

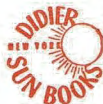
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May 17, 1950

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Prof. of BioPhysics  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Dr. Szilard;

We are preparing for publication a short book on The Hydrogen Bomb. The book will include articles by Hans Bethe, Albert Einstein, Senator MacMahon and such noted journalists as Hanson Baldwin (N.Y. Times) and Walter Lipmann (N.Y. Herald Tribune). It is our intention to publish a book, easily understandable to the layman, which will not only give the facts of the Hydrogen Bomb but will also explore the social, political and moral implications of its construction and use.

We intend to include in this book the University of Chicago Round Table discussion of February 26 on the H. Bomb. We feel that this discussion would be incomplete without Mr. David Lilienthal's statement on it and your subsequent reply to that statement which took the form of a letter to the New York Herald Tribune on March 4.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would grant us permission to use this letter as a section of our book. Of course full credit would be given to yourself as the author. We believe that this letter will be a valuable and interesting inclusion in our book.

If this is agreeable to you simply sign the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to us. We will appreciate your O.K. on this matter.

We shall be pleased to send you several copies of the book as soon as they are available from the Binder.

With very many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. Didier*  
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June 9, 1950

Dr. Leo Szilard  
Professor of Bio-Physics  
Chicago University  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard;

Our book, on further developments in Atomic Energy, to which you very generously have contributed your open letter to David E. Lillienthal, is rapidly approaching a copy-deadline date.

We have recently recieved from Mr. John J. O'Neil a very short, original manuscript for inclusion in this book. In this article Mr. O'Neil, The Science Editor of The New York Herald Tribune, expresses a wide and rather startling disagreement with most of the viewpoints expressed by many Physicists. We would greatly appreciate it if you would simply read this short article for scientific accuracy. We think you will enjoy learning Mr. O'Neil's position, and we can think of noone more qualified than yourself to give an oppinion to us on the scientific accuracy of Mr. O'Neil's calculations.

With very many thanks, and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
J. P. Didier

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1155 East 57th Street  
Chicago 37, Illinois  
June 19, 1950

Mr. J. P. Didier  
Didier, Publishers  
660 Madison Avenue  
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Didier:

I have your letter of June 9. I fear, however, that if I had to pass on Mr. O'Neil's article that might unduly delay the publication since I happen to be rather busy these days, and my reading of the article would have to wait its turn.

With respect to the Round Table which you expect to reprint, I would very much appreciate it if you would replace the present footnote 2) signed with the initials H.B., by the enclosed footnote under my signature. You might find it more convenient perhaps to attach the footnote at the end of the Broadcast rather than at the middle of it, but the reference should show the correct place where it is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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June 22, 1950

Dr. Leo Szilard  
1155 East 57th Street  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard;

We have received your letter of June 19th and we are sorry to note that you do not have the time to read Mr. O'Neil's manuscript.

We have inserted the footnote that you sent into THE CHICAGO UNIVERSITY ROUND TABLE article as you requested.

We have just received from Austria a copy of THE HISTORY OF THE ATOM BOMB by Hans Thirring. We trust that since a part of this book ("Super Bombs of The Future") was included in the Chicago University pamphlet which also contained the ROUND TABLE OF THE AIR discussion, you are familiar with it.

We would greatly appreciate your opinion on whether it would be useful to publish an American edition of THE HISTORY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB. If you would like to read the book, we can mail it to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
J. P. Didier

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1155 East 57th Street  
Chicago 37, Illinois  
July 11, 1950

Mr. J. P. Didier  
Didier, Publishers  
660 Madison Avenue  
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Didier:

With respect to your letter of June 22, I have no opinion to offer as to the advisability of reprinting the book by Hans Thirring in which you are interested. I would be glad to read it, but I am just about to go on my vacation and hope to forget about atomic bombs and the like for a month or two.

Unfortunately I do not know where I had written you in reprinting the University of Chicago Round Table, the text which appears in the BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS is the one to use in which the confusing misprints have been corrected which appeared in the original pamphlet through errors of the proof reader.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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August 31, 1954

Mr. Leo Szilard  
University of Chicago  
Chicago  
Illinois

Dear Mr. Szilard:

In view of the principal role that you have played in the invention of the atomic bomb, we believe that the public would be greatly interested to read your memoirs.

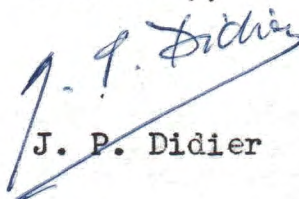
As publishers of the first popular book on the atomic discovery issued right after the Princeton Report entitled "Atom Smashers" by Raymond Yates and the first book on the hydrogen bomb published in 1950 entitled "The H Bomb", with an introduction by Albert Einstein and a chapter written by you, we would be very much honored to be selected as publishers of your book.

We would appreciate your letting us know if you have any manuscript on hand, or if you could write a book in the near future.

Please give us as much information as possible permitting us to submit to you a proposition.

Awaiting the pleasure of hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
J. P. Didier

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October 22, 1954

Mr. Leo Szilard  
University of Chicago  
Chicago  
Illinois

Dear Mr. Szilard:

We trust that you have well received our letter of August 31st expressing interest in the publication of your memoirs.

We would appreciate your letting us know if you have any manuscript on hand, or if you could write a book in the near future.

We look forward to the pleasure of hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*J. P. Drake*