

Harris Wofford
1005 East 50th St.
Chicago 37, Illinois

April 28, 1948

Dear Dr. Szilard,

I have just returned from New York planning sessions about the Princeton Conference. Enclosed is a copy of the suggested plan as well as the draft invitation written by Barr and Hutchins to be sent to the list of invitees.

The details on the list to be invited and the exact time and place must be decided later, but we hope to be ready with agreement on a joint letter by the eight inviters, by the early part of next week.

We are counting on you to be one of the signers. Would you extend the invitation to Dr. Einstein for us? His support at this point will be of great value, and will be deeply appreciated.

Mr. Osborne has definitely agreed to fly over when we settle the dates. He received the money promised last weekend and is highly elated, and appreciative. He cables there is further exciting news from Nehru.

Yours,

Harris

proposed letter

Stringfellow Barr
136 East 61st Street
New York City

May _____, 1948

My dear _____:

I am writing you on my own behalf and on that of Mr. Grenville Clark, Dr. Albert Einstein, Mr. Robert Lee Humber, Mayor Hubert Humphrey, Chancellor Robert Hutchins, Dr. Leo Szilard, and Mr. Carl Van Doren.

The plan outlined in the enclosed memorandum seems to us worth carrying out, provided we can devise appropriate and adequate means of doing so. The difficulties seem insuperable. Since, however, our country faces grave danger, and since this plan offers a means of educating our people as to the nature of the danger and the difficult steps necessary to avoid it, we have determined to meet and explore possibilities.

We have chosen as a convenient place of meeting, the Princeton Inn, in Princeton, N.J., Friday, June _____ and give ourselves until the afternoon of Sunday, June _____ for our discussion. The organization committee wishes to pay the travel expenses of the participants and provide for their comfort while in Princeton.

Mr. Henry Usborne, Member of Parliament, who initiated the plan in Great Britain, is coming over to be with us in Princeton as our guest.

In addition to yourself, we have invited:

We hope that after considering the memorandum you will agree with us that a ballot of this sort should be held in America to send able delegates to Geneva, provided a good method of achieving this end can be devised. If we are right in assuming this to be your own position, will you give us this weekend in order that we may have your advice and aid in thinking through the problem? And in order to facilitate the making of arrangements, may I have your answer at your earliest convenience?

I very much hope we shall have your help.

Sincerely,

Barr

P.S. The Committee proposes that the conference receive no publicity.

701 Union Trust Building
Washington, D. C.

October 18, 1956

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

Dear Leo:

Forgive the delay in answering. I hope Bowles pressed your good idea. I saw a copy of the letter Archibald Alexander sent to you on September 28. Alexander and Bowles have very strongly been urging Stevenson to pick up the foreign affairs—peace issue and run with it. Bowles sent a very strong letter to this effect over a week ago. As you know, last weekend in Chicago Stevenson made the decision to do this, and now we will see what happens. As a result, Bowles has joined the campaign train or plane for the rest of the campaign. What do think of the hydrogen bomb issue? Is Stevenson in touch with the best scientific advisors on this? Is Lapp a good man for this? I know that a few days ago Stevenson was asking Senator Humphrey for suggestions about a scientific advisor to join the campaign.

Enclosed are some copies of stuff I sent Bowles at his request last July. It was sent on to Adlai, along with rather similar material from Bowles. We were asked to do more stuff but until just now there has seemed no sign of any of its being put to use. Now however, they are asking Bowles for new material and I am supposed to send him any comments that you think would be useful.

I hear your friend Marshall McDuffy is taking Edison Dick and fifty other businessmen on a trip through Russia right now.

I don't know Alexander personally, however.

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We miss you around here.

As ever,



Harris Wofford

HW:bc

P. S. Bowles would probably not like to have my stuff floating around, so in that sense it is confidential, but I do want any criticism you have.

H. W.

Enclosures

Notre Dame Law School

Notre Dame, Indiana

April 1, 1960

Dr. Leo Szilard
Memorial Hospital
68th & York Ave.
New York, New York

Dear Leo:

Having emerged from the civil-rights fight in Congress long enough to read your article on "How to Live with ~~the~~ Bomb and Survive" carefully, and having urged Bowles, Kennedy and Father Hesburgh to read it, I must send a word of thanks to you. It is a powerful piece, suggestive and logical. It conveys a sense of the possibilities that will be open when the long-range rocket stalemate really materializes, and it outlines one brilliant possibility. If your idea of the one for one principle of retaliation, with retaliation only to property and not to human beings, could gain world currency, the idea itself, in its stark logic might suffice to maintain stability and sanity.

I was happy to see that your old idea of the treaty for mutual spying has a place in this new scheme. What more can I say? Perhaps only this, that after my experiences in the government -- in the Civil Rights Commission and working with Congress this winter -- I now appreciate better a warning by a Sixteenth Century Englishman that Justice Frankfurter once passed on to me: "My son, dost thou not know with what little wisdom the world is governed?" And yet the bomb may in its strange way bring about the requisite reasoning.

I have been thinking about you during this period of decision and of course am anxious to know whether you are choosing surgery. If I was not too much of a pagan (I use the euphemism Protestant around here), you would have my prayers. That is what Father Hesburgh and his colleagues keep telling my wife as she approaches the day when she will unload our third offspring. But you have my thoughts and hopes, weak as they are. I was happy not only to see you, but to meet your wife who is a light that you have let the Rocky Mountains hide from me for too long.

As ever,



Harris Wofford

May 22nd. 1960.

Mr. Harris Wofford,
c/o Senator John Kennedy,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Wofford,

Enclosed you will find three copies of the draft article which I have written for "Look" magazine. One is meant for you, one for Senator Kennedy and one for Chester Bowles. Let me know of their reactions if you learn about them.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard.

Enclosures:

May 26th. 1960.

Mr. Harris Wofford,
c/o Senator John Kennedy,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Wofford,

A few days ago I sent you three copies of the article which I have drafted for "Look" magazine. In the meantime I have rearranged this article and I am enclosing three copies dated May 25th 1960 with this letter.

I should be grateful if you were to exchange the new version for the old one and destroy the copies of the old one.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard.

Enclosures:

August 4, 1960.

Harris Wofford,
c/o Senator John Kennedy,
Senate ~~House~~ Building,
Washington D.C.

Dear Wofford,

I am enclosing a rough draft of "The Voice of the Dolphins", in three copies. It requires not only editing but also certain major revisions prior to its publication. Simon & Schuster want to publish it together with a few other shorter pieces. I am sending you these copies so that you may transmit them if you like, at an opportune time, to Bowles or Kennedy or anyone else whom you may choose. I assume that none of these men will have any time to think now and the best that we can hope for is that there will be an opportunity to talk to them about serious matters after the elections in November and December.

"The Voice of the Dolphins" does not attempt to give a blue-print for the solution of our problems but it does attempt to make it clear what the real problems are and what kind of an approach to them might have a chance to produce results.

I shall write you again in the next few days about a few simple things which I should like to get across immediately after the elections to whoever the President-elect may be. I might even try to draft a short letter addressed to the President-elect and leave a signed copy in your custody. Perhaps

I shall ask you to hold it and to get it to the President-elect in the best way you can, in case I should take a turn for the worse or be no longer around.

For the time being, I feel well and quite active. Quite often I even go out for dinner. If you should pass through New York give me a ring at extension 133, TRafalgar 9-3000, any time between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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August 8, 1960.

Mr. Harris Wofford,
c/o Senator John Kennedy,
Senate Office Building,
Washington D.C.

Dear Wofford,

On August 4 I sent you three copies of a rough draft of "The Voice of the Dolphins". I am enclosing, in three copies, a revision containing the new new pages 18 to 27 (inclusive) which are to replace the pages 18 to 27(d) (inclusive).


The Appendix which you now have ought to be called Appendix 2. I am going to send you, in the next few days, Appendices 1 and 3. This will then complete the revised, but otherwise unedited, rough draft.

Please keep these copies, as revised, in your files until there is an opportunity to make good use of them.

If your time permits, I should like to have your comments. I am trying to get the manuscript edited and ready for printing by Labor Day.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,


Leo Szilard

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August 9, 1960

Hon. Chester Bowles
1338 New House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chet:

Here is Bill Foster's letter to Leo Szilard. Can you write a similar letter to him? I think it is important.

He had a long, fascinating private talk with Khrushchev last week. You can call him to hear about this at TRafalgar 9-3000, Extension 133, or Care of Memorial Hospital in New York City.

We are delighted Steb will serve on our Executive Action panel on education and voting.

As ever,

Harris Wofford

HW:vtb
Enclosure

August 31, 1960.

Harris Wofford,
c/o Senator John Kennedy,
Senate Office Building,
Washington D.C.

Dear Harris,

I am in the process of revising "The Voice of the Dolphins", which will be published by Simon & Schuster. Enclosed are new new pages 18 - 27 which replace the old pages 18 - 27(d) inclusive. Enclosed are further new pages 35, 36 and 37. Also enclosed is a copy of Appendix 1, the Appendix which you now have should be called Appendix 2.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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September 8, 1960.

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Harris Wofford,
c/o Senator John Kennedy,
Senate Office Building,
Washington D.C.

Dear Harris,

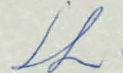
Attached you will find a rather important correspondence and a memorandum which explains its relevance. I should appreciate your reading and absorbing this, but keeping it in your files rather than transmitting it to anybody. If you think that I should talk to Bowles about it, either at this time or soon after the elections, I could see him at his convenience either in New York or in Washington. The date ought to be set over the telephone by calling me at extension 133 at Memorial Hospital TRafalgar 9-3000.

I think that perhaps I ought to ask Bowles to read the attached letters in my presence and that I ought to explain to him the background orally on that occasion, rather than make him read my longish memorandum.

I might call you over the telephone in a few days to see whether you think this correspondence as important as I think it is.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Leo Szilard

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September 16, 1960.

Mr. Harris Wofford,
Kennedy - Johnson Headquarters,
Civil Rights Committee,
The Investment Building,
15th & K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Harris,

Attached is a copy of the document which was left out of my letter. Also enclosed are three copies of an "Excerpt" from the Dolphins, which you might prefer to the full story, both because the full story is not yet edited and also because it is rather long.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosures

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September 19, 1960.

Harris Wofford,
Civil Rights Committee,
Kennedy-Johnson Headquarters,
The Investment Building,
15th & K Street N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Wofford,

Attached you will find a copy of a letter which I received from William C. Foster. If you have an opportunity to discuss this whole matter with Chester Bowles, I should appreciate your transmitting the copy of Mr. Foster's letter to Mr. Bowles together with the other material. It occurred to me that perhaps Mr. Bowles could inform Senator Kennedy in much the same manner as Mr. Foster has informed Vice President Nixon. If this is in fact done, I should appreciate receiving a short note from Mr. Bowles.

Enclosed you will find a letter which I have written to Benjamin Cohen, whose address I do not know. I should be grateful to you if you would put this letter in an envelope and forward it to the correct address.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

Enclosure

October 17, 1960

Mr. Harris Wofford,
1228 Stafford Road,
ALEXANDRIA, Virginia.

Dear Harris,

I should greatly appreciate your transmitting the enclosed letter to Chester Bowles at an opportunity of your own choosing, and with such comments as you might care to make.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

LEO SZILARD

Memorial Hospital, Room 812
444 East 68th Street,
New York 21, New York.

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