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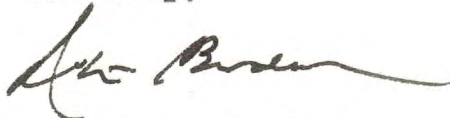
Dear Dr. Szilard:

When you came up to my table in the Senate Dining Room the other day, I'm afraid I was so surprised that I did not adequately thank you for all you have done in my behalf. I want you to know that I appreciate very much your interest in my work and in my reelection.

Please keep in touch with me and when you are in Washington, I would like to have you drop by my office.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



Quentin N. Burdick

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UNITED STATES SENATE

May 7, 1964

Col. H. Ashton Crosby
Executive Director
Council for a Livable World
1346 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Col. Crosby:

I have been impressed with some of the fine people who have supported the Council for a Livable World. However, the views of Dr. Leo Szilard, expressed at various conferences have recently come to my attention. Since his name appears on your letterhead as Co-Chairman of the Board, clarification of views is now necessary.

I do not ascribe to many of his views expressed at the conferences and particularly I cannot agree that we should uni-laterally disarm nor can I agree with his concept of a U.N. Peace Court that would have legal jurisdiction over American citizens.

My view is that this country's goal should be, of course, world peace, but as we strive toward it, we must provide for the common defense. Disarmament should come through a step by step process with proper guarantees. It is my strong belief it would not be in the best interest of this country to engage in any disarmament program that is not multi-lateral in nature.

Sincerely,

/s/

Quentin N. Burdick

QNB/its
cc: James Patton

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May 28, 1964

The Hon. Senator Quentin N. Burdick
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Burdick:

I have just received a copy of the letter which you wrote to Colonel Crosby on May 7, 1964. In the second paragraph of your letter you write "and particularly I cannot agree that we should uni-laterally disarm....."

I understand that this paragraph of your letter relates to an unpublished paper "On Disarmament" submitted by me in 1961 to the "Pugwash meeting" (held under the auspices of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, with funds made available by the Ford Foundation) at Stowe, Vermont. I have asked Colonel Crosby to send you a copy of this paper and I would appreciate your indicating to me which passage led you to assume that I was in favor of uni-lateral disarmament.

If the second paragraph of your letter does not relate to this paper, I should greatly appreciate your writing me just when and where I expressed myself in favor of uni-lateral disarmament, rather than in favor of "multi-lateral disarmament, carried out step by step with proper guarantees".

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard

cc: James Patton

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*Dictated, but not signed
Forwarded to Sen. Burdick and
Mr. Patton by friend Wm. Szilard
on June 4, 1964.*