

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING  
LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

December 23, 1959

Dr. Leo Szilard  
New York Hospital  
Cornell Medical School  
69th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Leo:

Reports out here say that you are in the New York Hospital suffering from an incurable case of cancer. Needless to say, I and all of your friends here are most shocked and awfully sorry. We hope very much that the reports are not true. If possible, we would be glad to hear from you, even a note telling us what the facts are.

I do hope that you keep cheerful and also keep up your courage.

I am scheduled to arrive in New York on my way to Nice at 4:45 p.m. on January 9, leaving there at 8 p.m. If my plane is on time, I could slip into the city to see you.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Harold*

Harold C. Urey

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10/11/1953

Dr. J. H. W.

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Dr. J. H. W.

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Dear Sir,

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of a high quality and is well suited for the purpose for which it was intended.

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Yours faithfully,

Dr. J. H. W.  
Department of Chemistry  
Imperial College School of Science  
London W2 1AT

December 11, 1953



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

December 12, 1961

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

Dear Professor Szilard:

I am delighted to hear that you will be able to come to Berkeley on January 9 and 10, and I know that a great many here will want to talk to you. The arrangements which Professor Schiff described in his letter have been made and I hope will be satisfactory. One additional thing which I would like to ask about is the following: The graduate student group in the Department of Political Science often has meetings which have distinguished visitors speak briefly and at which there is mainly discussion between the students and the visitor. This group is entirely a non-partisan group. They would like very much to have you meet with them on Tuesday afternoon, January 9. I have told Professor Aikin, Chairman of the Political Science Department, that I would write to you to get your reaction. This may not be the kind of group you would be interested in. From the point of view of a political scientist, it would probably be very interesting. The size of the meetings are, I believe, from 100 to 200.

I would appreciate very much knowing whether Mrs. Szilard will be with you. Mrs. Helmholtz and I would like to have you both for dinner on Tuesday night. If there is anybody in particular whom you would like to see during your visit, please let me know and I will make arrangements. I will be glad to make some sort of hotel reservations when I hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



A. C. Helmholtz  
Chairman

ACH/oa



Washington, D.C.  
15 December 1961

Professor A.C. Helmholtz  
Physics Department  
The University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Helmholtz:

I understand from Leonard Schiff that you were kind enough to make arrangements for a talk to be made by me Tuesday, January 9 at 8:15 p.m. I shall contact your secretary over the telephone sometime in the morning of that day and she can give me detailed instructions. I shall hold myself available the next day at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for those who wish to continue the discussion.

Enclosed I am sending some advertising material "About the Author" and a glossy photograph. Enclosed is also a copy of my speech. It is the latest version but not the final version. I suggest that this version be duplicated rather than any older versions.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington, D.C.



20 December 1961

Dr. A.C. Helmholz  
Chairman  
Department of Physics  
University of California  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Helmholz:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of December 12. I understand that in the meantime you have decided to schedule my talk for the noon hour of January 9th rather than for the evening. In these circumstances I would appreciate your advising Professor Aikin that I should be glad to meet with the group some time in the afternoon of January 9th which does not conflict with my main lecture but I would want to meet only with those who were able to go and hear my lecture. <sup>for</sup> Otherwise I would have to start from scratch and we might not be able to reach the point where the discussion would become interesting.

Sincerely,



Leo Szilard

P.S. Many thanks for offering to invite us for dinner on Tuesday night, (my wife who is also my doctor) will indeed accompany me on this trip), but since I have a strenuous schedule I must decline dinner dates - in order to conserve strength. However, if it turns out that I can take it and if there are some people who ought to be gathered for an informal private discussion, you and I may then decide to improvise something for Tuesday night - perhaps after dinner.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO  
LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS  
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

March 2, 1962

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Leo:

You might have heard rumors that this campus plans to develop a medical school. A committee has now been appointed to designate a Dean. Chancellor York is the Chairman, and Dean James R. Arnold is one of the members.

I have strongly recommended Bob Livingston for the position of Medical Dean. I know him very well, and believe he would be a superb choice for this position. In view of your extended and close association with Bob, I believe it would be most valuable if you could write a letter on his behalf, either to Dr. York or to Dr. Arnold. Perhaps, Arnold would be suitable, inasmuch as I understand you know him fairly well.

Sincerely,

*Walter M. Elsasser*

Walter M. Elsasser

WME:bj

cc: Dr. James R. Arnold



Washington, D.C.  
6 March 1962

James R. Arnold  
Dean  
School of Science and Engineering  
The University of California  
c/o Scripps Institute for Oceanography  
La Jolla, California

Dear Jim:

You told me over the telephone that you would be interested in having on record what I said to you about Dr. Robert B. Livingston.

Over a period of four years Livingston was Scientific Director of two of the National Institutes of Health, namely the Institute of Mental Health and the Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness. I was in close contact with him during part of that period when I spent considerable time in Washington as a consultant to the Institute of Mental Health.

Livingston delegated the responsibility for clinical operations of these two Institutes to a clinical director, each, but he retained the responsibility for the non-clinical, basic sciences, operations. Even though he is an M.D. and his field is neurobiology, it is my guess that he would be more interested in being Dean of the School of Science and Engineering than in being Dean of the Medical School. He would be ideally suited for either of these positions, however.



I watched him, running the basic science operation of the two Institutes in Bethesda and was very much taken by the qualities which he displayed on that occasion.

The National Institutes are suffering from certain inherent limitations and until these are surgically removed, there remain certain handicaps which cannot be overcome by judicious management on the part of the Director of Research. Livingston, who himself, is not given to high-handed actions in managing the affairs of a group, tried to institutionalise certain reforms that would have given the staff more voice in determining the policies of the Institutes, than they have at present. I do not know whether he succeeded in this.

Livingston has a broad interest in science and has shown good taste, and ability to discriminate, in choosing staff members for the Institutes. He is a man of great charm and he was frequently able to persuade people to join his Institutes who first were hesitant.

Livingston comes from Oregon, has very deep-seated liberal convictions, is very much interested in world affairs and is himself a man of the world.

I have been trying to think of anyone who would be comparable for either of the two Deanships which you have open, but I was not able to think of anyone who would come anywhere close to Livingston.

Sincerely,

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



Engagement

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA  
UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND LECTURES

February 7, 1963

Professor Leo Szilard  
Department of Physics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

The University of California has recently developed a program for inviting distinguished persons to be in residence on a UC campus for periods of less than a full semester. I write to inquire whether you would be interested and available for such a visit to our Santa Barbara campus. The length of such appointments is very flexible, varying from two weeks to two months or more; the stipend is at the rate of \$1500 per month plus travel expenses. The duties of such a visitor include informal participation in some regularly scheduled classes in the area of your interest, participation in a seminar for staff members, graduate students and/or advanced undergraduates, and one or more public lectures. Some recent visitors here have been Rico Lebrun, Harold Clurman and Ashley Montagu.

We are currently arranging our program for 1963-1964; if you are interested and would be available during the 1963-64 academic year, I have no doubt that the date and duration of a visit could be arranged to suit your convenience. If your schedule is such as to rule out a visit next year, we should be very happy to have you suggest some future date at which a visit might be possible. Many persons on our campus are very hopeful that we may someday persuade you to visit here.

Yours sincerely,

*Alexander Sesonske*

Alexander Sesonske, Chairman  
Committee on Special Lectureships  
and Symposia

AS/sr



June 6, 1963

Professor Alexander Sesonske  
University of California  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Sesonske:

I am writing, somewhat belatedly, to thank you for the very kind invitation which you extended to me in your letter of February 7th. I would have answered it earlier except that the letter was somehow mis-filed and I just came across it.

At this moment, I am not in a position to schedule anything for next year; however, it is probable that later on I shall be able to do so; the preferred time for me to go to Santa Barbara is likely to be either January or February, 1964. The situation ought to be clearer in September, and, if I may, I shall write you again at that time to find out what period would be most convenient for you.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA  
UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND LECTURES

July 19, 1963

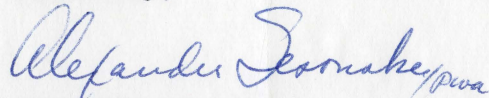
Professor Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Avenue N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We are delighted to know that you are seriously considering accepting our invitation to be Regents' Lecturer on our campus next Spring. The times for which you indicated a preference--January or February, 1964--would, unfortunately, not be possible for us. During the month of January we have dead week, finals, and a between-semester break. In February Margaret Mead is scheduled to be on campus as Regents' Lecturer. If, as your situation develops, you find, as we earnestly hope you do, that the months of March or April might be preferable to the earlier time please let us know. However, if a later date will be impossible for you perhaps we can work out a time between mid-February and mid-March. In any case we will do our best to arrange our schedule to suit yours.

We look forward to hearing from you again in September.

Sincerely,



Alexander Sesonske  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Chairman, Special Lectureships  
Subcommittee

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C-O-P-Y - we are mailing this to your  
Chicago address in the event that the  
original went astray. P.W.A.

July 19, 1963

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Professor Leo Szilard  
Hotel Dupont Plaza  
Dupont Circle and New Hampshire Avenue N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

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We look forward to hearing from you again in September.

Sincerely,

Alexander Sesonske  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Chairman, Special Lectureships  
Subcommittee

AS:pwa



31 January, 1964

Dr. Alexander Sesonske  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
University of California  
Santa Barbara  
University, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sesonske:

I am writing to thank you for your very kind letter of July 19. Subsequently, I also had a letter from Chancellor Cheadle concerning the same matter, and I am enclosing a copy of my reply for your information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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ARTS AND LECTURES  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
SANTA BARBARA  
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Professor Leo Szilard  
Enrico Fermi Institute  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois



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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA  
UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

August 12, 1963

Professor Leo Szilard  
Enrico Fermi Institute  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

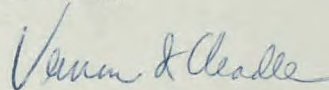
The Regents and President Clark Kerr of the University of California have asked that I formally invite you to this campus as a Regents' Lecturer for 1964. I understand that the Committee on Arts and Lectures is in correspondence with you to arrange the exact dates and details of your visit.

It is our purpose in this program of Regents' Lectureships to invite outstanding persons in various areas of interest for brief periods during which the lecturer participates in campus activities, including informal meetings and discussions with students, and also present one or more public lectures. The Department of Physics and the Committee on Arts and Lectures join me in assuring you that your visit will be a memorable educational experience for our students.

The Regents have established the sum of \$1,500 as the stipend for your stay with us. We will also assume the responsibility for your travel expenses from Chicago and return via air coach.

I am pleased that you will be able to be with us and I look forward to welcoming you to the campus.

Sincerely,



Vernon I. Cheadle  
Chancellor



31 January, 1964

Dr. Vernon I. Cheadle  
Chancellor  
University of California  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Dr. Cheadle:

I am writing to thank you for your very kind letter of August 12 last year, inviting me to spend some time at your campus.

I had hoped to schedule a visit for February but things have not worked out and I am not able to schedule anything else during this academic year. It is possible, however, that I could visit your campus in the Fall and I intend, if I may, to write you again when my schedule is a little more clear.

I plan to shift from Chicago to La Jolla some time in the course of this year and obviously it would be much easier to go to Santa Barbara from there than from Chicago.

Your letter of August 12 does not state how much time you expect me to spend on your campus and perhaps you would not mind dropping me a line clarifying this point.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

LS:jm

cc: Dr. Alexander Sesonske



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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA  
UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND LECTURES

December 2, 1963

Professor Leo Szilard  
Enrico Fermi Institute  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

When we last wrote you in July we asked if March or April might be possible for your Regents' Lectureship. If this time is not convenient for you then we most earnestly hope that we can arrange a satisfactory time in February. Our Spring semester begins February 10, therefore any time after that date would work out for us. We are sorry that January is not possible because of finals and the between-semester break.

If we are able to find mutually agreeable dates for your visit during the Spring semester, perhaps you would be kind enough to suggest several lecture titles?

Sincerely,

*Peg W. Armstrong*  
Peg W. Armstrong  
Administrative Assistant  
Committee on Arts and Lectures



January 22, 1964

Miss Peg W. Armstrong  
Administrative Assistant  
Committee on Arts and Lectures  
University of California,  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Miss Armstrong:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of December 2.

It seems very difficult for me to schedule for this year the visit to Santa Barbara, which we have been discussing, and I was wondering whether we might postpone this visit for a year.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

STUDENT PERSONNEL SERVICES  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE  
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

February 25, 1964

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Salk Institute  
10010 La Jolla Scenic Drive  
La Jolla, California

Dear Dr. Szilard:

As I told you on the phone, the UCLA graduate students are sponsoring an Arms Control and Disarmament Symposium during the week of April 6 - 10. Enclosed is a tentative schedule which will give you some idea of the scope of the program. The topics are subject to change and are designed to give the speakers as much freedom as possible.

The Symposium is scheduled to last five days, each day's session dealing with a different aspect of the topic. The daily program will include two lectures of approximately one hour and a panel discussion in the evening. Each of the two lectures will be delivered by a person eminent in the field and well-versed in that phase of the theme. Conflicting views will be aired during the panel discussion.

We would appreciate your participating as one of our speakers. As the title for your portion of the program, we have suggested "Disarmament is the Way to Peace." This topic is slated for presentation on the second day of the Symposium at 3 in the afternoon. We would also greatly appreciate your participating in the panel discussion dealing with the topic "How is National Security Gained?". The panel will be moderated by Robert Levine, a "sometimes" lecturer in UCLA's Political Science Department and a member of the staff at RAND. (There is a chance that Norman Cousins will sit in on this panel also.)

We will pay an honorarium and all expenses associated with your visit to our campus. If you will be able to participate in GSA's program, would you let us know what your honorarium will be?

Also, we would like to have a short abstract of the presentation for our printed program, with permission to delete and rewrite it, retaining the essence of your message. In addition, we would need a biographical sketch including your current position, experience in the area, published works, and any other information you feel is pertinent.



We have great hopes for the success of our symposia series. Your participation would in no small measure assure us of achieving this success. I'm hoping to hear from you soon. If you have any questions or comments on the program, please include them in your response: You may write to KH 312, UCLA, or call collect, Bradshaw 28911, Extension 3755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gene McDonald  
Graduate Student Activities Advisor

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Enclosure



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COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND LECTURES

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93018

April 6, 1964

Professor Leo Szilard  
Enrico Fermi Institute  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Professor Szilard:

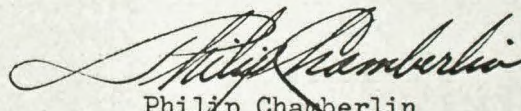
On behalf of Chancellor Cheadle and the Committee on Arts and Lectures, I am writing to see if you expect to have an opportunity to visit our campus in the Fall. We regret that you were unable to accept a Regent's Lectureship this Spring, but now we are hopeful that your schedule has become clear enough for you to forsee a month in the fall when you might come to us.

In your last letter to Chancellor Cheadle, you asked for clarification of time involved. This could be left very much to your own convenience, since the Regent's Lectureships are flexible, varying from two weeks to two months or more at the rate of \$1500 per month plus travel expenses.

As to time required after arrival, this too is subject to some flexibility. If you could be with us for a month, we would hope for two public lectures of a general nature (non-technical), a seminar with students once-a-week and office hours a few days each week for students and faculty. We would assume that you would also be called upon for some class visitations, according to developments once you arrive on campus.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Philip Chamberlin  
Coordinator



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COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND LECTURES

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93018

May 20, 1964

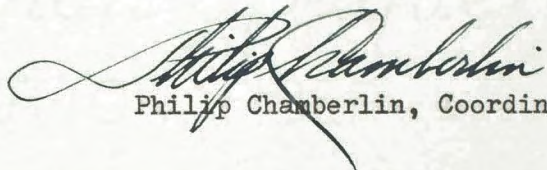
Professor Leo Szilard  
Salk Institute  
Box 9499  
San Diego, California

Dear Professor Szilard:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of this date, we are enclosing a copy of our letter of April 6 which we assume you did not receive.

Please rest assured that we are most anxious to have you confirm a time in the fall when you may visit our campus. The time can be left to your convenience, but we must settle on it soon, so you will appreciate our interest in your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

  
Philip Chamberlin, Coordinator