vernon, N.Y., about such a possibility. In Los Angeles, I mentioned such a re-issuing to Dr. Pauling, who seemed interested. I suppose that I should write to Dr. Teller! If you think that such an historic document would have value, in a new printing, in these un-sane days 16 years later, I hope that you will lend your support. Personally, I know of no more basic and broad statement on the need to abolish war before it abolishes man (I was about 17 when I read it initially). Perhaps such a document would be of value to a Peace Lobby as an educational force.
- (4) A news item which you may not have heard yet: the AHA members at the meeting in Los Angeles voted to affiliate with Turn Toward Peace as a communicating member.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Wilkie

Lloyd Wilkie  
Administrative Assistant

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19 April 1962

Lloyd Wilkie  
The American Humanist Association  
Humanist House  
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wilkie:

Many thanks for your letter of 15 April. I have no information going beyond the Bulletin article that I would want to make public. For the time being I shall be staying in the East and therefore not be able to participate in your meeting on 18 May.

It might be a good idea to publish a new "One World or None" but I doubt it would be a good idea to reprint the old one.

If you write anything in the June-July issue of the Free Mind I should appreciate your referring to my article in the Bulletin and explicitly stating how your readers can obtain a reprint of my article from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 935 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois, at 10¢ for single copies including postage -- otherwise your readers might write me for reprints and I am unable to fill such individual requests.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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367 Fine Needles Dr.  
Del Mar, Calif.  
May 17, 1962

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

21 May  
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Dear Dr. Szilard,

On March 18 I sent you a check for \$100.00. If this check has not been cashed I would appreciate it if you would send it to Californians for Liberal Representation.

I am enclosing a letter from this organization and I hope you will support these candidates.

I understand that Dr. Wade Fite from this area has visited you. I would be interested in knowing how you feel about his candidacy. I feel that I can not support Dr. Fite in as much as he appears to favor atmospheric nuclear testing.

Sincerely,

*Emily H. Nawalinski*  
(Mrs. T. Nawalinski)

21 May 1962

E.H. Nawlinski  
367 Pine Needles Drive  
Del Mar, California

Dear Mrs. Nawalinski:

Many thanks for your letter of 17 May. I have handed your check on to one of the trustees of the Council for Abolishing War and there is no way for me or for him to return your check to you. However, your check has not been cashed and will not be cashed prior to 3 June. In these circumstances the only thing I can suggest is that you advise your bank to stop payment on that check and then you may use the funds freed thereby for any purposes you wish.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard



W.P. Rogers  
Zoology Dept.  
The University of Adelaide  
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The University of Adelaide

Adelaide

Department of Zoology

WPR/mnj

18th June, 1962

Dr. L. Szilard,  
Dupont Plaza Hotel,  
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.,  
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I read with considerable interest your proposal in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 18, 23. Although it is now after the date you gave in suggesting that people should write to you I wish to tell you that though I differ in some minor points I am most strongly in favour of your proposal. I am sure that many of my colleagues in this University would also take this view if your article was brought to their notice. My purpose in writing to you now is to enquire how your proposal is progressing and if it would be worth while to try and get some support for you within this University.

Yours sincerely,

W.P. Rogers

July 12, 1962

Dr. W. P. Rogers  
Zoology Department  
The University of Adelaide  
Adelaide, South Australia

Dear Dr. Rogers:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of June 18. The Council For Abolishing War has, in the meantime, been established as a political committee in Washington. It is a strictly American organization, which does not solicit and cannot accept any support from abroad. I am grateful to you, however, for your interest. By reading the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists you will be able to follow the movement, since reports about it will appear from time to time in that magazine.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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Washington, D.C.  
July 2, 1962

Father Louis O. C. S. O.  
Abbey of Gethsemani  
Trappist, Kentucky

Dear Father Louis:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter, and to say that I greatly appreciate the interest you have shown in the matter. Also I wish to thank you for the manuscript "Peace In The Post-Christian Era," which I am reading with *great* interest.

Respectfully,

Leo Szilard

Hotel Dupont Plaza  
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May 10, 1962

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

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

It is encouraging to know of your great effort to create an effective lobby devoted to the cause of peace. In recent months we too have launched a new full time effort and an important phase of our present program is to generate support for the Senate nomination this July, of Connecticut's Congressman at-large, Frank Kowalski.

I am sure that you are fully aware of the courageous position Congressman Kowalski has taken on many issues affecting World Peace. In doing so he has understandably incurred the displeasure of the Democratic Organization and now faces an extremely difficult fight for the Senate nomination. If he can secure 20% of the delegates at the Convention in July he can force a State Primary. We firmly believe that he can not only win such a Primary, but could defeat his Republican opponent in the fall election.

While Sane does not endorse candidates we are urging all our members to take an active role as individuals in Kowalski's crucial fight. Unfortunately many of the people whose generous financial support makes our work possible are also called upon to contribute financially to the Kowalski campaign. It occurs to me that Kowalski's desperate need for funds might be partially overcome with a contribution from your new effort. As I read your proposal this is the kind of specific help that you wanted to make possible for deserving candidates. Of all the men now in the Congress none, in our opinion, have done more than Frank Kowalski to promote the cause of peace.

We would appreciate knowing if our requests have relevance to what you are doing. I believe we must have the maximum cooperation between the many groups now working for a common goal and perhaps this may be a beginning. I shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,  
*Nolan Kerschner*  
Nolan Kerschner, Executive Director

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16 May 1962

Marvin L. Goldberger  
Department of Physics  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Murph:

I suggest that you contact Bernard Serin, Professor of Physics at Rutgers and ask him to bring with him to the meeting scheduled at Princeton those of his group who may be interested. Serin sent me on 7 January a list of people who have expressed interest in the proposal contained in my speech.

Dr. E. Abrahams 640 West End Ave. NYC 24	Dr. N. Koller 278 S. 10th Ave. Highland Pk, N.J.	Dr. P. Lindenfield 121 Harris Rd. Princeton, N.J.	Dr. E.A. Lynton 665 Snowden Lane Princeton, N.J.
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May I suggest that the above list of people be invited by you individually.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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8481 Paseo del Ocaso  
La Jolla, California  
March 23, 1962

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Dr. Wade Fite  
340 Arroya Drive  
Encinitas, Calif.

Dear Dr. Fite:

I met you last evening at the home of Mrs. Thompson and had the privilege of listening to the expression of your viewpoint on various important questions. I should like to present you with some of my views and reactions to your expressed statements.

I agree with you that it is time that we had some scientists in Congress. The most important reasons for having scientists in Congress, in my opinion, is that one would hope that they would have a greater understanding of the magnitude and destructive forces of present-day weapons, of the great danger that radioactivity poses to biological systems, etc. and that they would therefore recognize that atomic war should not even be considered as an instrument to resolve disputes between nations. In addition, it is to be expected that genuine scientists would regard humanity as an integrated community and that they would have a more international approach to world affairs, in contrast to the narrow nationalism of traditional politicians. Various members of the present Congress, predominantly lawyers and businessmen, have repeatedly indicated by their speeches and voting records that they have absolutely no concept of atomic war. Many of them seem to think that Capitalism can be "victorious" over Communism as a result of nuclear war, that we must be superior in weapons so that we can "win", and that a fleet of B-70 bombers, Polaris submarines, Minutemen, etc. will "protect" us. But surely, the concept of security, protection, winning, are obsolete and are based on a mode of thinking of a past age when we had no atomic weapons and when nations could win wars.

I was therefore most disappointed to learn that you, though a scientist, are evidently falling into this same pattern of stereotyped thinking. When you started out by saying that you are for disarmament, I was quite encouraged. However, you then told us that you considered it necessary to resume testing in the atmosphere because you would "hate to see Russia get ahead". You are apparently willing to risk the sacrifice of unknown numbers of lives to destruction by radioactive fission products from bomb tests because you hope that it may "save hundreds of thousands of lives later on".

I would like to call your attention to an article by Gerard Piel (publisher of "Scientific American") called "On the Feasibility of Peace", published in Science 135: 648-652 (February 23, 1962 issue). This is exactly the kind of reasoned, enlightened thinking that I would like to see a scientist bring to Congress. Mr. Piel says, "If alternatives to war are to be found that can keep in view the supreme goals of our free society, they must have advocates and voices to advance them in the councils of our government."

I have indicated to Dr. Leo Szilard that I am prepared to make available 2% of my income for political activity. This would go toward the support of a peace candidate who is now willing to take a firm stand against continuation of the arm's race. (I consider further atmospheric testing to be a perpetuation of this arm's race.) From what I have heard so far of your political views, you would not seem to classify as a "peace candidate" and therefore would not receive my enthusiastic support. I am thus left with the rather negative feeling that anything is better than Mr. Utt, and that I would support you if only to defeat Mr. Utt.

Is there still time for you to change your viewpoint on these questions?

Sincerely yours,

*Joyce C. Lewin*

Joyce C. Lewin

(Mrs. Ralph A. Lewin)

Copies to:

Dr. Leo Szilard

La Jolla Democratic Club

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Mr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle,  
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Dear Mr. Szilard

I have just read Robert E. Light's article, -Removing the Barriers To Peace, in the National Guardian of March, 12 1962. At the end he mentions your activity and gives a brief outline of your plan. He also gives the above address and invites correspondence.

Well, having spent half a century now in working for PEACE during which time I have seen two World Wars wreck the world and set back civilization by centuries, it seems futile to propose any more plans. Almost any plan would do if the MOTIVE was there and in the minds of a sufficient number of people.

If you can get enough people to even WANT to abolish war it will be a great achievement, but our whole economy is solidly based on CHEATING, LYING and STEALING. If people can be convinced that they can live without CHEATING, LYING and STEALING the need for MURDER lessens and may even vanish.

I have entirely lost faith in politicians and their arguing and voting and "fiddling while Rome burns". Somewhere there must be a demonstration of sound economics, and that calls for an honest money system, and end to the battle to POSSESS the earth's resources, be they coal, uranium, water power or what not.

We would do well to read again the writings of Thomas Paine. I say often that this country got off the track at the time of Shay's Rebellion and I have very little hope of its getting back on the said track again.

I can do very little to help. I can write and I can put motion pictures on a screen and even do a little in the making of motion pictures. I have always believed that a working demonstration should be set up like Job Harriman's Llano Colony which was eventually destroyed partly by the mistakes of inexperienced people on the inside and the attacks of very powerful and heavily financed attacks from the outside and the general apathy and ignorance of the great masses who are quite content to be "cheap labor" for prosperous WAR MAKERS

I have known many heroic people who spent years and fortunes in the struggle but those I knew are nearly all dead, and the younger ones who do not even know that there was a DEPRESSION back in the 1930's know almost nothing about the gentle art of cooperative self help. They want to carry signs in parades or ask war profiteers to be good and then go right on buying low in the hope of selling high. Most of them could not set a hen or raise a potato, but they are excited about shooting monkeys at the moon.

I remember seeing an advertisement about a book, <sup>of satire</sup> that you wrote, but I neglected to send for one and I am still curious to see what it was like. I frequently show the March of Time motion picture called ATOMIC POWER which was a reconstruction of the experiments that led to the first atom bomb. I think you were an actor in that. Well, I know a few good people, but like myself they are all financially very weak. I hope you may get a few letters that are more encouraging than this one.

Sincerely

*Walter Willis.*

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John H. Schwarz  
Lowell C-21  
Harvard College  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Feb. 26, 1962

Dear Mr. Brower,

Thank you for your mailing bringing me up to date on the progress of "the movement."

While I find myself basically in accord with the basic positions and objectives which Mr. Syland has stated, I am not prepared at this time to pledge support of any kind, even though I would be free to withdraw it at any time. Furthermore I can not give an encouraging report on conversations which I have had.

I would appreciate being informed of any major developments which may come to pass, however, and I hope this does not sound too paradoxical.

Sincerely yours,  
John H. Schwarz

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2115-34 Avenue

Long Island City 6, N.Y.

May 8, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Avenue  
Washington 6, D.C.

~~For review~~

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Dear Dr. Szilard:

Since I know how deeply you share my concern about the current nuclear race and about all the factors now operating to undermine the peace of the world, I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a peace proposal which I hope could break the current deadlock in Geneva. I would be very deeply indebted to you if you could find the time to scrutinize this proposal and let me know what you think of it. Mr. Norman Cousins and a number of administration officials have expressed a keen interest in this plan. I feel, however, that your reaction would be especially significant.

Yours most sincerely,  
Irving L. Amdur

Ayden Methodist Church

309 WEST THIRD STREET  
P. O. BOX 335

Ayden, North Carolina

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LOUIS A. AITKEN  
Minister

May 2, 1962

PHONES:

Parsonage — PLACID 6-8481  
Study — — PLACID 6-3901

Manuscript  
returned 16 May

Dr. Leo Szilard  
The Du Pont Plaza  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Sometime ago I read a sketchy article about you and your work by Theodore Irwin in Pageant Magazine. I was pleased to read of your many vital contributions to humanity.

Your more recent work on the aging process and in the direction of social problems has made me feel you may be interested in a theory on which I am working. I call it the Concept of the Total Mind. It is based on my belief that the power of the mind is the greatest power available to man. The power of the mind, or at least the greatest portion of it, is locked within the sub-conscious. My theory holds that we are at the place in history where we must bring more and more of man's mental power to conscious awareness and control.

I am enclosing a copy of my paper on this theory in hope that you will have time to read it. I would greatly appreciate your comments about it.

Thank you and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

*Louis A. Aitken*

Louis A. Aitken

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2165 Brigham St., 28 Apr  
Brooklyn 29, N.Y., 10401  
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April 25, 1962  
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My dear Dr. Szilard,

On this sad day I have just finished rereading the description of your "peace lobby" plan in the "National Guardian" of March 12, 1962. Two weeks later the same paper published a letter of mine, a letter in which I attempted to formulate an analysis, and perhaps come up with some suggestion in regard to what is certainly going to happen unless we hit on something fast! - to prevent its happening.

Since my letter had been shortened I'm not sure whether the point I was making was clear, or not. I attempted to establish cause-and-effect relationship, and then consider ways and means of removing the cause as the only effective way to stop the effect.

In my probing the economics factor emerged as the invariable cause of the intolerable position in which we find ourselves. And this holds true even should one insist on discussing the problem in terms of Capitalism versus Communism, if we cut through the semantics.

Within our country the economics factor has two aspects in the consideration of disarmament: the national economy, so long propped up by armaments manufacture; and the private

profits (though I believe the one has been delicately fostered to further the other.)

Professor Benoit's report suggests the solution for the national-economy aspect; and I agree with Prof. Baron - don't you? - that private profit is the real culprit. Then this is the cause that must be removed in order to remove the effect.

I think your plan is commendable in format, but not in substance. I quarrel with it on two grounds: you place the emphasis on political action, on a powerful lobby in Washington. Tremendous political pressure has been applied by rank and file voters - as well as world-wide censure. It seemed to but hasten the wrong decision. Secondly, time is of the essence. Something must be done now, and done forcefully. We must stop equivocating and face the fact that it is the powerful business interests in our own country who are blocking peace and disarmament for the sake of their profit. The only way to combat them is to stop the profit - to stop manufacturing armaments. And to stop now. Should that result it would be only temporary, and what is the only alternative?

You could unite with the Turn to Peace Movement which, I believe, comprises 39 separate peace organizations. By joining forces and funds - I would be happy to contribute more than 2% of my family income - you could form a powerful lobby for alerting the public to what must be done now.

Prof. Szilard, this is a fateful moment in history. The people of the U.S. are frightened, are finally aware of what is about to happen, are ready to rise out of their apathy, are eager to do something, anything,

They only knew what to do. What is needed  
(leadership) to give direction to their impetus.  
An immediate, extensive publicity campaign, using  
the funds that will be contributed to you and the  
organizational facilities of the peace groups, that  
will explain and instruct simultaneously, may yet  
save the majority of posterity. Otherwise - and history  
will bear me out - the bombs will be used for  
the purpose for which they were constructed.

By pooling the resources of those of us interested  
in peace we could subsidize those who stop  
manufacturing armaments. A drastic concept, I  
know. But these are drastic times.

What do you think?

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Diane Pearlstein

~~Handwritten~~  
VALLY WEIGL (MRS. KARL WEIGL)  
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NEW YORK 25, N. Y.  
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20 April  
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Mrs. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington 6, D. C.

April 16, 1962

Dear Mrs. Szilard,

We thought the encl. letter to  
NBC and the FCC director, Mr.  
N. Minow, may interest you. Also Prof.  
Mario Salvatore and some of my friends  
in the AFSC and WILPF felt that  
if your <sup>husband</sup> and Dr. Lewis Pauling informed  
NBC of your willingness to answer Dr.  
Teller's unscrupulous and terribly dangerous  
allegations over TV and radio, the wider  
public would at last get to hear other  
than purely one-sided, AEC & Pauling-  
inspired presentations. Would you drop  
me a line & let me know how he feels  
about it? We'd certainly appreciate it &  
hope this may make a little dent in the  
closed circuit of the sup networks. With all  
good wishes for Easter

20 April 1962

Mrs. Karl Weigl  
55 West 95th Street  
New York 25, New York

Dear Mrs. Weigl:

Many thanks for your kind letter of 16 April which was addressed to my wife. I am perfectly willing to go on TV and discuss the issues involved if I can have one half-hour with somebody asking me questions. If there are two of us answering questions I would want to have one hour. Incidentally, I believe that Dr. Teller would be willing to go with me on a coast-to-coast, one hour, TV program, if the two of us were left free to clarify our discussion without being bothered too much by a moderator.

Sincerely,

Leo Skilard

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Box 73  
Hampton Institute  
Hampton, Virginia  
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Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Please send me information about your plans  
for a scientists' Congressional lobby.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Q. Hepler  
Assoc. Prof. of  
Biology

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H. S. Mitchell*

April 17, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Your kind letter of March 7 has been before me but, unfortunately, I have not had opportunity of dropping in for conference with you.

Are we correct in assuming that your undertaking will be directed quite directly toward the influencing of legislation and active lobbying in behalf of world peace and disarmament?

We are anxious that the educational program of Fund for Survival set out to lay a broad foundation for the action program, which you so appropriately propose. We are concerned, however, to be reasonably sure that we are coordinating as far as possible and complimenting your objectives. I am still wondering whether or not it might be much to our mutual advantage to consider some kind of official merging or coordinating of our educational programs. This would mean that the legislative or lobby program would be carried on in a separate corporation.

We are in the process right now of trying to obtain our Temporary Tax Exemption Permit from Internal Revenue.

Would you be kind enough to put us on the mailing list to be sure that we receive everything that is issued from your office.

Please be assured of our very best wishes for your success in this important project.

With warm personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

*U. S. Mitchell*  
U. S. Mitchell

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212 Thornridge Drive  
Levittown, Pennsylvania

April 11, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I keep hearing rumors that you have decided to go ahead with your Peace Lobby plan. I hope so.

I'd like to suggest for the first hearings an examination of the actual military posture of the US and the USSR, their current, past and probable future strategic policy to determine whether the thesis of P.M.S. Blackett as set forth in the April 1962 issue of Scientific American is correct. If he is right and if the American People could be made to realize the facts, it might be possible for our government and the USSR to take significant steps toward ending the arms race.

This may be the time and this may be the issue with which to launch the Peace Lobby. I earnestly urge your serious consideration of this idea.

Very truly yours

Eleanor Greenwald

Mrs. H.L. Greenwald



*file M*

Dear Mr. Szilard:

*to answer*

I think you can find your pressure group ready-made at the Co-op. I am not sure about it yet, but I am working on the one to which I belong, and when Murray Lincoln comes to town, I intend to speak to him about it. The Co-op movement is what you might call democratic capitalism, and the members tend to be a high type of person.

About the pledging 2%. I don't think people will do that. I know my husband won't. While it is the reasonable thing to do--still, there it is, people hate to commit themselves to giving that much away just to save their lives.

If you could do your work through the Co-op, you would not need any money, because the Co-op already is set up and volunteers and others could be found to do all the task that are required, through the usual channels of the group.

I enclose the Co-op News (Walnut Creek issue of the Berkeley Edition--We have four in the Bay Area, and will soon have a fifth, and after that a sixth). This is a burgeoning organization. I hope you think it is a good idea. Bernice Engle sent me a copy of your speech.

Sincerely,

*Marion Powelson*

Mrs. Harvey Powelson  
2411 Warren Rd.  
Walnut Creek, Calif.

*I mean, not as much.*

*I think the Co-op stores have 2,500,000 members. The Credit Union 3,000,000.*

*J. Meiers*

JOE. MEIERS, M.D.  
801 WEST 175th ST.  
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Szilard:

- (1) I may remind you of the 'slogan' we hear from you (last February) "Better led than dead". Thus, I do hope that we (here in N.Y.C., as well as elsewhere) will hear soon about the PROGRESS of the Dolphin Plan.
- (2) I permit myself to enclose herewith these CLIPPINGS at least s o m e of which might not have come to your ken (inasmuch as they seemed purely local in appearing)--hoping that they may prove of some usefulness to you, i.e. to the Dolphin Plan, etc. (even if, at present, they might have to be put away merely in the "Files".)
- (3) Would you kindly let me know about your coming to New York as early as possible---if feasible, about ,at least, one week in advance ! ( I might have to go to Toronto to a Nat'l Conference by May 6th, or so).

Thanking you in advance,

your 'for the Dolphins',

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*J. Meiers*  
J. Meiers

Apr. 16, 1962

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my copy

file H.

220 Douglas Pl  
Wat Vernon, NY  
April 11, 1962

20 April  
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Dear Dr Szekard,

As the "atomic" situation  
deteriorates rapidly before my eyes, I become  
increasingly anxious about taking some action.  
I wonder, therefore, how your peace lobby plan  
is proceeding.

I would be very grateful to you  
if you could keep me up to date on  
developments. I hope they are more promising  
than the reports from Geneva.

Sincerely  
Bernie Bauman E.D.D.

File M

JOSEPH W. STILL, M.D., M.P.H.  
2923 Waldorf Avenue  
Camden 5, New Jersey

April 15, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I expect to arrive in Washington in the late afternoon of April 22nd, so if it would be more convenient for you to see me that evening, than on the 23rd or 24th, that would be fine. I will call you as soon as I reach Washington.

With personal regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

*Joseph W. Still*

Joseph W. Still, M.D., M.P.H.

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DIVISION OF PEACE AND WORLD ORDER  
GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH



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THE METHODIST BUILDING  
100 MARYLAND AVENUE NORTHEAST  
WASHINGTON 2 D C - LINCOLN 6 1000

March 28, 1962

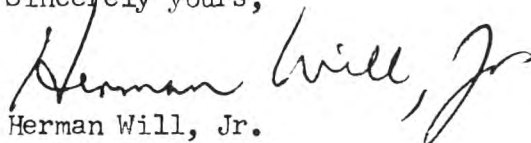
Dr. Leo Szilard  
Dupont Plaza Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Our division of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns has just published a book on disarmament, None Shall Make Them Afraid, written by the Reverend W. Rodney Shaw, a Methodist Minister and a member of our staff who served as an army chaplain during the latter part of World War II. We are sending you a complimentary copy with this letter.

We believe this book represents a significant contribution to the discussion of the whole question of arms control and disarmament. It now appears that interest in the book is so great that the first edition of ten thousand will soon be exhausted. We would welcome very much your comments and criticism on this treatment of a very important subject.

Sincerely yours,

  
Herman Will, Jr.

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Dear Dr. Szilard

3/25/62

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3000 1<sup>st</sup> St

Please send me  
information about your  
"Peace lobby" -

Thank you -

(Mrs) Edith Ziefert

214 - 04 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave

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334 East 96 street  
New York City 28, New York  
March 19, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard,

Recently, I read about your work towards peace in the world. I am very interested in this cause. If there is any way I can help towards world peace, I would enjoy doing it.

I am certainly glad to hear that you are in better health and able to continue your valuable work.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary Frances Bonilla R.N.

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one copy

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SAMUEL D. SHRUT. PH. D.  
120 EAST 87TH STREET  
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.  
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ENRIGHT 9-9263

25 March 62

Dr. Leo Szilard:

24 Mar  
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Dear Sir,

I should appreciate your  
sending me a ~~moment~~ copy of  
your (mid-November 1961) speech.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes!

Sincerely,  
Samuel D. Shrut



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
CHICAGO 37 · ILLINOIS

THE BEN MAY LABORATORY FOR CANCER RESEARCH  
950 E. 59TH STREET

March 22, 1962.

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

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*annexed*  
*26 March*

Dear Dr. Szilard,

Because I know about your great interest in the problem of disarmament I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a proposal which may be of interest to you. Since I was unable, as a Biochemist, to judge whether remote monitoring was at all technically feasible, I discussed the idea briefly with Prof. John Simpson of the Enrico Fermi Institute. He encouraged me to submit the proposal to Dr. Jerome Wiesner and suggested that I send copies to several other scientists. I intend also to submit a brief article, based on the proposal, to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

As far as I am aware, this proposal is a novel one. It is based upon two assumptions, - apart from the one that it is technically feasible: (1) Detection devices on Soviet territory are of great importance to us; and (2) The Russians' REAL objection to inspection is based on their fear of having foreigners snooping around on their territory. If these assumptions are valid then this proposal could serve as a real compromise. The President's emphasis on this matter in his press conference of March 14 is a recent example of the apparent validity of the first assumption.

I am aware of certain objections which could be raised against this proposal. It might be argued, for example, that the Russians would balk at allowing on-site inspections called for under section 7. This is true, of course, under any plan, and I feel that the publication of suspicious events, as outlined under section 6, would help align world opinion against such balking. The question of what to do about China could be treated under section 8.

I recognize the fact that many persons have thought about this matter far more profoundly than I have, and that my proposal may be very naive. However, when so much is at stake it seems to me that anyone with any ideas should try to be heard.

Sincerely yours,

*H. Richard Levy*  
H. Richard Levy  
Assistant Professor.

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Ararat, Virginia  
March 21, 1962

Dupont Plaza Hotel  
Dupont Circle  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Szitand:

I am very much interested in the new peace program you have started and would like to work with you this summer. I heard, indirectly through Raymond Wilson of FCNL, that you need secretarial and other help this summer.

I am a sophomore at Brown Maw, and have long been interested in the peace movement. My interest has been developed partly with the help of my father, Samuel R. Fearing, who has for many years been an active World Federalist and is now chairman of the executive board of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

I have had both typy and lobbying experience - last summer with the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington, the previous summer also in Washington with a tax accountant.

I would very much appreciate it if you could give me an interview this spring vacation. I will be in Washington March 25, 26, and 27 and would like very much to talk with you.

Sincerely,  
Helen M. Fearing

*File M*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES  
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

*ans'd 22 March*

20 March 1962

Dear Professor Szilard:

I have been following your arguments and writings for many months now and wish that I remembered you better from my father's house in Berlin.

A student sent me a copy of your speech and your appeal, in answer to which I am enclosing my contribution. You are entirely right: we are on the road to war. I myself have publicly committed myself to this prophecy: war at the beginning of Kennedy's third term (to highlight the fact that in an emergency constitutional provisions will count for little). Yet I am afraid that I cannot share your optimism as to how it might be prevented, and as a non-scientist I resent the monopoly of the scientists on the proposed Council. The trouble lies not in rational schemes of international agreements or policy moves. It lies with public opinion. If you could first of all silence your colleague and countryman Mr. Teller I would have more hope. And in general, public opinion, certainly in southern California, is <sup>being</sup> mobilized for war to an incredible extent. No one wants war, to be sure, but ever so many want all the things that make for war.

There can be no effective ~~mobilization~~ <sup>disarmament</sup> unless there is psychological disarmament first. What you need is a better comprehension in our public of why the Russians behave like Russians, more sympathy with their problems, a better understanding of their motivation. I give talks in our community and are always appalled by the fact that so few people manage to make sense of the world in which they live. And they have little idea of the destructiveness of war. I have heard them cheer a speaker who called for an active war with all our weapons at the earliest opportunity.

I agree with you about the seriousness of the situation, but I cannot help feeling that much of our present national mentality is the result of an excessive glorification of science and a resulting callousness toward the humanities. I sometimes even feel that all those who call for a better understanding of science in our age, like Rabi, Snow, and all the others, are casting an indirect vote for war. Let us end our vast scientific projects, some of them downright silly (like the huge radio telescopes searching for radio voices from outer space) and concentrate our attention and energies on the human problems, human relations in our own society in order to get away from the panic of the John Birch society, and human relations between countries. The causes of war lie very deep in our society - they cannot be eliminated by clever gimmicks. The deeper causes have, I fear, already doomed us - unless there be a vast moral revulsion against the very bases of our current society (and none is in prospect).

I wish you well in your project. *Don't misunderstand me - we are still*

Respectfully yours, *Theodore H. Von Lane*  
Theodore H. Von Lane

Mrs. Albert E. Blumberg

File M

628 West 151st Street, New York 31, New York

March 20, 1962

Dear Dr. Szyland:

Just a brief note to tell you how happy my husband and I were to read of your splendid recovery.

It was such a pleasure meeting you at the Penn's.

Much success!

Sincerely,

Dorothy Rose Blumberg

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Dear Mr. Brower:

*file 11*  
I recently got a copy of Dr. Szilard's speech which I have read and highly approve of. In talking with a number of friends I think it would be quite possible to get some 5-10 families as a minimum to agree to the terms. Tho at least at the start we couldn't do much re. the Federal vote at least we could contribute money and start on a Island program here. I am enclosing a check for \$1.50 to get 6 copies of the speech and since I am a former Boston resident am writing you. I would appreciate being put on the mailing list to hear of any further developments in the "Movement". Sincerely,

**Thomas L. Hall, M. D.**  
**Centro De Salud**  
**Guaynabo, Puerto Rico**

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MJB.*  
*Tom Hall*

Dear Dr. Szilard. <sup>3-listed II</sup>

Please contact Dr. Harry  
Justy of 65 Payson ave NYC.  
and Miss Sarah Neubauer of  
2785. W 35th Street  
Brooklyn 24NY. Dr. Justy is  
a physician at CCNY and Miss  
Neubauer is a math student  
at CCNY who is a fine person.

I would also  
like to know if I can  
contribute to your fine work.  
My friend Jay Seldin who had  
at 21 was a PhD student at  
Columbia U. and spoke  
very highly of your work.

Hoping you will be in  
good health as long as this  
crisis lasts, I am sincerely yours

Maurice Goldman

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~~Handwritten scribbles~~  
33 Park Trail  
Croton-on-Hudson, New York  
15 March 1962

list interested  
people  
page 11

33 Park Trail  
Croton-on-Hudson, New York  
15 March 1962

Dr Leo Szilard  
Dupont Plaza Hotel  
Washington, D C

2 - to Drawer  
19 March

Dear Dr Szilard,

2-listed II

I read in Joseph Wershba's New York Post article yesterday about your interest in a peace lobby. Having read some of your writings in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, I am convinced that you are a person who might be very effective in such a role, and I offer my support and encouragement.

I would be happy to be on the list of people who will be informed of your activities. A colleague of mine would also like to receive such information. He is:

Sanford Rosenzweig, PhD  
13 Castle House Drive  
Dobbs Ferry, New York

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of list  
MWH

May I say that I am deeply grateful for your recent recovery from symptoms of cancer.

respectfully yours,

Glen Brennan  
Glen Brennan, PhD

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BERNARD TOBACMAN  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

258 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

TELEPHONE  
WORTH 4-3466

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Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Dr Leo Szilard,  
Dupont Plaza Hotel,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr Szilard:

It is fine that you will be with us for a very very long time, enjoying personal happiness, lobbying for peace and talking to the Dolphins.

As a peace-monger, your idea of a peace lobby appeals very much to me, as I am self-employed, I have freedom of mobility.

Sincerely yours  
Bernard Tobacman



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file M  
104 N. Waldinger Street  
Valley Stream, New York

March 15, 1962.

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

1-listed

Dear Dr. Szilard:-

At the outset, I must confess that my reaction to the news of the disappearance of the symptoms of cancer in your case, although one of pure unadulterated joy, was not entirely selfless -

I was selfish enough to be grateful that you could go on with your "peace lobby" and get a movement started for those of us who share your views.

Although I cannot qualify as either scholar or scientist (would the fact that my husband teaches physics and we have a son at MIT qualify me as a quasi-scientist?), I wonder, if you would be kind enough to let me know what contribution I might make to this cause which means so very much to me.

My admiration for you has been of long standing and while I applaud your contributions to science which are very great indeed, it is for you as a humanitarian that I have the deepest respect - you are one of my select group of people whom I call "giants" because you were and are great human beings first and scientists, philosophers and even politicians second - Einstein, whom I adored - Bertram Russell whose writings have had the profoundest influence on my thinking and even led me to a serious study of Mathematics at the age of 40 - Nehru - I could go on and on but this letter is already much longer than I had expected it would be and I beg your indulgence.

Sincerely yours,

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Lucy M. Kanstroom  
(Mrs. George Kanstroom)

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JO ROMAN • 35 EAST 67th STREET • NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

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

*File M*  
*W. Mark to  
Brewer*  
March 14, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I am writing this note specifically to encourage you in your efforts to form an effective peace lobby. If you could draw any useful time or energy from me, I would be glad to assist.

I am already making the fullest effort toward peace of which I can think. Mainly, I have worked out the enclosed plan, upon which there is still enormous work to be done. One aspect of the plan not noted on the enclosed draft is provision of travel grants to persons who will go abroad to work on the plan. Whether I can get all of this off the ground remains to be seen; not the least depending upon the success of fund-raising to be started soon.

I also do some work with the Women Strike for Peace movement. In between I'm an artist and a psychiatric social worker.

Considering all this, I'm not optimistic that I could be of direct help in your program. However, I would at least like to be kept informed of your progress and, above all, I wish you and your thoughtful program well!

Sincerely,

*(Mrs.) Jo Roman*

HOTEL  
DUPONT  
PLAZA

DUPONT CIRCLE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

TELEPHONE  
HUDSON 3-6000

file M  
Sunday 8 P.M.

Dear Dr Szilard,

I am in Washington for a couple days for a Comm. meeting of the American Psychiatric Assn. I also happen to be a member of GAP (Group for Advancement of Psychiatry) through which your relatively recent address at Brandeis was circulated.

I would like to have the pleasure of meeting you. My days will be fully occupied, but I am hoping you would not object to my phoning you ~~some day~~ one of the next couple nights to see if I could meet you. May I?

Gene F. Usdin, M.D.  
Room 425



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BERNARD MANHEIMER  
COUNCILMAN, 28<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
3470 CANNON PLACE  
BRONX 63, N. Y.

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March 15, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard:

It was with the greatest of pleasure that I read in the N.Y. Times of Tuesday last that your symptoms had cleared.

Your concentration, during a period of great personal difficulty, on the fight for survival in a desecrated world for all of us, was superb.

I am sure that you will continue your important efforts on the behalf of all of us.

Sincerely yours,  
Bernard Manheimer

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How may I help<sup>M</sup>  
with regard to the  
peace lobby?

Sincerely,

Ward  
to Brewer

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NY 3 NY

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Browder 19 March

518 W. 121<sup>st</sup> St.

Los Angeles 44

Mar. 14, 1962.

Dr. Szilard,  
Washington, DC. file M

My dear Dr. Szilard,

I am a subscriber  
to the National Guardian  
printed in New York.

In the Mar. 12 issue  
devoted to the subject  
of Disarmament, there  
is a very fine article  
by Robert Light.

He gives a <sup>shortened</sup> <sup>of views</sup>  
account of various  
important people,  
in various walks of  
life, and different  
occupations.

On page six he says,  
"Dr. Szilard invites  
people willing to join

his "lobby," to write to  
him by May 31, at  
Hotel Dupont Plaza,  
Dupont Circle,  
Washington 6, D.C. -

Personally, I am a  
Los Angeles teacher  
retired at age 65 in  
1944. I receive a  
retirement salary from  
the state, but it is the  
minimum. At Sacra-  
mento we have two  
bills (one in Senate and  
one in the Assembly)  
We are hoping for some  
increase because our  
dollar has shrunk so  
much, it is hard for  
us to pay our way.

We are on a mini-  
mum, whereas, all  
teachers who retired  
after 1944 are adeguat

fully provided for.  
I am fairly active  
I have a 1953 Chev-  
rolet to drive, so I can  
go to market, church,  
club, - to call on  
friends. I am the  
head of my family  
and have the care  
of my little home  
and garden, tho:  
I have help outside  
2 hours a week, and  
help in house once  
a month.

I've always been against  
war and I've signed  
a number of petitions  
from time to time  
to help bring peace.  
I used to belong to  
the League of Nations  
and went to the hop-  
per meetings here in  
Los Angeles each month  
as long as it lasted.



In looking back I realize that the Powers that Be were never sincere in the matter of Peace & Disarmament and they are now running true to form.

I am very much disappointed in the leadership from the top on down. McCarthy and Dulles are both dead but our policy is still <sup>as</sup> inflexible as ever. Our President pronounces some good ideas (but to please the Fascist groups) while he talks peace his actions are all opposite. I feel like telling him - As Emerson once said, "What you are & do speaks so loud I can't hear what you say."

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3. I hate hypocrisy & make believe & lying. I am all for helping people to keep independent and useful as much as possible.

In the course of the years I have favored Republican Party (under Teddy Roosevelt. All friends & relatives were of that party) In 1934 when Upton Sinclair ran on the Dem. ticket I voted for him and have stayed there for the most part until today. Tho' I dislike the narrow bigoted Dixie vote very much.

In a world of Revolution it seems to me it is foolish to try to insist on keeping the present economic system <sup>as is</sup> If enough changes were made, so

as to socialize or  
nationalize the natur-  
al resources, the bank-  
ing system, the fac-  
tories which produce  
the things we use,  
our transportation,  
our TV & radio &c

Pay the owners a fig-  
ure that is fair valua-  
tion & pay them in 20  
year bonds. Let the  
plants be managed  
by technicians not  
politicians. At the  
end of 20 years the  
plants would pay off  
the former owners.

Let us learn from  
the successes & failures  
of the U.S.S.R. & China.  
Sinclair said that  
the Capitalist system  
had been a wonderful  
success in production  
of goods. But it never  
succeeded in giving

4 - all people willing and able to work enough buying power to buy back all that was produced. A surplus resulted. Then slow down production, or loss of jobs or only part time work, until surplus is used up. Competition for foreign markets begets rivalry between states for foreign markets. Then war. So we have the business cycle.

Speedup of production a regular boom. Then slow down, slack time goods move slowly. Some loss of jobs - But before long recession or a depression. Then mass unemployment unless we cook up a new war.

If our government  
leaders don't know this  
they are not smart enough  
to be in the controls -  
If they do know and  
are fooling every one  
they can't they should  
not be trusted to  
manage the country

To end all this military  
spending is to avoid a  
depression but no one  
seems to care what hap-  
pens to the unemployed  
whether they are ill fed,  
ill clothed & ill housed, to  
me it is a tragedy to be  
solved not brushed

Property rights should at  
long last come second  
after human rights

Excuse me, I didn't mean  
to write a book.

If there is any way I can  
help I want to do my little  
bit. I hope you are suc-  
cessful in your plans

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. L. H. Kellogg

File M

16 March 1962

James M. Ballard  
Box 1253 Men's Dorms  
University of Pennsylvania  
37th and Spruce Streets  
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Hear Mr. Ballard:

I have asked Mr. Michael Brower, 3 Dana Street, Cambridge 38, Mass, to send you a copy of the speech upon which the article in the Chicago Maroon was based. I am trying to keep the student Movement currently informed of what I am doing through Todd Gitlin of Tocsin at Harvard, Quincy House, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. and he should be able to tell you how far we have got.

I have no answer to most of the specific questions that you ask and it is too early for me to concern myself with decisions of this sort.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Box 1253, Men's Dorms,  
University of Penna.,  
37th & Spruce Streets,  
Philadelphia 4, Penna.  
March 1, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Professor of Bio-Physics,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I read, in the March 1, 1962 edition of the Chicago Maroon, that you have initiated a movement to create a peace lobby in Washington. I am a member of the Student Peace Union, a solid but not politically active movement. Thus I am very curious to know what political action you plan to take to promote the demise of the military aspects of the cold war.

In this connection, would you please send me two items. First, an outline of your program and a brief statement of the extent to which you plan to co-ordinate your efforts with those of the United World Federalists, the Student Peace Union, the Friends Peace Lobby, etc. Second, please inform me 1.) what you plan to do to aid "peace candidates" in the '62 Congressional elections; 2.) what part you think students (in college) might play in aiding the campaigns of men like Robert Kastemeier of Wisconsin, or William Meyer of Vermont; 3.) what five or ten candidates across the nation will most merit our support once the primary elections have passed.

There is a "tactics" meeting of college students interested in organizing peace movement activities for 1962, on March 10th, at which I think the material I have requested above would be most valuable. Therefore, if, at this time, you can send me only some of material asked for, please send what you can and I shall write for the other material at a later date. Thank you for your time and co-operation. May your movement be practical, moral, and successful.

Sincerely yours,

*James M. Ballard*  
James M. Ballard

7 march to Brewer

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**WORLD AFFAIRS CENTER  
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*First Avenue at 47th Street New York 17, N. Y. OXford 7-3934*

Monday, March 12, 1962

Professor Leo Szilard,  
Hotel Dupont Plaza,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Professor Szilard:

Vera Dean's address is Director of Non-Western Civilizations Studies Program, University of Rochester.

I enjoyed very much talking to you and thank you again for your hospitality.

Sincerely yours,

*Donald E. Habbe*  
Donald E. Habbe

New name as of March 15, 1960: **Foreign Policy Association  
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P.O. BOX 608. SAN DIEGO 12. CALIFORNIA

March 14, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 7 and the information about the 2% for Peace movement. I would like very much to come down to Washington to see you on either the 29th or 30th and I shall call you from Baltimore probably on the 28th to make a firm appointment.

Very truly yours,

*Wade L. Fite*

Wade L. Fite

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DR LEO SZILARD

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YOU ASK. DELIGHTED TO ORGANIZE REGIONALLY IN ANY WAY YOU SUGGEST.  
WILL CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY, AND OTHERWISE. WILL MAIL SPEECH,  
LETTERS TO POTENTIAL DONORS. IMMEDIATELY. MY REGRETS. I THINK  
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MARTIN PERETZ.

JOHN McCLAUGHRY  
2433 DURANT AVENUE  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

*File M*

March 10, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thanks for your reply to my letter of February 24. Three days ago I was notified that I had won a Hull Memorial Fellowship for next summer, which will enable me to spend three months working on an assigned project in the "peace" field. I have been assigned to the Turn Toward Peace New York Office.

This means I will be unable to work for the Council this summer, as I had previously proposed. Just the same, I am very interested in the progress of your project and could possibly help part-time as a volunteer in New York.

Please let me know how your plans are coming along, and how I can be of any service to them.

Yours truly,  
*John McLaughry*  
John McLaughry



3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Mass.  
March 11, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Enclosed is the final page of addresses of those who have received 4 or more copies of your speech. This page and the four I sent you two days ago list all those whose copies were sent through the end of February.

From March 1 on, I have adopted a new system of bookkeeping. Each day or two I send out all copies requested, and type out a list of the transactions, with 2 or 3 carbons. The original I will send to you every so often, and the carbons I keep here for my records. This means that you will be getting a small amount of extraneous information, such as my daily financial accounting, and the names and addresses of those receiving only 1, 2, or 3 copies. But it should be easy enough for your staff to pick out, whenever they may be needed, the names of those receiving 4 or more.

I am also enclosing a book review by Marty Peretz in the latest New Leader. While I don't agree with all of Fromm's assumptions and analyses, I personally find Peretz review distasteful, and wonder if you don't agree.

Two more sheets of names and addresses came from you yesterday, and I filled all the requests this morning. I trust that you are keeping carbons of these requests lists that you send me; please note that I do not bother to retype the names and addresses of these people onto the lists I send you. If you do not have carbons on previous lists you have sent me, let me know and I'll have them photostated and send them back to you.

You have now also received virtually all of the letters of special interest that I have received. I'm sorry to have fallen a bit behind in having them photostated and sent on to you; this delay never occurred in the filling of orders, and hopefully won't occur again.

The first 1000 reprints arrived today from Chicago. Since I am getting 4000 in all, I expect to have plenty to send on to you any time you may need them. In fact, with the Bulletin now selling them, I may not be able to use all of these, although the Treasury contains enough money to pay for them all already.

Since each reprint has the Bulletin's price of 10 cents each, or 7 cents each for 25 or more, clearly printed on it, I believe that I must also sell them for this, even to those who send in money at the old rates. Otherwise they will feel gypped upon receiving the reprints marked with a lower price. This will be possible because the Bulletin charged me only 4 cents each plus postage, and because we do already have enough cash to pay for the full 4000.

Yours,

*Michael Brower*  
Michael Brower

P.S. I'd be curious to see the list of those invited to serve on the Council and as associates if you have an extra copy.

March 8, 1961

**Dear Professor Szilard:**

I am a student very much interested in joining your 'peace lobby'. Please send me information about it.

Thank you.

*Stephen Smith*

Stephen Smith  
Haverford College  
Haverford, Pa.

*me copy  
Bill*

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*name to Brower  
14 March*

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3 March 1962

Mrs. Margaret Gibson  
Austen Riggs Center, Inc.  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of 28 February. There is no immediate need for funds for you to concern yourself about. I am working hard to identify the members of the Council so that we can take the next step. The latest version of my speech will be printed in the April issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists which comes out in the first few days of April.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Feb 28

Dear Dr Szilard-

Just a brief note to thank you for sending me a copy of the "Voice of the Dolphins" Curiously, that very day I had ordered 10 copies to distribute here. I have just begun it, and I can't put it down.

For the last two weeks, there has been a distraction from pursuing our "Movement" work because we have been working on a large local meeting to discuss the importance here in Berkshire County of the dependence of the local economy on the defense contracts held by General Electric in Pittsfield. Fifty percent of the local labor force is taken up with missile work. The head of the local General Electric Company is an honest, thoughtful man who is very concerned about this. I am trying to make him even

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more concerned.

I remember your saying that we Stockbridge people should try to have our money raising dinner(s)(?) in New York. So far this proves hard, but we shall see. In the meantime I am wondering whether there is an immediate need for funds. Maybe we could manage to do something if there is.

I have the impression that everyone is waiting to hear whether the Council has been organized and what then are the most immediate steps to take. Also, do you know when the paper will appear in the Bulletin for the Atomic Scientists?

It was a great privilege and delight to meet you and your good wife. I hope to see you in New York soon.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Gibson

P.S. It looks now as if we are going to Mexico for anywhere from two to four months sometime next month. I mention this so that if you write after April 1st, you should address Dr. Anthony Philip, here.



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180 South Street  
Freehold, New Jersey

February 26, 1962

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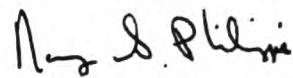
Professor Leo Szilard  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 36, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

We read your article in the January issue of the U of C magazine with great interest. Particularly, we were intrigued by your proposal for a "Council for Abolishing War." Should such an organization begin to materialize, should it be accepted in principle by your audiences, should it run into rough weather -- whatever, we would be interested in receiving the details.

Thank you for a well-written, informative, and highly effective article.

Very truly yours,



Nancy S. Philippi

File 111-

7 March 1962

S.K. Allison  
The Research Institutes  
The University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Allison:

Attached you will find a note with some information concerning the Movement to date. This note is not quite up-to-date but it represents the latest information that has been written up.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

end.

Del Mar, March 3, 1962

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

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Dear Sir:

After reading your "Are we on the Road to War?" I certainly feel that I would like to support at least, a movement of the type you propose.

Being a physicist that works for the atomic industry, (Reactor Physics, G.A.) and also a foreigner (Argentine) I am not sure to what extent I could be active in the movement, but undoubtedly I would like to go as far as possible with my participation in it.

I would appreciate it very much to be informed of any future developments.

Yours sincerely:

329-9th St.  
Del Mar, Calif.

Victor Luco  
Victor Luco

Hotel

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A Note From

WILLIAM WOLF, M. D.

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40 W. 59TH ST. N. Y. 19, N. Y.

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Dear Dr. S. Zillard: -

As a sincere admirer of your  
attitudes, orientation and  
wisdom I thought that the  
enclosed article might interest  
you.

I should greatly appreciate  
any comments you might care  
to make.

Sincerely yours  
William Wolf.

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March 5, 1962

Greater St. Louis Citizens Committee on Nuclear Information  
6504 Delmar Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri

Gentlemen:

It may be presumptuous of me to suggest a coordinated action, but I should like to approach it from the standpoint of asking for help, rather than telling anyone what to do.

The program of every peace organization includes arousing the public by letters to newspapers and public officials. I would like to ask the members of my small outfit, Lobby for Peace, to write such letters immediately after atmospheric tests are exploded, every time. I think this will happen, anyway, but it can be small, ignorant, and inconspicuous or it can be large, well grounded in fact and authoritative opinion, and so impressive that it cannot be ignored. One of the troubles is that I know of no good, authoritative, short statement, relevant to this time and place, that raises all of the questions (and has the answers) to which I can refer them, upon which we can base our letters.

If Szilard's Lobby and Research Organization were in operation, I would ask it for this service, which would be a natural for it. I know Dr. Szilard does not think testing is an important issue, and would rather not get mixed up in it, at least in his organizing stages. But his Council might agree with many of us that the arms race and the Nth nation and the propaganda possibilities in this issue are of sufficient importance to give it research attention.

But Szilard's group is not ready yet. And we feel this need. I should like to ask the Greater St. Louis Citizen' Committee on Nuclear Information (or Federation of American Scientists, or Dr. Van Allen's group, or the Pittsburgh Study Group) to prepare such a paper, check it with Pauling, Bethe, Orear, Davidson, Inglis, and perhaps even Wiesner and some others and get it to Turn Toward Peace, in time so they can get it distributed to their 250 corresponding and cooperating groups so they can get it in the hands of their grassroots membership a week before the first test. (Will TTP do this, Bob Pickus?)

This is a lot to ask in a short time, I know, but this is the help we want and need in order to put spirit and intelligence into our letters, and make it seem worthwhile to write. We will pay, of course, our share for printing and distribution.

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March 5, 1962  
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Some of the questions we would like you to consider follow:

How much will major radiation fractions, Strontium, Caesium, Iodine, Carbon, increase with the variously sized and placed explosions that will be detonated? What difference if these are lead-shielded, like the Russians' 65 MT blast?

Where will this radiation go -- what patterns, when, from Christmas Island?

What will be the actual effects on milk?

How many people will be killed? Over what time? What is the percentage? What will the genetic damage be -- from these tests?

What are the presumed advantages from the tests?

What are the risks of keeping testing open to other countries now?

Is testing "not an endless frontier"? Will we logically cease (and others, too) pretty soon? (Bethe, Jan 5)

Is it possible to police a voluntary moratorium? Worthwhile?  
(Waskow, Feb. Atlantic Monthly)

What bearing has testing on disarmament?

What will be the effects on the arms race?

May we hear from you?

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert Schutz

RS:lj

cc: F.A.S.

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Dr. Linus Pauling  
Mrs. Margaret Russell  
Mrs. Elise Boulding  
Mr. Robert Pickus  
Dr. Van Allen

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL RELATIONS

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EMERSON HALL  
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

February 26, 1962

Mr. Michael J. Brower  
3 Dana St.  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mike:

In the course of talking with Stuart Hughes about other matters I had a chance informally to bring up Marty Peretz, saying that there was a possibility of his being considered for a liason job in Washington and what did he think? He laughed heartily, said that Peretz amused him, that he knew he rubbed other people the wrong way but that he wasn't bothered by him but rather refreshed and perked up. Then I asked what if there were a choice between Marc Raskin and Peretz. He said of course Raskin was one of the most superior people with all Peretz's vision and drive but much more experienced and better in every way.

And I also talked to Raskin myself on the phone today and he is certainly, as I suggested to you, in an extremely tight position and might welcome a well deserved relief.

Sincerely,



David Riesman

DR/mhh



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JOSEPH MEIERS, M.D.  
601 WEST 115TH STREET  
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.  
RIVERSIDE 9-7700

Feb. 26  
1962

Professor  
Dr. L. Szilard  
c/o Hotel Dupont  
Plaza,  
Washington (6), D.C.

Dear Doctor Szilard:

There will be much more to report  
to you (probably within a few days,  
when we will have more reports, to be  
"tabulated" now, back.)

Meanwhile: to let you know that  
I and wife (Ann D. M.) just read  
your "VOICE of the DOLPHINS", each  
of us a copy separately & "parallel",  
all in one day. We are glad you  
wrote that. (One question now: is  
a Russian translation being readied,  
too?) Yours cordially, Meiers,  
(hoping to hear about the Council soon !!)



28 February 1962

Mr. John McLaughry  
2433 Durant Avenue  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. McLaughry:

Many thanks for your letter of February 24th enclosing your column from the Daily Californian.

After the Council has been formed your letter will be transmitted to them and I might take you up on your offer of working for the Council next summer.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard

JOHN McCLAUGHRY  
2433 DURANT AVENUE  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

February 24, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Enclosed is a copy of my column from the Daily Californian, student newspaper at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

I would like to help you in your project if you decide to go ahead. Here is my background:

1. A.B. Miami (Ohio) in physics and math, 1958. Cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, President of 5 campus organizations.
2. Instructor in math, Miami U. 1958-9
3. M.S. Nuclear Engineering, Columbia, 1960.
4. 16 months experience at reactor experimental and design work for general electric co.
5. Left GE 9/61 to work for M.A. and PhD. in Political Science, Univ. of California
6. Vice President and Political action chairman, United World Federalists of Northern California. Author of Political Action Manual (supplied on request).
7. Member, FAS, UWF, American Humanist Assoc., ACLU, ISGS. Have twice held Q clearance from AEC

What I propose is this: If you are interested, I will work for you on political action, public relations, research, leg work, etc. all next summer. I have had experience at all. I can work long hours, and will do so for just enough money to subsist - say, \$24 a week as rock bottom. If after two weeks you think it isn't worth the trouble or money, you are free to let me go. If I do a really good job and funds are available, I would hope to get a bonus. If funds aren't available, that's my tough luck.

*in NYC  
or D.C.*

Let me know what you think of this offer.

Yours truly,

*John McLaughry*

File M

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University of Toronto  
TORONTO 5, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

*file M*

22 December 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard,  
Dupont Plaza Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.,  
U.S.A.

Dear Leo,

You will be receiving by the same mail a letter from a Dr. Norman Z. Alcock. He is a nuclear physicist who became a businessman (Vice President of Isotope Products Limited) and then, two years ago, left his job to devote himself full-time to the founding of a 'Peach Research Institute'. During these two years he has been living on his (dwindling) savings. Now he is ready to try to launch a drive for funds for his Institute.

I have met him once, and we had a longish talk. He is much more sensible than his pamphlet, 'The Bridge of Reason', would lead one to suppose. He is writing to ask whether you could talk to him for an hour about what he is trying to accomplish. I think it would be very useful indeed if you could find time to machine-gun him, even briefly, with questions as to precisely what he is hoping to do and by what means. He started, I would suspect, by visualising a group of peace-loving scientists making a 'breakthrough'. He is now more realistic. But is he realistic enough and in the right way? - I don't know. By helping him onto the right track you would perform a real service. He is a serious and intelligent fellow, and will put everything he has into this endeavour.

I am honoured to see that the article I peddled without much success in Stowe, now nestles beside your intriguing contribution to the December "Bulletin". Perhaps your article will read mine.

With affectionate greetings to you and Trude at Christmas,

Sincerely,

*John*

JCP:EB

John Polanyi



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Sylvia Basey  
4034 SE 116 Ave  
Portland 66, Ore.

Jan. 23, 1962

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

Dear Sir:

Have read the complete text of your speech printed in the Reed College paper, The Quest. I am in complete accord with your views and feel that your proposals are such that a large minority of people could unite upon. Most programs are such that they appeal to too small a group to be effective.

I have ordered a copy of your book and intend to read it immediately. It's too bad it isn't available in pocket-book form. Could that be arranged? Pocket sized books have wider distribution. Even tho' your program could be managed by a minority, it should have the sympathy of the majority.

I am sorry I cannot offer to support your program financially. I have three years of College work, but no saleable skills so am trying to support my home and child on a mere pittance. I do market-research work; average about \$200 per month. If you wonder how I live, the answer is I'm not. We exist from day to day, and there is no future for me. My savings will close the gap no longer than 6 months from now. Then-I don't know.

Nevertheless, there are things I can do for you; time I can offer. I would be more than glad to donate what spare time I have to your project if you are interested in members like me with time but no money. My biggest asset is persuasiveness. I've never used this asset for sales work, or sold it for money; only on pet projects that deserved my respect. Believe your project does so.

Good luck.

Most cordially,

*Sylvia C. Basey*  
Sylvia C. Basey

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Not answered by RBL

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# PRINCESS DRESS HOUSE

MANUFACTURERS OF  
Misses' and Women's Dresses  
317 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE  
CHICAGO 6, ILL.

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Dear Dr. Sziland -

I have just read your article and I'm deeply impressed! I've begged my college teaching friends to spend just a few moments occasionally to suggest their responsibility to themselves, in that they must express their opinions to their politicians. We are the greatest of power block in the country; yet we are powerless! Yours is a fine method for exerting pressure.

I was tremendously impressed with the following in your article,



# PRINCESS DRESS HOUSE

MANUFACTURERS OF  
*Misses' and Women's Dresses*

317 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE  
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several times you express  
the thought that, you  
don't know the answer, or  
are unsure - this is  
fantastic - This page where  
everything I read is written  
by people who are vehemently  
sure - and have no doubts!

Sincerely,  
Jerry Alexander  
13741 W. Eastwood  
Chicago 15,  
Ill.

Not answered by RBL

M

Box 254  
Stockbridge, Mass.  
Feb. 2, 1962

He has read your paper, played the record, and ordered more. He  
Dear Dr. Szillard, I believe to be the only source of administrative  
purpose (which few people would have brought up had you not been in New York).

I was delighted by your gracious phone call, and most particularly by the indication you gave that there seems to you to be, so far, sufficient nation-wide positive response to your proposal to warrant further active exploration of it. Directly after you called, three couples called me from New York City to ask whether there was any chance of meeting with you in New York in the near future. They are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Penn, 2 West 67 St., Dr. and Mrs. George Klein, 444 West 20 St., and Dr. and Mrs. David Rubinfine, 35-12 165 St., Flushing, L. I. All of them are extremely interested in your idea and have doubtless written to you, pledging their support. They have been very active in distributing copies of your paper. Mr. Penn is a well-known director (having directed both of my husband's plays, "The Miracle Worker" and "Two for the Seesaw" as well as Lillian Hellman's "Toys in the Attic" and Mosel's "All the Way Home"). Dr. Rubinfine is a psychiatrist and Dr. Klein is a professor of psychology at N. Y. U.

I told them of our tentative agreement to have a meeting on Feb. 11 at 3 P.M. and said I would write to you to ask you what you would think of having this meeting include some of those in New York who have been active in spreading news of the proposed Movement. I am aware that a Dr. Meiers of New York City has written to you suggesting a large meeting there. From my one meeting with him I have the impression that he is a well-meaning, rather romantic, somewhat disorganized, enormously dedicated gentleman whom you probably would find trying. He has become, in a way, a self-appointed "organizer" of what he calls "Szillardians", in the metropolitan area, and has done good work, but he cannot become your spokesman. I think his suggestion of a large meeting at this time is premature, although it probably could be managed.

For myself, I would think it perhaps more practical to have a meeting which would include perhaps five or ten representatives from Stockbridge, a similar number from the University of Connecticut (Michael Brower tells me there is much interest there), perhaps ten or fifteen from New York City, and maybe also a group from Washington, D. C. In a group of forty or fifty people it might be easier to discuss such practical problems as the need for systematic regional organization, methods of national publicity, ways of tapping various professional groups, etc. In this connection, incidentally, I wonder if you remember Harold Oram who worked for the Committee of Atomic Scientists in a public relations capacity, some years ago?



70 Francis Ave  
Cambridge 38  
Mass

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1962

Bill M  
answered

Dear Mr. Livingston,

In regard to the move-  
ment Dr. Zilard would like to  
form concerning disarmament,  
I am very much disappointed  
that nothing seems to have  
happened.

However, I am not much  
surprised, because the suggestions  
were a little too tentative.  
I doubt if people will pledge  
any money until some kind  
of organization is formed.  
If you asked Dr. Zilard could  
only get two or three scientists  
plus two or three political  
advisors, <sup>together</sup> and probably such  
people would be able to give

a good deal of time without  
a salary for a while anyway,  
then I think you might gradually  
build up the support you need.  
I hope so, because I find that  
such an organization would  
have a far greater chance of  
influencing the government than  
the other <sup>existing</sup> organizations, such  
as Iams (to which I belong).  
They can only hope to influence  
the government by the weight  
of sheer numbers, whereas  
your approach might influence  
individual congressmen by the  
authority and reasonableness  
with which you could speak.

Yours Sincerely

Mary T. Henderson

2564 Dysart Road  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

January 29, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

On January 19, about thirty people held an informal meeting to discuss the proposals made in your speech here in November. We were fortunate to have Dr. Paul R. Zilsel to guide the discussion.

I will attempt to summarize some of the points that came up for discussion. Any conclusions are not necessarily those of all the people present.

Although most of the group felt that they would support your general proposals, a few were rather wary. For example, some questioned the diplomatic effect of unilateral pledges. They likened this to "showing one's hand" in poker, feeling that diplomacy is better served by keeping the opponent guessing as to whether one is bluffing or not.

However, most of the discussion centered on the organization of the council, the administration of the lobby, and the control of available funds.

The group felt that the council should be an elected, rather than an appointed, body, so that the contributing "members" would have a voice in the selection of the council. Initially, perhaps, they could elect from a proposed slate. Later vacancies could be filled by membership vote on nominees selected by a committee as well as those suggested by members. A member could be defined as someone who paid his contribution to the central organization. (Such an election procedure is used by Consumers Union, whose membership is simply the subscribers to the magazine.)

The group was almost unanimous in questioning the limiting of council membership to natural scientists, since there are certainly eminent non-scientists (notably Norman Cousins) who might be valuable to such a group.

Many of us felt it undemocratic to give the council autonomous power to make decisions. Recognizing that the membership could ultimately control the council by with-

holding money or votes, it was felt that the better part of a year might elapse before the council would be aware of the dissatisfaction of the membership. To overcome this difficulty, the lines of communication between membership and council should be more explicitly detailed.

Concerning political contributions, it was apparent that some kind of central control would have to be set up in order that these would be allocated equitably, so that an early request to help candidate A wouldn't leave candidate B short of funds just because he started campaigning later.

Unqualified support of a candidate regardless of his stand on domestic issues was balked at by those of us who could never vote for a segregationist, for example.

Several of the participants in our discussion are members of organizations such as SANE, Voice of Women, etc. They felt that your proposal could well provide the political arm of such organizations.

We concluded that although there was a lack of unanimity on many specific points, most of the participants would be interested in being part of a movement to work toward peace and would like to help it overcome the problems of initial organization.

Very sincerely yours,

*Virginia F. Walters*

Mrs. Richard H. Walters

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7 March 1962

Wade L. Fite  
340 Arroyo Drive  
Encinitas, California

Dear Dr. Fite:

Many thanks for your interesting letter of 2 March. I doubt very much that our "Movement" will be sufficiently far along to be able to help you, even though it is conceivable that it might get involved in contests for three Senate seats in 1962, the Senate being more important for us than the House. On matters of this sort I expect, however, to have the cooperation of the National Committee for an Effective Congress; it is conceivable that they might choose to support you with funds and I have mentioned your name to George Agree. I suggest you write him and give him all the relevant information c/o National Committee for an Effective Congress, 10 E. 39th Street, N.Y., 16.

As far as I know, I shall be in Washington the 29th and 30th of March and I would suggest that you call me from Baltimore at, Hudson 3-6000, in order to make a date.

I am enclosing a copy of my speech. Additional copies are obtainable from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists at 7¢ per copy for shipments of 25 copies or more.



If you think it would help you to get mixed-up with our "Movement" you ought to contact Mrs. Joyce Lewin at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, who may be able to put you in touch with other people who are interested.

Attached is a Note concerning the responses to date.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

340 Arroyo Drive  
Encinitas, California  
March 2, 1962

Professor Leo Szilard  
DuPont Plaza Hotel  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Professor Szilard:

You may recall that several years ago we met at General Atomic, at a party at Marshall Rosenbluth's house, and have subsequently seen each other several times at the DuPont Plaza. It was because of our acquaintance that I was particularly interested when Ed. Gerjuoy called to my attention several months ago your address "Two Percent for Peace". I was also particularly interested in your proposed mechanism to provide political influence of scientists who are concerned about war and peace, for it represents an alternative approach to one in which I find myself currently embroiled. Perhaps we have a basis for common effort.

In my own case, a series of events have led to my finding that I apparently have a not inconsiderable amount of support for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the California 35th District. While part of this support stems from the belief that there should be, in this day and age, some scientific competence in Congress, the professional support has come from those who have suggested that winning re-election to a school board last year in a particularly hot campaign indicates some measure of voter appeal. In no small measure there is also concern that this district could well do with a congressman who is sympathetic to the needs of the local basic industries which are highly technological in nature.

By every standard of normal political judgment, the 35th District is among the safest in the State for the Republican incumbent who is Mr. James B. Utt. Despite the apparent invulnerability of his position, however, he is among the most personally vulnerable men in the Congress, and there is indication that there are sufficient numbers of Republicans who are disenchanted with him to enable an opponent to win his seat despite his apparent invulnerability.

It is clear, however, that no usual candidate could turn this trick, and I think that this is really the major reason why attention has turned to me -- there is an outside chance that one as unusual as a scientist-politician could unseat him.

Basically, the problem is to reach the people with publicity and estimates of the cost of this range from \$35,000 upward. While some local financial support has been pledged, it is inadequate to field a winning campaign, and outside sources would be required to make up the bulk of the campaign fund. I naturally wonder whether members of your movement could provide some of these outside funds.

I think it hardly necessary to mention that if a scientist-candidate, with the help of other scientists, could win election in such a district as the 35th, which was "given" to the Republicans in the last re-districting, in a state as politically important as California, the results would be spectacular. Basically it would represent beating the politicians at their own game and would suddenly make a very great number of congressional ears extremely sensitive to the ideas which you outlined in your address and to the voice of the scientists generally. And I think that it can be done.

I would certainly like to explore with you the possibilities in this matter. I shall be at the Baltimore Physical Society meeting and would be very glad to come down to Washington to see you on either March 29 or 30, if you are available. Alternatively, if you are planning to be on the West Coast prior to that time, I could arrange to meet you at your convenience. In any case, I hope that you can reply to this letter shortly, or telephone me at General Atomic so that we can arrange our respective schedules.

With best regards,

Wade L. Fite

Wade L. Fite

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640 West 153rd Street  
Apartment D4  
New York 31, N.Y.  
February 22, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I spent last week end at the home of Oliver Lundquist in Westport, Connecticut. He is the man I mentioned to you as being responsible for the design of the U.N. seal.

Mr. Lundquist thinks the movement is worth supporting and he will be pleased to work on the idea of a symbol. He thinks any idea for a symbol should be applicable to graphic and publication materials as well as a "button" for the creation of a visual theme.

Mr. Lundquist will be writing you himself and any further communications I suppose would best be carried out directly.

Sincerely,

*Eric Johnson*

Eric Johnson

c.c. Oliver Lundquist  
28 Whitney Street  
Westport, Connecticut

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January 29, 1962

Mr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington, D.C.

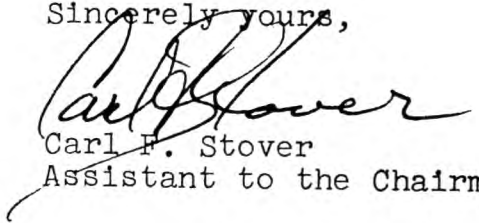
Dear Mr. Szilard:

I enjoyed very much our conversation when you were in Santa Barbara. My only regret is that I was not able to offer more help than I did in your very important project. However, as Bob Hutchins indicated, the work we are engaged in here is at a rather critical point, and it would not be fair for me to take leave at this time.

I learned later in the week that you had not departed from Santa Barbara on Tuesday, as you had originally indicated, but stayed around. Had I known this sooner, I would have extended you an invitation to join in our Conference on Science and Democratic Government. However, by the time I learned of your change of plans, you had already departed. Please accept my apologies.

Should there be a modest contribution that I can make to your Lobby from my vantage point in Santa Barbara, I would be very happy to do so. Meanwhile, my kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Carl F. Stover  
Assistant to the Chairman

5650 S. Harper Ave.

Chicago 37, Ill.

Feb 20, 1962

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Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Du Pont Plaza  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

This letter is to communicate continued encouragement to initiate your proposed Movement and to report on certain sentiments shared by a large number of possible supporters of the movement. First, Mrs. Ruth Adams has informed me that you are now considering a board of directors based on a wider group than all scientists; in spite of my own prejudices for scientists I feel that this idea is most important to the movement in order for it to receive sufficient popular support.

Second, several people I have talked with at length, people who have had an active interest in and in some cases ~~part~~ in politics for some time, state that they would rather have the privilege to send their political contributions to the leaders of the movement for distribution than be expected to give always to candidates in their locality. There are two reasons: it may be hard to tell which candidate is preferable or there may be no acceptable person to receive the money in that state. They feel that an informed board of directors could send the money where it would do the most good.

In connection with this latter suggestion, I'd like to mention one disadvantage it would have and a related suggestion I have received from Mr. Morton Grodzins: A politician will judge the strength of a popular political group in large part by the number of letters he receives from them. Mr. Grodzins

stated that an organization like the John Birch Society is strong out of proportion to its size because many letters are sent to congressmen (I believe that includes Senators) by the members when an important issue arises and then a lobbyist arrives to "close the deal" (my idiom). Your proposed technique of having members give directly to political candidates would in a sense confront them directly with the voters, but primarily at campaign time rather than at the time when the politicians in office have to vote. If you further allowed (as I believe you should) members to make their contributions via the central administration, the contact between voters and politicians would become even less direct. The answer may be organized letter-writing campaigns.

Your tentative policies for the Movement have come under very heavy criticism, even from some who generally support your proposed movement strongly, in one respect. Your first point, when it states that (except if our bases or cities are attacked first) we shall use nuclear weapons only on our side of the prewar boundary, could cost us all our European allies. I am familiar with the point you have made many times: that our commitment to our European allies is implicitly limited already, as we are clearly not willing to withstand any given amount of destruction for them. It is also true that one must examine the alternatives, and one can make a good case that the alternatives are all worse for every person on this planet, but some realistic allowance must be made for the emotional reactions of the allies; a minor restatement or increase of flexibility might be enough. I do not claim to be an expert on this, but

recommend a very careful re-appraisal by experts, as a policy that would cost us our allies would be unacceptable to the nation as a whole. One alternate suggestion: we could propose, under the conditions stated, to use nuclear weapons only against enemy troops, ~~equipment~~ and depots, not against cities or ICBM installations or productive capacity, and even then to use the weapons only so long as enemy troops remained on our side of the prewar boundary. We could further restrict it to troops and depots in the vicinity of enemy incursions over the prewar boundary, and promise not to use the weapons in any locality where our troops were at or beyond the prewar boundary.

You must be extremely busy as well as your staff; please do not feel obliged to reply to this letter directly. I am sure that if the Movement is initiated controversial points like the ones raised here will be presented with detailed arguments as to the utility and prudence of the proposals of the Movement. I have tried to cull here only those suggestions heard from several sources and conveying, in my opinion, some cogency.

Respectfully,

*Peter D. Noerdlinger*  
Peter D. Noerdlinger



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Washington, D.C.  
19 February 1962

Mrs. D. J. Prentice  
3 Calle del Sol  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear D.J. :

How very nice to hear from you again.

First of all, would you be kind enough to read the enclosed copy of a speech which I have recently given at various universities and to drop me a line to say whether you are interested and perhaps also to indicate the degree of your interest.

As you will see, this speech represents an experiment made for the purpose of determining whether a movement of the kind described would get off the ground if it were started on a sufficiently large scale.

The response so far is very encouraging. On every campus mimeographed copies of the speech were distributed, after I had spoken, to those who requested a copy. On every campus they ran out of copies. The first speech was given at Harvard on 17 November and a graduate student volunteered to mimeograph copies and to make them available at cost. On 1 January he reported having distributed 2300 copies, by 15 January he had distributed 3500 copies, by 1 February another 2000 and by 15 February another 3500.

The response which I get through the mails is overwhelming and I have to run hard just to catch up with my followers.

In the circumstances I would not be able to see your young friend for about two months. I suggest that he contact me after 15 April in Washington, D. C. at

the Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C., telephone Hudson 3-6000. We may be then able to work out that he see me either in Washington or in New York.

Sincerely,

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

Gerald Fried

121 NORTH PALM DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

February 12, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The manager of the Henry Morgan show called and asked me to pass on to you a summary of the response your interview received.

Both the number of phone calls and the number of the written responses were in the three hundreds. They divided into ~~about~~ three categories: statements of admiration and support for you and your ideas, expressions of anger at Morgan's rudeness, and admonishments claiming you were stepping out of your field.

We are awaiting news of your future plans.

Sincerely,

Gerald Fried

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919 Virginia Park  
Detroit 2, Michigan  
February 14, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I was suprised in a strange sort of way to see your article in the December issue of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, as I had been meaning to write you for some time about the same idea-- postponed only recently because of term papers and finals. I had suggested mined cities--I called the min a "bunker"--around January of 1960 to Bernard Brodie, Edward Teller and Kenneth Boulding, who was then at the University College of the West Indies, and perhaps to Thomas Schelling, though I am not sure.

I am sorry that I was not aware of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and thus your work, when I wrote the letters. My suggestion would have fallen on more fertile ground. The idea of a mined city seems almost inescapable when the vast costs of missiles and planes are continually in front of us. (As is the Doomsday machine, which Herman Kahn said has been discovered independently several times. I thought of Doomsday machines slightly before "bunkers" and, in fact, proposed bunkers to answer several objections that I had to the Doomsday machine.)

An aspect of my formulation which may interest you was my proposal to include items bound up with each nation's heritage (e.g. the Constitution, Leaves of Grass manuscript, etc.) on some of the sites, together with an exchange university close enough to the bunker so that any destruction which might be large enough to make the bunker inoperative would also destroy the students and the documents. This would symbolize the destruction of the best of the nation's past and future and would (tend to) take planning for this sabotage out of the category of a "technical preparation" and make it into a sin. For example, how much harder it would be to plan to destroy a Russian bunker if we had to destroy the Lincoln Memorial in the process (though capitols are not the places for bunkers).

I am very happy to see that you, as an atomic scientist, think enough of its feasibility to suggest it. Would that it were possible! Think of even one Russian bunker located, say, by Wall Street in New York. What a powerful force for peace, even with none in Russia. And what pressure on Russia to reciprocate.

If there is anything I can do to help the spread of this idea please let me know. Though the main objection to the idea right now is the complete lack of knowledge of its feasibility, there is also a certain dispersion necessary even to get consideration of the idea. I would like to thank you for your efforts to push back the walls of our present "Pit." I only hope that some of your dreams succeed in changing place with our reality.

Sincerely,

*Lane Vanderslice*

Lane Vanderslice

3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Mass.  
January 15, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard  
c/o SANE  
910 S. Robertson Blvd.  
Los Angeles 35, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

The enclosed letter from Richard Hudson and the carbon of my answer should be self-explanatory. I hope you can find time to drop him a brief note telling what you think of the idea of a condensation in the March issue of War/Peace Report, and when and where he might reach you. The Journal is quite new, but seems to me from inspecting one issue to be a good one. Arthur Larson, Donald Brennan, Roger Fisher (I think), and a handful of other capable academics are on the board of advisors.

(of 3500 copies)

We have already exhausted our first printing/of the revised speech, selling 1000 to the Chicago group, 500 to Worth in New York (your order, at 25 cents each), 1000 at cost of 8 cents each to an enthusiastic group in Stockbridge, Mass, and the other 1000 by mail in lots of 10, 15 and 25. Another 2000 will be off the presses this Thursday.

We have received 20 contributions of \$5 or \$10 apiece in response to a mailing of about 50 postcards requesting small donations to help with the cost of printing. In addition, one or two people have sent \$20 each, and one man sent a check for \$100 (he is the Director of Research for Hughes Aircraft!).

As a result of "profit" from the sale of speeches totaling \$180 plus contributions totaling over \$240, we now have on hand \$420 to be used in further printings and mailings, and eventually to be turned over to you.

Additional copies of the speech can now be printed for 8 cents each, or even less depending on the number ordered at once, so if you have need for several hundred or thousand, please don't hesitate to let us know.

I continue to get very few letters actually pledging 2% of income, and very little response from students in the area. However, I do get several letters a day expressing interest and enthusiasm in the proposals and ordering 10 to 50 copies. I think that many potential supporters are somewhat reticent about committing themselves at this point until they see what develops, and that many others do not realize that you are eagerly awaiting their response in order to evaluate the mood of the country.

Sincerely,

*Michael Brower*  
Michael Brower

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January 10, 1962

Dear Professor Szilard,

As I've informed you we plan to distribute to our members of PROMETHEUS BOOK CLUB your fine book The Voice of the Dolphins together with a reprint of Prof. Neal's study on foreign policy which I sent you.

However, since we are planning a first printing of 25,000 of the foreign policy pamphlet I thought it a good idea to enlarge it and I've got permission to reprint two good articles on East West relations by Field Marshal Montgomery and I've asked Gerard Piel for an essay on shelters. If he can't do it, I plan to do it myself. It occurred to me that your proposal for a Peace Lobby should be included and I'm writing therefore to ask you for permission to reprint the Brandeis speech.

You might wish to revise the speech, or add to it a note as to the response you got. Or you might like to say something about the shelter program and incorporate your Brandeis speech and its proposal with it. Or you might have some better idea.

Do let me know what you think and if you'll be in New York soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl Marzani*  
Carl Marzani

P.S. We sold 100,000 copies of Prof. Neal's speech on Berlin.

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3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts  
January 15, 1962

Mr. Richard Hudson, Editor  
War/Peace Report  
305 West 18th Street  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 and for your interest in Dr. Szilard's proposals. I am enclosing a copy of the revised speech with this letter. You will notice that most of the revisions are in the latter half, especially in the discussion of the structure and operations of the lobby.

As to whether an "organization" or a "movement" will be necessary, I think this may be partly a question of semantics. However, I do agree with you that there must be some sort of central organization to handle financial affairs (as well as for lobbying and arranging for interviews, etc., in Washington, formulating policy positions, and communicating with members.) Perhaps the revised speech is somewhat clearer (and improved) on these points. Remember, also, that most of the money involved will be sent directly to political candidates by the members and not siphoned through the central lobby. Incidentally, my own view is that local groups (organizations?) will also be vital--to work at securing better candidates, to work in primaries and elections, and to give the individual members a close-at-hand focus and reinforcement for their convictions and energies--and that the national lobby must offer at least minimal support and co-ordination to help them get started.

Is the outlook for a "Peace Lobby" propitious? I agree with you that past history shows more failures than successes by far but my mail and biased sampling of current winds give me strong hope. I don't know what has happened at the other Universities, but here in Cambridge we have used up about 4800 copies, most of them sold in batches of 10 to 50, at 10 to 25 cents each. And groups of interested people are active or in the process of forming at the Universities of Connecticut and Pittsburg, and in Stockbridge, Mass. and New York City.



Mr. Richard Hudson

January 15, 1962

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I am delighted that you are considering running a condensation in the March issue. Any cuts and changes would have to be checked with Dr. Szilard himself as I have no authority to approve such matters for him. Nor can I promise you an "exclusive" on his speech. Dr. Szilard has given copies to at least some segments of the press (I understand the New York Times carried a story on or about December 3, but only in the late city edition, and Commonweal has recently given it a favorable editorial.) I myself have sent copies to McWilliams, Robin and Cousins at the Nation, Progressive and Saturday Review, and copies have also gone to Newsweek and to a number of much smaller student and "peace activity" journals. From most of these I expect, however, not an article or a condensation, but perhaps an editorial or other form of shorter plug. And I can at least promise, if you wish, to keep you informed of any publication plans I may become aware of.

Dr. Szilard is in the middle of a trip to the West Coast. He is speaking Thursday, January 18 at a SANE rally in Los Angeles, and can be contacted there c/o the local SANE office at 910 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 35.

I am sending your letter and a carbon of this one to him there, with the hope that he will drop you a note as soon as he can. Or you may wish to reach him by telephone on or about January 18th through the Los Angeles SANE office: ORleander 5-9784.

The rest of Dr. Szilard's itinerary is unknown to me, except that he must be back in the East at least by February 14; to fill a speaking engagement at Sarah Lawrence College. Perhaps His secretary in Washington Miss (or Mrs.?) Esther Leibel (at the Hotel Dupont Plaza?) has more detailed information. Or one could contact an associate of Dr. Szilard's in Washington: Dr. Robert B. Livingstone, 9201 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda, Maryland, EMerson 5-0484. (I will also send him a carbon of this letter and a photostat of yours.)

I did send a copy to Mr. Abrams, President of Curtis Industries.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Brower

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cc: Dr. Leo Szilard, c/o SANE, 910 S. Robertson Blvd, Los Angeles 35, Calif.  
Dr. Robert B. Livingstone, 9201 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda, Md. ✓

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January 14, 1962

The Honorable Harlan Cleveland  
Assistant Secretary of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Leo Szilard has asked me to reply to some of his urgent correspondence while he is on the West Coast. Your letter of January 5 was forwarded from Chicago and will be sent on to him immediately.

It was good of you to write. Leo will undoubtedly respond personally in due time, although, as you can imagine, he has had a tremendous response resulting from his talks to university students.

With best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

R.B.LIVINGSTON:alm

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1962.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

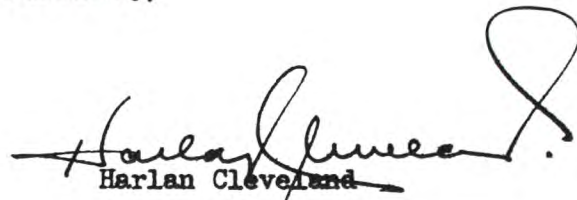
The University has sent on to me a copy of your lively address given on December 1, 1961, under the title "Are We On The Road To War?".

I am sure you will understand my difficulties with any proposal for the launching of a major new lobby in Washington! But I have no problems with your emphasis on the need to abolish the institution of war.

The principal question is how we do it. On this, as I am sure you are aware, I would put more emphasis than you on the development of institutions capable of preserving the peace. This road leads to no easy solutions and it calls for many of the elements of patience, generosity and empathy to which you point. But I doubt if we will get a more orderly world in any other way.

Warmest wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Harlan Cleveland

Dr. Leo Szilard,  
Professor of Biophysics,  
Enrico Fermi Institute for  
Nuclear Studies,  
5801 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago 37, Illinois.

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War/Peace Report  
Current Fact and Opinion  
on Progress Toward a World  
of Law and Order

Mr. Michael Brower  
3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brower:

I tried to call Dr. Szilard today in Washington, D.C., but he seems to be out of town. We are quite interested in his idea if it is really going to go anywhere. I don't think he is correct in saying that this kind of thing will not be an "organization" but rather a "movement". Anything involving money has to have an organization. If this organization starts out with a reasonable amount of seed money and a capable executive director plus an extremely carefully selected top 12 persons, it may work out. But I have seen too many big ideas fail in execution not to be sceptical of this one.

If the outlook for a real Peace Lobby does look propitious, I think we would be willing to take Dr. Szilard's speech, condense it for his approval, and run it as our lead piece in our March issue. If some other publication is going to be using it, that would, of course, affect our plans. In any event, if this thing is going to move ahead, we will certainly give it our all-out support.

So, I hope you will send me a revised copy of his speech as soon as it is ready, and also let me know what you think about the other problems I raised. Also, would you please send a copy of the speech to Morris Abrams, president, Curtis Industries, Inc., Curtis Boulevard, Eastlake, Ohio?

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Richard Hudson

Richard Hudson  
Editor

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LA 2-6297

*Dr. Szilard, I've not thanked you in writing for the help you gave me this summer, and wish to do so now. The introduction you gave me to Donald Michael triggered a chain of profitable talks with various people, thus*

Dear Family and Friends, Warm thanks to you for so generously putting up with one who is not now, nor has ever been a member of the letter-writing community. "Many times already I have intended to reply to your enquiries. But I am dreadfully lazy about writing letters..." (Beethoven, quoted in a N.Y. Times book review). *Loves*

After Harvard and Haverford I taught high school mathematics for a delightful half year, spent six months in the Army and then went to Seattle. I'm now in fifth year of graduate work in medical physiology at the University of Washington. I teach a bit, and marvel at the skill with which frog eggs keep to themselves information on changes in the egg surface at fertilization. Mountain climbing (in the spectacular mountains near Seattle) turns out to be half as hard and twice as much fun as it looks. Spent two idyllic years as nightwatchman on the University's oceanographic research vessel: ducks at the door, gulls overhead, and a Riviera-like view. Now am advisor to the graduate student floor of the University's men's dormitory. As a fellowship feeds me, I use these jobs to feed my travel bug. Last Christmas joined the family in Stockholm, where they'd been living for a couple of years. After Christmas my sister Cornelia (who'd spent the year before teaching in Turkey, and is now studying genetics at Wisconsin) and I went with a Swedish student group to Leningrad and Moscow. Reception in the three physiology laboratories I visited was most cordial. We were there only 10 days, and speak no Russian so I'll skip any sweeping generalizations.

The most provocative event of the trip was a discussion with a scientist in Sweden who bet me there would be a major war within five years (now, four years). I took the bet (and still would). Though I'd not thought about war other than to kick in a few dollars to Seattle's peace group, during the following half year I spent some time with Brown and Real's Community of Fear, Norman Cousins' Saturday Review editorials, the Fall '60 Daedalus (now available as Arms Control, Disarmament and National Security), Kahn's On Thermo-nuclear War, etc. By spring I'd finally pounded into my skull what some of you have been saying for years. Oversimplified: The deterrent policy (if you hit me, I'll hit you) of each side assumes the balance in armaments and international relations remains stable; the instability of an uncontrolled arms race (technological change, China, etc.) eventually results in war.

Pessimistic about the chances of our 19th Century thinking changing in time to control this 20th Century arms race, I turned to reading about the effects of such a war. Spent the summer in Washington, D. C. using its libraries to aid some musing as to how one might mitigate the long-term effects of a large war on those countries which are sitting out this particular war.

Though my main nonprofessional interest remains population control, I find an amateur can follow the unclassified war-world-government literature by reading Current Thought on Peace and War (semiannual ~~computation~~ of abstracts of many articles on international relations, world law, military strategy, etc.; Box 4847, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.; \$7 per year), Survival (bimonthly; reprints important articles, especially on military strategy; c/o Institute for Strategic Studies, 16 Adam St., London, W.C. 2; \$6.00), Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (Monthly; 434 S. Wabash, Chicago 5, Ill.; \$6.00), and -- for periodic kicks in the pants from Norman Cousins -- Saturday Review (Weekly, 25 W. 45th St., N.Y. 36, N.Y.; \$7.00).

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The simplest introduction to this whole business might perhaps be got by reading Brown and Real's 40-page "Community of Fear" (which is a chapter in the ~~45¢~~ pocket book World Without War available from Washington Square Press, 32 Washington Place, NYC.) and the excellent articles reprinted in Survival. Those looking for political action groups which actively support inspected arms control/disarmament may find they agree with some (doubtless not all) stands taken by The Federation of American Scientists (money from non-scientists welcomed; 1700 K St., NW, Washington 6, D.C.) and SANE (17 East 45th St., N.Y. 17, N.Y.).

But enough. This is supposedly a Christmas (err ... New Year's) letter, rather than impassioned tract. It brings my regards, warm greetings, or love-- as the case may be-- and assurance that even though I don't write, I think of you.

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making it much easier to get at  
the articles I wanted than had  
I continued to work through the Library.

I've enjoyed your recent article in  
the Bulletin and New Republic.

Newell Mack

Law School of Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

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November 13, 1961

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

Dear Leo,

I have spoken to the Forum about your plans, and they are writing to you. I have spoken to the officer of a College student group, Tocsin, who will help interest undergraduates in your talk.

We are having a small luncheon in the Law School for two Soviet international lawyers on Saturday. Since the Forum has arranged for you to meet students on Saturday morning and afternoon in a nearby dormitory, I thought you might care to join us. Professor Milton Katz, Director of International Legal Studies, joins in this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*David*

David F. Cavers



ROBERT W. KASTENMEIER  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
2D DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

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HOME OFFICE:  
214 NORTH FIRST STREET  
WATERTOWN, WIS.

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

November 4, 1961

Mr. Joel A. Huberman, Chairman  
TOCSIN Civil Defense Research Comm.  
Quincy 310  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. Huberman:

I am now preparing background materials on the broad questions of civil defense for Congressman Kastenmeier's use. The Congressman is thinking of approaching the subject by initiating public discussions of the various issues involved.

I would very much appreciate receiving whatever information you may have on this general problem--as well as on the more limited question of the efficacy of the shelter program. At the moment I am attempting to put together a bibliography of materials that the average homeowner should see before becoming involved in shelter construction. I am also working out a series of questions that each citizen should ask himself before accepting various aspects of civil defense. The questions will aim to reveal weaknesses and strengths of the program.

Any suggestions you might have as to the bibliography or the set of questions would be very much appreciated.

Incidentally, Dr. Leo Szilard will be speaking at Harvard on November 17th at 4:15 p.m. at the Lowell Lecture Hall. His topic will be "Are We on the Road to War?". He will also be available to meet with interested students on Saturday, November 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Associated Harvard Clubrooms, Holmes Hall.

Dr. Szilard is extremely interested in meeting with interested students. If his reception is good at Harvard, I believe he will be encouraged to speak elsewhere in the country to sound out further groups and interest them in a new approach to peace. I wonder if I may ask that you and TOCSIN do all that you can to see that interested people meet and hear him?

If you have contacts at Swarthmore, it might be good to pass the word to them that he will also be speaking there on November 19th.

Yours sincerely,

GAR ALPEROVITZ

Law School of Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

*File M*

November 13, 1961

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

Dear Leo,

I have given more thought to the paper you read to me, and a few ideas have occurred to me that have seemed worth passing along for your consideration.

1. I have searched for a substitute for "The Enlightened Minority". The alternative that has struck me as most appealing is "The Responsible Minority". As I see it, what you are striving for is to induce a small fraction of the population to assume responsibility for attacking the problem of abolishing war and to do so responsibly. The dual meaning of "Responsible" tends to diminish the invidious comparison that is implicit in "Enlightened" and, since responsibility is a burden, the assumption of it is less likely to suggest an arrogant elite -- the fear the original term aroused in me.

2. To raise a point that I did not have time to mention Saturday, I am somewhat troubled by your having to label your assessment of Russian intentions as "truth".\* It may well be true -- I for one am inclined to believe it -- but is it necessary for your case that your hearers be convinced that you have arrived at true conclusions on this and the other issues? Since you are not arguing that you personally should be the Minority's source of guidance on foreign policy, you don't have to stake your political proposal on your ability to establish the validity of your own ideas of foreign policy. Wouldn't it be better strategy to present them as hypotheses? Isn't it enough, for your political thesis, that your audiences recognize that your ideas, if true, would justify major shifts in our foreign policy, that your ideas, if viewed without national bias, deserve the most serious consideration, and yet, because of national bias, can command no political backing?

3. A strong opening seems to me very important. I have had a thought for one which you might like. How about something like this?

\* If my recollection is correct that, by implication at least, you do.

"In countries all over the world, young men today are thinking, writing, speaking, agitating, demonstrating, fighting, being clubbed, being gassed, and being killed in an effort to shape the political policies of their homelands. What they are striving for is to achieve a better future for themselves and their countries. Their ideas may often be tragically ill-conceived and wrong-headed, but at least they are not content to sit inert and accept whatever fate and their elders mete out to them.

"In America, you and young men like you are working diligently to prepare yourselves for successful careers in professions or in business in the most affluent, comfort-loving civilization the world has yet seen. In your week-ends and your spare time you have fun and games. When you think of the future, you think about the job, the girl, and the home in prospect.

"This is pleasant, but it isn't realistic. The future ahead for the young men of America is far from secure. Within a decade, you may find yourselves burrowing underground in a garrison state. You may be losing your cherished American freedoms, as the nation gives more and more power to leaders who ready it for total war. Finally, you may be caught by total war. Then there won't be any more future to plan for.

"You don't have to have a future like that. But the kind of future you do have may depend on what you yourselves are willing to do -- not five, ten, or twenty years from now but this year, next year, and all the years to follow. What I am trying to bring to you and to college men and women in other universities is a summons to responsibility -- responsibility for your country's policies and for your own destiny."

I think this should prove arresting and should tie in with the rest of your paper. I read this hurriedly to Roger and his reaction was favorable. He also agreed with my other points, but I should add that he had little time in which to consider them.

I am sending this off before I have seen the Forum and Tocsin about the cards. I shall write you shortly about them.

It was a pleasure to see you and your wife again and to learn of your plans. I am looking forward to seeing you in Cambridge.

Sincerely yours,

*David*

David F. Cavers

*File M*

Quincy House 319  
Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts  
5 December 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am enclosing a preliminary statement about the February 16 student demonstration in Washington. I welcome your comments and suggestions as to policy, plans, and so on; if you have time to make one up, I would also like from you a list of professors throughout the country who you think will be interested in this project and interested in introducing it to others.

We have reserved the Uline Arena in Washington (capacity c. 9000) for the late afternoon of February 16. Since the audience will have been on their feet for several hours in winter weather, I would hope you could take a half hour or even less for your remarks; but if that presents any problem, please let me know.

As the preliminary statement says, the final policy will not be approved until December 30; but after discussing it with the relevant student leaders I can guarantee that the completed policy will be only an expansion of the outline herein enclosed--for example, we may expand the "no first strike" initiative to your amplification of it (no first use of nuclear weapons "on the other side of the line"--by the way, exactly how do you define that line, say in Southeast Asia?).

We think this project could be quite significant, and I look forward to hearing your further reaction to it.

Sincerely yours,

*Todd Gitlin*

Todd Gitlin  
Chairman, Boston Ad Hoc Committee  
for the Demonstration in  
Washington

FILE M  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT  
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

HENRY W. EDGERTON  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

October 27, 1961

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

Dear Mrs. Szilard:

I am glad you and your husband liked my letter to the Post. Thank you for your note and for sending me a copy of his book, which I look forward to reading soon.

Sincerely yours,

Henry W. Edgerton

Kelly #17.  
5848 University  
Chicago 37, Ill.  
January 2, 1962

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I am the other University of Chicago student who mailed copies of your speech during the interim. As of last week we had received about 8100 and mailed about 900 copies of the speech. The Federation of American Scientists has asked for 75 copies - to put into the hands of its members before their late January meeting. One hardened old cynic in Russian history (with a bachelor's degree in astrophysics), who scoffed at me for being softheaded in thinking anything could be done to improve the world situation, has asked for ten more copies of the speech. I am almost certain he would agree to serve on a faculty committee in support of the movement.

We received an interesting letter from a Mr. Thomas Drake of Winnetka asking for a dollars worth of speeches, explaining that his parents were friends of Dr. Kay Way and telling of the hot summer day in '43 when you, during a visit with Dr. Way to his home, sat on a Glencoe beach in an overcoat, because it contained secret papers. He has expressed willingness to contribute 370

of his annual income "for a responsible, rational and able lobby for peace."

As school begins again there should be greater discussion concerning the movement. Certain faculty members have volunteered to give talks and answer questions about the problems of democracy. One of my instructors has agreed to discuss the speech in class. (It is the first social sciences course in the college, considering the principles and problems of a democratic free society, using America as a model.)

The organization of a faculty committee of supporters of the movement should also start soon.

David or I will be writing to you about the further developments here in Chicago. Mrs. Adams has been telling us about developments elsewhere as reported by you. Hopefully the present response <sup>will</sup> continue or improve.

Sincerely,  
Connie Fay  
2nd year student  
(so far, in mathematics)  
University of Chicago

*file 11*

December 23, 1961

Leo Szilard  
Prof. of Biophysics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Some friends and I wish to contribute to the Peace Lobby. Others are less certain and ask about details. All of us are interested to know more about the Peace Lobby. Some questions are

- 1...How do we make out checks and where do we send them?
- 2...What is the present status of the Peace Lobby?
- 3...How will it operate?
- 4...What are to be its policies?

I would like to express my appreciation of your efforts towards peace.

Sincerely yours

*Harry Seodak*

Harry Seodak  
14 Circle Drive  
Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

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3 January 1962

Mrs. Rose Detre  
1291 Fairfax Street  
Denver 20, Colorado

Dear Rose:

Many thanks for your letter of December 21st. Call me collect when you have had your examination with Bloch.

I expect to leave on Friday, January 5th for the West Coast and shall be away until January 23rd.

I am enclosing the current version of my Speech. You might read this and pass it on to Joseph Korbel. You may tell him that in principle I would like to give a talk in Denver but I would have to do it at the same time as I give a similar talk at Boulder. However, it would have to be arranged at short notice - say three weeks notice. I would suggest that he drop me a line so that I have his name and address and I will then call him over the telephone when I am ready and he could tell me whether he could fit it in.

Yours,

Leo Szilard

December 21 - 61.

Dear Laj:

I am writing you to ask you, to let me know, whether you would be interested to give the talk, you gave me to read, in Denver too? I showed it to a few people and we have the impression, that there would be interest in it. Len showed it to Puck who got excited about it, and I ~~showed it~~ talked to Joseph Korbel who is the head of the "Social Science Foundation" and teaches at D.U. Although the lectures sponsored by that foundation are scheduled a year ahead of time, Korbel is interested enough to find some way to have your talk sponsored if you are interested to give it in Denver.

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I promised to write you today, and ask you for a quick answer. If yes, he would get in touch with you.

(If you give that talk again, I hope you finishes it in somewhat different way. I dislike that sentence; it is up to you, to do your worst!)

As a proper contempt: Guffaheim resents your  
letter very much. It took me a week to  
pacify him. He will not answer you. He  
talked to Dr. Bloch. So did I, but only  
on the phone; he could not see me yet,  
but he will. I am ~~strongly~~ much  
better, ever since I came home from that  
trip. I feel quite well -

Hope to hear from you soon

Love  
Rosi

I like the story in the last Bulletin, too.

*File M*

Washington, D.C.  
3 January 1962

Robert M. Berne, M.D.  
Department of Physiology  
School of Medicine  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland 6, Ohio'

Dear Dr. Berne:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of December 29th.

I am enclosing the current version of my Speech. As you will see my Speech has been revised and you may find toward the end of the Speech the answers to some of the questions you have raised in your letter.

I am leaving this week for the West Coast to extend the experiment to Berkeley, Stanford, Reed, and the University of Oregon. At the moment, I am not able to cope with my mail but I shall try to let you know, somehow, if there is any major development.

I understand that Michael Brower, 3 Dana Street, Cambridge, Mass. - telephone, Elliott 4-1371, is in a position to supply you with copies of the current version of my Speech at the cost of 25¢ each for the first ten copies and 10¢ per copy thereafter. I doubt that I ought to encourage the formation of local committees or groups until such time as it is de-

cided actually to start a Movement. Both at Harvard and the University of Chicago there are student as well as Faculty members who are active in promoting the experiment but all this is carried on on an entirely informal basis.

In Cleveland, Mrs. George Levinger, whose husband is on the faculty of Western Reserve University has volunteered to bring people into contact with each other who take a serious interest in the experiment and perhaps you could discuss with her the feasibility of going any further than that. Her address is - Mrs. Ann (George) Levinger, 2925 Corydon Road, Cleveland 18, Ohio - telephone YE 2-0052.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

December 29, 1961

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

Dear Doctor Szilard:

This letter concerns your recent visit to Cleveland, where on November 29, 1961, you gave an address "Are We on the Road to War?" You presented your position on this question in the form of an experiment in which you requested others to participate. The experiment in essence was to make a preliminary survey of local sentiment with the objective of effectively organizing a political minority which, partly through the voice of a lobby of distinguished scientists, and partly through local political action, would attempt, when and where necessary, to influence changes in the attitude of the American government inimical to peace. We believe that there are here in Cleveland a number of scientists and professional people who would be willing, in one way or another to support your efforts to create such a movement.

At the present time certain difficulties are apparent. The major ones are the following:

- (1) Confusion regarding the exact program, i.e., the means through which such an organization can effectively sway the American government away from policies leading to war.
- (2) Uncertainty as to the organizational form of such a movement.
- (3) Concern as to whether formulation of a new peace movement would duplicate or dilute out present efforts of organizations such as the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.
- (4) Concern over the fate of contributions, and questions related to the financial structure of the movement.

Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, we wish to commend your initial effort to take positive action for peace. We too find ourselves "...in rebellion against the fate that history seems to have in store for us..."

We pledge our support, in a provisional sense, to the effort you are making. Specifically, we consider it advisable to formulate locally a committee or group, organized for the purpose of maintaining contact with you, and through you with other university and professional groups anxious and willing to support a realistic effort to prevent nuclear war. We cannot support without qualifica-

Dr. Leo Szilard

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December 29, 1961


tion the movement you envisaged until the organizational form and program of that movement have been clarified, nor are we willing at this time to pledge funds.

We are most anxious to learn whether local committees in your support have been formulated at Harvard, Swarthmore or Chicago, and if so, what form these committees have taken.

We understand that you plan eventually to return to Cleveland to pursue your initial effort. If you approve formulation of a local committee or group in your support, please contact us before your return so that we can arrange an interview.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert M. Berne, M.D.  
Professor and Acting Director

  
Richard O. Recknagel, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor

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RALPH POMERANCE  
ARCHITECT • COS COB, CONN.

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24 Dec 1961

Dear Leo,

Enclosed is a check of \$1000 to  
to the University of Chicago. After  
the new year will try for the  
balance.

Jo and I would like to  
talk about the composition of the  
political activities when the time  
comes and meanwhile we  
hope it goes well.

Best wishes for the New Year  
to you and Sam. Enjoyed your  
Jo and myself. Sincerely  
Ralph Pomerance



JULIUS STULMAN  
475 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22

*file* M

December 22, 1961

Dear Dr. Szilard:

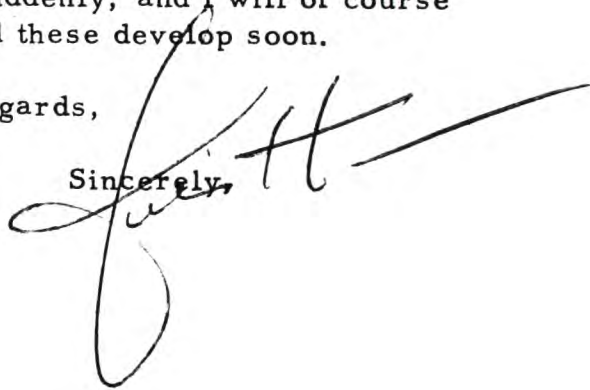
You are an amazing man.

I have given a great deal of consideration to your letter because I didn't want to turn you down, but I am afraid I am going to have to. We are still working out our tax dollar situation and have responsibilities to take care of even with the so-called hard dollars now.

Nevertheless, I am not going to close the door, as there are several things in the offering that can alter this entire picture quite suddenly, and I will of course be in touch with you should these develop soon.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julius Stulman', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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



*File M*

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CAMBRIDGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS

3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Mass.  
November 30, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I received the list of Boston area names that you sent, and have arranged with a kind and hard working mother of three to mail copies to each of them in the next day or two.

Unfortunately we received the covering Note that you included too late to use it in our mimeographing of the speech. I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the first page which friends here helped me prepare last week, which we had already mimeographed and put on our copies. You will note that there is considerable similarity, but that we do have one glaring omission. We forgot to mention specifically that students should report to you early in January on their findings. However, this is suggested towards the end of your speech, and the friend who did the mimeographing for us did think to add, at the end of your speech, the following instruction: "You may send the results of your survey to: Leo Szilard, Hotel Dupont Plaza, Washington 6, D.C." Other individuals who have received a copy, perhaps in the mail, without having a personal contact with a student, will be writing to me, and I can report such results to you in January.

You mentioned having revised the speech. As I am at this very minute in the process of writing an article about your efforts for a Harvard undergraduate magazine (Comment) it would perhaps be best if I could know what revisions you have made. Although the article is due tomorrow, there will still be time for alterations next week, so if you could send me a revised version as soon as you get back to Washington I could still make any necessary corrections.

*Bestor* A Mr. Jerome Grossman, head of the Massachusetts Envelope Company, gave us 500 envelopes this morning to help the project along. He is the ~~New England~~ head of a new group called Turn Toward Peace, and I am enclosing some of their pamphlets for your possible interest. Since these were printed several unions have joined, including the IUE and Reuther's UAW. He also put me in touch with a sympathetic printshop, the Murfal Printing Co., which quoted me rates of slightly over 20¢ a copy for orders under 5000 and slightly under 20¢ a copy for orders of 5-10,000. This is for a photo-offset process similar to multilithing and I'm curious as to whether it is significantly cheaper than those you had done in Washington. I suspect that for orders well over 10,000 we might get the average price down a great deal more, and that this might be useful for the second round if the experiment works.

Our hopes and best wishes go with you.

*Michael (and Barbara) Brower*

*file M*

29 December 1961

Mr. Michael Brower  
3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brower:

If you should have my Speech retyped I would suggest you use the corrected covering sheet a copy of which is enclosed.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

  
December 27, 1961

Mr. Michael Brower  
3 Dana Street  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brower:

Enclosed is the current version of my Speech  
and the revised version of the covering sheet.

Please use these if you have my Speech retyped  
unless, of course, you receive from me a still later ver-  
sion by the time you start on the retyping.

Enclosed are also requests for copies of the  
Speech from the Boston area. I should appreciate your  
filling these requests and returning the original letters  
to me.

I am leaving for the west coast on the 5th of Jan-  
uary and expect to be back in Washington on the 22nd.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

*File A*

27 December 1961

Professor Otto Feinstein  
Division of Science of Society  
Monteith College  
Wayne State University  
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Feinstein:

I am writing to acknowledge your interesting letter of December 23rd. As you may have seen from my speech, I am trying to collect those who already have adopted the right attitude, in a movement that is aimed at effective political action. There exists also the quite difficult task of educating people in order to increase the number of those who may adopt the right attitude. I am not in a position to devote any time or attention to this second task.

Concerning point "b" in your letter, I don't believe that I can help you at all except that I shall be pleased to meet you and your co-workers if you come to Washington. I cannot, however, assume any additional burden that would involve correspondence since I am snowed under with correspondence as it is.

I am enclosing the latest version of my Speech for your information. I am in the process of rewriting it in order to clarify what may be the attainable long term objectives.

If the movement that I am describing should be started in earnest, it would have to lean initially quite heavily on local groups such as yours. Until it is fully organized and well under way, it will not be able to give support to local groups. As far as your immediate problem goes, you ought to be able to get support from foundations. I, personally, have little faith in foundations and I have practically no contact with them.

I am sending an extra copy of my Speech. Please feel free to forward it to Dr. Roy John if you think he may be interested in it.

Sincerely,



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



# WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

MONTEITH COLLEGE

DETROIT 2, MICHIGAN

DIVISION OF SCIENCE OF SOCIETY

Otto Feinstein

23 December 1961

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

Dear Professor Szilard,

Undoubtedly you are being inundated by many letters for this reason I shall be short and to the point. My second reason is the following - I agree with most of what you say and have since 1949 in a modest way been working to accomplish this - as matter of fact our paths crossed just after Pres Truman announced that the Russians had the A-Bomb. I and a few friends approached you and some others to participate in a round table discussion in Mandel Hall at the U of Chicago, which you did. But few people were willing at the time to consider the Peace issue important enough to lay aside their political differences. Much time has passed since then in 1950 I received my BA from the U of C, in 1953 my licenciate for the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, two years in the US army and work on my PhD at the UC and for the US Senate on a reserach project on US foreign policy in Latin America. (my field is that of Under-developed areas political economic problems.) For two years now I have been teaching at Wayne State University. My views on US foreign policy you can find in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists December 1960 and January 1961. But my reason for the letter being brief has become too long : it is that for two years I have been active in doing just what you discuss in your speech - I have approached those who say they agree to find that they only mean this theoretically - thus wasting their and my time. In addition I and some student, faculty and young professionals have been trying by means of a magazine ( I enclose two copies ) to make contact with like minded people (we are all theirty or younger) only to find that the same holds true. In addition we pursue our careers. I write to you in hope that to be quite frank that we have found a friend who means what he says and thus not say words of encouragement which exite us but then when it comes to the act disappears. (please read the statement of purpose in the back of the fourth issue.

Down to brass tacks. In Detroit at Wayne ( and this is not for public consumption only ofr you) we have built up around Wayne University SANE a group of people whd have been acting and studying along the lines you suggested. We have a speakers bureau (brochure enclosed which has spoken before Lions Clubs, Democratic party groups, Veteran, business, social and religious organizations (over 5,000 individuals have been spoken before) off the campus (also we gave a course last year listed on the back), we are now starting a weekly TV series, a radio program, a bi-weekly paper, and two major research projects one on the community and the peace question and the other on status of foreign policy and the national and international pwwer situation. The potential is gigantic, all has been done purely by volunteers, contacts with the community and also community peace groups is good - our basic aim to make Peace a marketable political commodity. Please again this is very private information - when we are firmly aand soundly established we will let others know of our activity but till then it is important to work and not to make a big noise. Now that I have given you a sketch of our activity

let me tell you two things briefly a- our position b- what I want from you.

- a) we support, as the only viable alternative to total destruction, multilateral adequately inspected disarmament. We believe that at least since May 10, 1955 no plan has been put forward by either side which gives quid pro quo on inspection and disarmament. We are in general agreement that certain negotiating tactics in themselves make agreement impossible - namely that by presenting as a starting position one unexpeable to the other side the atmosphere of serious negotiation is undermined - the risk must be taken that we present a treaty which embodies both our and the Soviet interests and indicate the reason for this very clearly to the Russians indicating that they should do the same. We also feel that it is imperative to give support to the more sensitive people in the government, (primaries included). Again just a rough sketch so you may know us a little (although I am writing in a personal capacity just having received the copy of your speech.
- b) We need three things ( and I don't know to what extent you have them)
- 1) direct contacts with distinguished people like yourselves so that we know in some co-ordinated way what is being done by others and also so that we can call on your help if need be from such things as having a speaker of national fame to having entree to big wigs either to present our views or to ask for advice, information or opinions.
  - 2) Money we have amassed resources which are worth perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars due to our positions as faculty : voluntary contributions of highly skilled people -economists, sociologists, political scientists etc etc, TV, radio, speakers and all that I described above but as the economist puts it we have hit a capitalization problem - we have no liquid funds. The research project needs some research assistants if it is to move quickly and keep the volunteers we have and also be of more than academic use, the research project needs perhaps a secretary and a research librarian. The latter so that we benefit from rather than duplicate what is being done in other places, The other projects need an administrator and perhaps some personell. We feel that it would be justified to have five full time people working on these activities but as a start we desperately need at least one. A person who has skills in various lines of research, in community work, mass media and administration. We thus desperately need seed capital. The research project which is the place that would hire this assistant is furthermore tax free as it is my project sanctioned by the university.
  - 3) An effort to bring together both the distinguished and the young activist academics from around the nation. So that a real base can be built in each local and that experience from one place can be given to others without pain of self experience. This will be very ticklish since what is perhaps least needed is national co-ordination of all these efforts for many reasons this could be harmful. Local areas must use their own initiative and ingenuity due to differences in conditions and personalities. They must however look at parallel efforts as friends. Certain people however are far more effective within the national scene and these need to be organized as not official but as sympathetic spokesmen for the many local efforts. (Each university should have its precinct so to speak) Such efforts have been considered and the PS names some of its originators.

P/S Please forward a copy of your speech to Dr Roy John Director, Basin Research Institute, University of Rochester.

This is more or less very briefly what I have to say. I most sincerely hope to hear from you.

*Otto Feinstein*  
Otto Feinstein Assistant Professor  
Monteith College, Wayne State University  
D. A. R. T. 2, Michigan