

May 25th. 1960.

Senator J. William Fulbright,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright,

I understand that you are conducting hearings on the collapse of America's negotiations with Russia and I wondered whether I might appear before your committee and testify in public hearings.

The main thought which I would like to get across is as follows: The U-2 incident would not have lead to a cancellation of the Summit Meeting had the Russians not concluded that - in the absence of an American policy on the basic issue posed by the bomb - no substantial results could possibly come from a Summit Meeting at this time. Moreover, it became quite clear prior to the scheduled Paris meeting that there would be no constructive proposal coming from the West on the Berlin issue either and this might have been the straw that broke the camel's back.

I am enclosing the draft of an article which will appear in "Look" magazine. From this you may see what I consider to be the basic issue on which America failed to develop a policy and on which the next administration will have to make a decisive choice.

Even though I am not well, I recently spent two days in Washington

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on receiving the Atoms for Peace Award and found that I could take the strain without too much trouble. Nevertheless I do not dare to accept any appointments at a fixed distant date. Therefore, I would suggest that if you are willing to have me testify before your committee an appointment be made at fairly short notice over the telephone. I can be reached, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at extension 133 at Memorial Hospital in New York, TRafalgar 9 - 3000.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard.

Enclosure:

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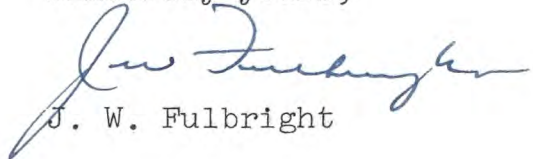
Dr. Leo Szilard
Simon and Schuster
630 Fifth Avenue
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

You were very thoughtful and kind to have sent me a copy of your new book, *THE VOICE OF THE DOLPHINS*. I am pleased that so many of your fascinating projections into the future pattern of human behavior can now be found in one volume, and I shall muse over its contents from time to time as my time permits.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright

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August 30, 1963

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Professor Leo Szilard
c/o Dr. Martin Kaplan
World Health Organization
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Professor Szilard:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 23 along with the statement which you wished to have submitted to the Committee for inclusion in the record of the hearings being held on the partial test ban treaty.

Your statement is being included in the record. Also, as you requested, a copy of your statement has been sent to each member of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

February 7, 1964

Honorable J. William Fulbright
U.S. Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

I shall be leaving Washington on February 20 to take up residence on the West Coast and I should greatly appreciate having an opportunity to talk to you at your convenience before I go. I would want to tell you on this occasion

a) why I believe that in the situation that has arisen it has become important for us to reach an arrangement with Russia on arms control, even though far-reaching measures of general disarmament would have to await a general political settlement, and

b) why I believe that it would be important that you take a personal interest in this matter.

I understand that if you should decide to take an interest in this matter the Council would be very glad to be of assistance to you in making available to you all the information you would need to have in order to form a balanced judgment on the issues involved.

If you can set up an appointment for me to see you, perhaps your secretary could call me at the Hotel DuPont Plaza, Room 745, HU. 3-6000.

Very truly yours,

Leo Szilard

P.S. I am enclosing two preprints of an article which will appear in the Bulletin for Atomic Scientists, together with its Summary. I wrote this article in order to focus the discussion on the one significant step in arms control, which could be negotiated, in the absence of a general political settlement.