

Dr. Szilard -

Oct. 14.

Dr. Zandermann called today to see if you were accepting his invitation. Please call him as soon as you can - "collect" - area code: 303 (K)  
473-2233

THE COLORADO COLLEGE  
COLORADO SPRINGS

August 28, 1963

Dr. Leo Szilard  
c/o University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

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The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether you might be interested to participate for a day or two during the week, in order to share some of your own experiences, and reflections with us on the role of science in war, and on the impact of war on science. Knowing your contribution at the time, and also knowing of some of your thinking since then, I feel that you would make a particularly valuable contribution to our discussions, and I hope that this inquiry is of interest to you. We would be greatly honored to welcome you to the campus.

My inquiry, of course, raises the question of your expectations in terms of honorarium. We would expect you to be the guest of the College while you are here, and have in the past housed our Symposium participants at the Broadmoor Hotel, just south of town. Can we correspond about the other aspects - both substantive and financial - of your eventual participation?



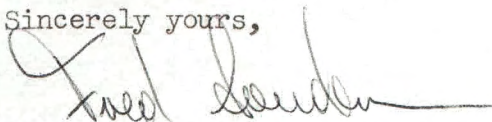
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Sondermann", written in dark ink.

Fred A. Sondermann  
Associate Dean of the College and  
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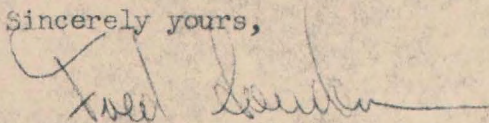
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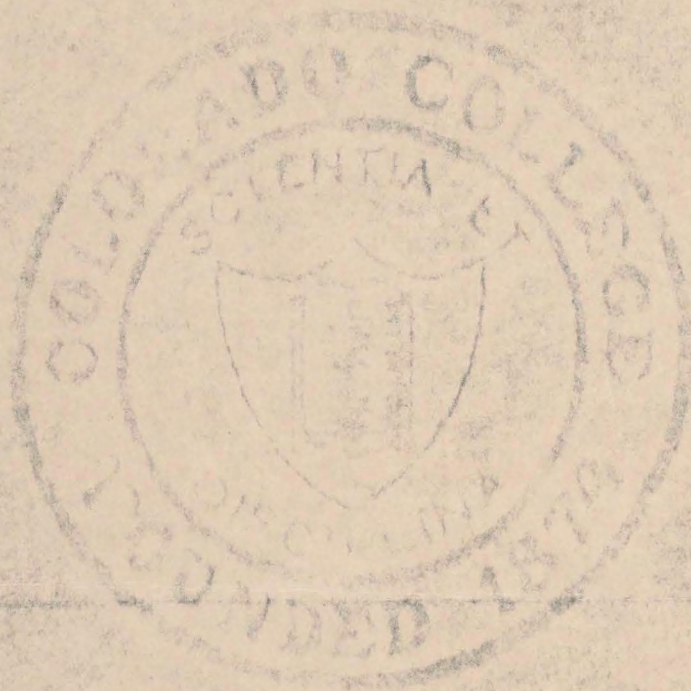
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September 6, 1963

Fred A. Sondermann, Associate Dean  
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With best wishes for a successful Symposium,

Sincerely yours,

Kay M. Shannon  
Secretary to Dr. Szilard



*Dr. Szilard, you already have a copy of  
Dr. Sondermann's Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> l.*

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Hotel DuPont Plaza  
DuPont Circle and New Hampshire Ave., N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Shannon:

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Fred A. Sondermann  
Associate Dean of the College

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September 16, 1963

Fred A. Sondermann, Associate Dean  
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Dear Dr. Sondermann:

Thank you for your letter of September 10th. I have informed Dr. Szilard of your invitation and I believe that you may be hearing from him before his return to Washington. If his time does not permit an answer to you before his return, then, of course, you will be hearing from him in early October. I hope that this will not cause too much of an inconvenience.

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