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19 November 1961

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

Dear Dr. Szilard:

A copy of your talk "Are We On The Road To War" was given to me by a friend who heard you speak in Cambridge last week. I am extremely impressed by your Lobby-Movement proposal and am circulating it here as widely as possible.

I have been on the fringes of the peace movement in various ways for several years and have just recently backed out, more or less in disgust, due to the futility of the standard approach, the lack of leadership, ideas, initiative, planning, etc.

Herman Kahn, with whom I have had a number of conversations, has put it quite well: The hallmark of the amateur and the dilettante is that he never bothers to find out how to get to his particular Utopia.

I have spent the last few weeks writing an essay on the Cold War and sketching out a plan to end the Arms Race. They are attached and I would be extremely grateful if you could find the time to look at them and perhaps comment on the World Security Program.

In common with you, I base my plan on the assumption that we have a credible or near-credible First Strike Capability and that if there is to be any changing of the Arms Race direction it will have to start with us. The Russians are only in a position to build up their forces; we can reduce or build up, as we wish.

Our troubles seem to stem invariably from a lack of policy; every government is run by Hamlet figures. We tend to behave like a Russian satellite, albeit a very reluctant and unhappy one, but perhaps with less real freedom of action than Albania has. We are always reacting to Russian initiatives or suspected Russian initiatives. It seems to me that most of the time since the end of World War II we have been unwitting accomplices of the Soviets. We have been indispensable to them.

If the program I have worked out does nothing else, it at least outlines a coherent, cohesive, inclusive U.S. policy.

I am not quite so sanguine as you about Russian desires for general and complete disarmament. I think they would find many grounds for objecting to it. General Talensky's review of The Necessity for Choice gives one reason - their fear that it would contribute to changing the nature of Soviet society. Since this is what Kissinger said GCD was intended to do, Talensky can not be blamed too heavily.

The introductory essay on the Arms Race which precedes the plan is written more or less for the layman. It can be skimmed through pretty quickly, but there are one

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or two points not without merit. First, I am excessively disturbed the tendency to concentrate on "feasibility" and on preparations for an all-out thermonuclear war. Kahn seems to have met with enormous response to his A & B Country theory and the entire ridiculous complex of survival speculation. You will have noticed that at the House Hearings this summer Kahn down-graded deterrence to "intra-war deterrence" - deterrence after war has started. This is his gobbledygook for limitation. You probably also noticed that he seems to have taken over the Swap-a-City thesis which if I am not mistaken, was originally yours.

It begins to look as if the real struggle we are engaged in is one with ourselves. Kennedy seems to have realized this and all his recent speeches have been concerned with internal difficulties. It may be a lot harder to sell your concepts to the public than to the administration. The Lobby in Washington may meet with great success but the Movement at the grass-roots level has the real task and challenge.

I would be grateful for any help or criticism you might make on the enclosed paper. I should also be interested in developments of the Council for Abolishing War. Is there someone in this area who will be reporting the results of your 4-college sample?

With best wishes,

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14 December 1961

Dr. Leo Szilard
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Dear Dr. Szilard:

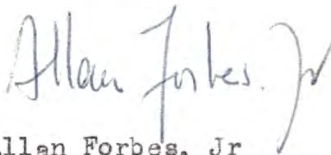
Roger Fisher telephoned a day or two ago and mentioned the meeting to be held on Saturday December 16th. I explained to him that I have a long-standing engagement for this weekend out of town and that there wasn't really any hope of canceling it without compromising several old friendships.

Yesterday we met and talked for an hour or so about your ideas. Roger will probably bring these up with you this weekend.

There seems to be a remarkable potential for an organization along the lines you propose. In large measure, success will depend upon the planning and preparation that goes in beforehand. Getting off on the right foot will be crucial.

When I return to Cambridge I will get in touch with Roger Fisher and bring myself up to date on the weekend's developments.

Sincerely,



Allan Forbes, Jr



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October 31, 1962

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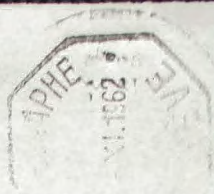
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IN PROJECT REGARDS SZILARD END QUOTE WOULD APPRECIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

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livingston reports mack considers your proposal potentially
as useful as before perhaps more now stop livingston adds mack
never over optimistic concerning ultimate success livingston
writing details regards

forbes

Nov. 21, 1962

Night letter cable to:

Dr. Leo Szilard
c/o Weisskopf, C E R N
Geneva 23, Switzerland

LIVINGSTON HAS CONVEYED INFORMATION TO BOB WHO WAS PLEASED STOP
LIVINGSTON WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS OF APPENDIX. REGARDS.

Allan Forbes, Jr.

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