

October 12, 1960.

Nancy Hanks,
Room 922,
50 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Miss Hanks,

It was a great pleasure to meet with you on Monday night. I hope you will find the enclosed history of the next twenty-five years amusing. The course of events which I describe is not the course of events which I believe is most likely to take place; I picked this particular course of events in order to show what it might take to get to a disarmed world without first going through a world war.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard



Enclosure

October 17, 1960

Miss Nancy Hanks,
Room 922
50 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York 20, NY.

Dear Nancy Hanks,

Many thanks for your very nice letter of the 10th. I read it with much pleasure, which I suspect was why you wrote it.

I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum which you wanted to have. You might perhaps find that it does not read as well as it appeared to sound when you first heard it.

I am also enclosing a letter addressed to Governor Rockefeller and I should greatly appreciate your transmitting it to him at an opportunity of your choosing, and with such comments as you might care to make.

Sincerely,

LEO SZILARD

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

Encs.

October 17, 1960

To: Governor Nelson Rockefeller

Dear Governor Rockefeller,

On October 5th I had an extended, and rather satisfactory, private conversation with N.S. Khrushchev. Because I believe that the first approach to him after the elections might well set the tone for all subsequent conversations throughout the next four years, I am anxious to give you orally a report on both the mood and substance of my conversation. Thus I would hope to convey to you a type of approach that might evoke a constructive response.

I should be very grateful for your setting aside a few hours for an interview after the elections, and letting me know the date as soon as you are able to do so.

Should the elections be won by Senator Kennedy, I should still want to have this interview with you - believing, as I do, that the role played by the leaders of the Opposition party might be almost as important in this matter as the role played by the Secretary of State.

I am asking Miss Nancy Hanks to transmit this letter to you, with such comments as she might care to make.

Over the telephone, I can be reached at the Memorial Hospital in New York at Extension 133 - TRafalgar 9-3000. If my extension does not answer, a message may be taken by the hospital but such messages are not always delivered.

Very truly yours,

LEO SZILARD

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New York 21, NY.

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New York 20, New York

Laurance S. Rockefeller
President

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Room 922, 50 Rockefeller Plaza

October 28, 1960

Dear Dr. Szilard:

Thank you very much for the memorandum. I plan to send your letter to the Governor immediately after the election.

I know how much he will want to see you and want to send your note when I know he will have an opportunity to read it personally. His present 18-hour campaign day would prevent this until after the eighth.

I am leaving Friday for some meetings in the Caribbean -- nice place to have to go!!

My best to you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hanks
Nancy Hanks *sh*

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

Dictated but not read



Dear Dr. Seilard -

Tonight, when I sit in my apartment looking out over the lights of the city, there is, as usual, great quiet - not peace, because underneath there is throbbing hope, deep conviction, ceaseless unrest - a deep quiet -

It is always this way where I live, except for the occasional horn, the very occasional siren (trader lives temporarily in the next block) and the rare bark of an angry dog -

But tonight the quiet -

with its often unheard hope,
conviction, and unrest — has
greater meaning to me
because in my small
world it exemplifies our
discussion this evening —

your hope is unending,
your conviction deep —
and your quiet expression
of your beliefs gives
understanding to those
privileged to be with you —

I look forward very
much to receiving a copy
of excerpts from your
book. — And if ever you
feel it possible to let me
have a copy of your
"memorandum" I would
treasure it as a masterful
presentation of meaningful
questions — If not, I dare

say, sir, I shall always
remember most every word -

Thank you for many
things -

My best,

Wm. H. H. H.

October fourth

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November 15, 1960

Dear Dr. Szilard:

A quick note to say we all enjoyed seeing you and Edward on the "debate" program. It was not only vitally interesting, it was an excellent discussion between two friends who not only are making tremendous contributions to our nation as scientists but who through understanding and respect are contributing as much toward illuminating the grave concern with which we are faced.

My best.

Sincerely,


Nancy Hanks

Dr. Leo Szilard
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New York 21, New York

November 16, 1960.

Nancy Hanks,
Rockefeller Brothers Fund,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Nancy Hanks,

It was very gracious of you to write me about the "debate with Edward".

I was about to write you to say that I plan to fly to Moscow, leaving New York on Wednesday morning, November 23, two days ahead of schedule. I realize that this leaves very little time for arranging an interview with Governor Rockefeller. Upon my return some time in December, I plan to contact you and let you know where I can be reached in New York. In general, Dr. Fox at the Rockefeller Institute, 66th Street and York Avenue, telephone LEhigh 5-9000, knows where I can be found in New York when I am in town.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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