

1155 East 57th Street  
Chicago 37, Illinois  
April 24, 1950

Mr. Stringfellow Barr  
Foundation for World Government  
58 Park Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Barr:

The Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees has decided to initiate the creation of an organization that will conduct an inquiry into the questions: what would constitute a satisfactory over-all Russian-American settlement? The Emergency Committee set up a Committee of Arrangements consisting of Professor Joe Mayer, Harrison Brown, and myself entrusted with the task to implement this decision. The enclosed memorandum, dated March 27, indicates the trend of our thinking of this subject as of that date. Some further progress has been made in clarifying our thoughts since that time.

The Committee of Arrangements proposes that a corporate entity called "Council of Inquiry into the Conditions of Peace" be set up, which is independent of the Emergency Committee. We have asked Mr. Hutchins to serve as chairman of the Board of the Council, and Mr. Clarence Pickett to serve as vice-chairman.

Mr. Hutchins has agreed to serve, and we hope that Mr. Pickett will agree also.

We proposed to Mr. Hutchins to approach, in the first instance, Laird Bell, Marshall Field, Reuben G. Gustavson, Fowler McCormick, R. L. Stearns, (University of Colorado), James G. Patton, and Henry B. Cabot, with a view of having them serve as members of the Board. Subsequently, the Board may



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be enlarged to 15, 35, or perhaps even 50 members according to what appears desirable.

It is my own view that strong support in the West and Middle West is essential for the success of this enterprise, since a much fresher approach to our problem can be found in these regions than in the East in general, or New York and Washington, in particular.

It is further my hope that in certain regions, regional committees may be formed which are affiliated with the "Council" and which have the purpose of keeping the region informed of the Council's activities. A favorable situation in this respect seems to exist in Colorado where I have discussed the issue with R. L. Stearns, the President of the University of Colorado, Edward C. King, the Dean of the Law School, Walter Orr Roberts, Director of the High Altitude Observatory, and James G. Patton, President of the Farmers Union.

The Emergency Committee has voted to raise half a million dollars for implementing the plan. Of this sum, we propose to raise \$200,000 from four to six sources, so to speak privately, prior to the public announcement of the plan, and the rest we might try to raise later through public subscription. Public subscription should, in any case, be part of our enterprise for it can be used as a means of public education and also as a means of giving the public a stake in the whole enterprise.

Our immediate concern is the raising of the \$200,000 prior to the public announcement of the creation of the "Council," and this letter is a formal request to your Foundation for such part of the sum as you feel you are able to grant to the Emergency Committee for the implementation of the above outlined plan.

I may add that the Emergency Committee is organized on a tax exempt basis and has its tax exemption recognized by the Treasury. The "Council"



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will also be organized on a tax-exempt basis, but it may take some time until a ruling on this may be obtained from the Treasury.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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cc: Joe Mayer  
Harry Brown



FOUNDATION FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT

FIFTY-EIGHT PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 16

CABLE: LAWLEARN

STRINGFELLOW BARR  
PRESIDENT

May 5, 1950

TELEPHONE:  
OREGON 9-4936

Dear Mr. Szilard:

May I confirm in writing what I told you orally at the Waldorf Saturday, namely, that at a meeting of our trustees on April 28 your application of April 24 was carefully considered. In view of their own present plans and policies they felt unable to go further than a token grant of \$10,000 which I hope may be of some help.

Will you tell me how payment should be made. Is the Emergency Committee willing to accept money from the Foundation? You may recall their public statement that they were not. On the other hand, our trustees would want to make the grant to some tax exempt body.

Cordially yours,

*Stringfellow Barr*

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



May 11, 1950

Mr. Stringfellow Barr  
Foundation for World Government  
58 Park Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Barr:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of May 5 informing me of the <sup>token</sup> ~~total~~ grant of \$10,000 which your organization decided to extend in response to my letter of April 24.

The Emergency Committee at its last Trustees' Meeting, has authorized the raising of a fund up to \$500,000 for the purposes indicated in my letter of April 24, even though no public announcement of this authorization will be made for the time being. Your check should be made payable to the Emergency Committee and may be best sent to the Chicago office at the above address. As you know, the tax exemption of the Emergency Committee has been recognized by the Treasury.

I am certain that the Trustees of the Emergency Committee will greatly appreciate the help which your organization is extending to ~~me~~ <sup>them</sup> by virtue of this grant.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Sillard

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cc: Harrison Brown  
Joseph Meyer  
R. M. Hutchins



5650 Ellis Avenue

May 22, 1952

Mr. Stringfellow Barr, President  
Foundation for World Government  
802 East Jefferson Street  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Winkie:

Many thanks for letting me know about your  
friends staying at Winnetka. I shall get in touch with  
them.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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FOUNDATION FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT

802 EAST JEFFERSON STREET  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

STRINGFELLOW BARR  
PRESIDENT

May 19, 1952

TELEPHONE: 2-7051

Dear Leo,

Two of the most interesting people I have met since World War Two, Colonel Robert Sarrazac and Mlle Jehanne Allemand-Martin, are staying as guests of Mary Lloyd at 455 Birch Street, Winnetka, Illinois. I told them I would let you know and, that if you were in Chicago, they ought to see you. If you feel inclined to see them, do get in touch with them. You would like them. Sarrazac speaks English, though not too brilliantly. I can't remember whether your French is in working order. Sarrazac and Jehanne are two of the three persons most responsible for the Garry Davis operation in Paris a few years ago. They are highly imaginative, and well worth your time.

Warm regards,

*Winnie*

SB:bw

Mr. Leo Szilárd,  
1155 East 57th Street,  
Chicago 37, Illinois

P.S. I should warn you that, for various reasons, the Sarrazacs prefer not to see the Borgeses, whom they know. So please be discreet.



November 15, 1954

My dear Former Student:

I have recently decided to return to teaching. I am anxious to find the college or university in which I would be most likely to do a useful job. I am investigating several possibilities; but in the event that you have any interest in my problem, you may quite possibly be in a position to help towards its proper solution. In any case, it has seemed to me wise to consult those I have already tried to teach.

The relevant facts:-

B.A., M.A., University of Virginia.

B.A., M.A., Oxford University (Honours School of Modern History).

Taught history for 12 years at the University of Virginia (1924-36).

Served on Committee on the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago (1936-37), and also lectured there on history.

President of St. John's College in Annapolis for over nine years (1937-46), during which time I managed to teach.

Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of Virginia for two years (1951-53).

Author of Mazzini: Portrait of an Exile (Holt, 1935) and of The Pilgrimage of Western Man (Harcourt, 1949).

Since 1948 I have served as president of the Foundation for World Government, a research organization whose interests have lain chiefly in the economic development of underdeveloped areas, an interest which led me to write Let's Join the Human Race (U. of Chicago Press, 1950) and Citizens of the World (Doubleday, 1952) and to travel widely in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

My experience of teaching again in 1951-53 only confirmed my belief that any other occupation than full-time teaching is for me an interruption. I am therefore looking for the right place to do it. I would happily teach history; or a seminar on the Great Books (as at St. John's and also at Charlottesville more recently); or--following a pattern that is not infrequent now in colleges and universities--a combination of the two. There is no opening here at the University. Either a college or university would interest me--assuming a reasonably good library.

I wish I could add some news to this letter, but it is getting too long. My most recent exciting experience happened this spring, when I drove a Willys station wagon for 7,500 miles around India and then drove it via Afghanistan and Persia to the Mediterranean. It was rugged, but a much more comfortable trip than one that Alexander the Great made, and it ended both more modestly and more happily. I confess the trip has driven me to perpetrate another book. I am at work on it now and hope to finish it well before starting to teach in September 1955. I hope these brief news items may provoke you to send me several in return about what you are doing--and why.

Cordially,

Winnie Barr



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STRINGFELLOW BARR  
PRESIDENT

CLIFFORD C. DANCER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 3, 1954

SCOTT BUCHANAN  
SECRETARY

CARY PEEBLES  
TREASURER

Dear Leo:

I sent the enclosed form letter to about 1700 people I had tried to teach history to years ago. The replies have been very amusing.

One reply, however, interested me peculiarly, and made me think instantly of you and Harry Brown. So I write Harry and now I write you. The reply in question suggested that I could be considerably more useful teaching history in a technical institute of some type than in a liberal arts college. The evidence offered was that the scientists and engineers--perhaps given an extra shove by the Bomb--were increasingly concerned that scientists should be more than mere scientists and engineers more than mere engineers; and that meanwhile the Humanities boys go on being merely humane.

I suspect there is something in this argument. Therefore, if you know of any engineering or technical outfit that might use my services, would you tip them off?


How are you? State for me in a nutshell what happens next on this planet. I personally imagine that even in this country the idea of war becomes increasingly distasteful. What's your dope on Reuther's announcement of the electronic revolution in our factories? But there, I mustn't nag you further.

Always yours,

*Wm. L. Lawrence*

Dr. Leo Szilard  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois



  
Denver  
February 28, 1955

Mr. Stringfellow Barr, President  
Foundation for World Government  
802 East Jefferson Street  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Winkie:

I ought to apologize for answering your letter of December 3rd with such delay. I tried to make some inquiries, and discussed the matter with Max Lerner, who is Dean of the Graduate School at Brandeis University on the outskirts of Boston. He promised to think about it, but I have not seen him as yet after he returned from India.

Enclosed you will find a Letter to the Editor, which appeared in the Sunday edition of the New York Times on February 6, and which might perhaps interest you. The attached clipping is taken from the Denver Post, which reprinted the letter, using it as a Guest Editorial.

My letter proved to be somewhat of a boomerang. Having appealed to others to do something, it seems that people now expect me to do something. I may have no choice but to try until I can prove that it cannot be done, or at least that I cannot do it.

I have, therefore, prepared a memorandum which sets forth my tentative thoughts of what I would like to try to do. This memorandum I propose to submit to various foundations and see what response I can get. If adequate funds can be obtained and if the right men will make themselves available, I believe there will be no difficulty in finding some university, or some other tax-exempt institution, to accept the administration of the funds.

I would very much appreciate getting your general reaction to all this and, in particular, I would be grateful if you would let me know whether you



would consider participating in this work, assuming that the set-up meets with your approval. Would you be able to free yourself for a period of seven months from whatever you are now doing?

I need not say that if anything should come of this and if we actually could get to work, I would consider it a great privilege to have your collaboration.

Please let me know what thoughts come to your mind, and I shall try to keep you informed on what is happening.

After March 6th, I expect to be in New York where I shall be staying at the King's Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street, telephone University 42700. That is, at present, the best address at which you can reach me fast. Letters addressed to the University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois, will reach me with some delay.

Sincerely,



Leo Szilard

Enclosures

P.S.

It is my hope that  
Gen. Hugh B. Hester will be  
willing to act as secretary  
of the commission described  
in the attached memo

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FOUNDATION FOR WORLD GOVERNMENT

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TELEPHONE 2-7051

March 10, 1955

STRINGFELLOW BARR  
PRESIDENT

CLIFFORD C. DANCER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCOTT BUCHANAN  
SECRETARY

CARY PEEBLES  
TREASURER

Dear Leo:

I would have answered your letter of February 28 sooner but I have been thinking about it. I find I am still thinking, but I ought not to defer answering one of your questions.

If further reflection led me to agree that I ought to give some months of my time to this project and if my Foundation job were not ending this summer or fall, I could imagine pitching in. As it is, you already know I shall be teaching somewhere by September because you yourself took the trouble to discuss my job-hunt with Max Lerner. I should not feel free to begin my new academic assignment with a leave of absence.

That is the question I feel I can answer now. The other questions are tougher. Is the project feasible? I am still thinking about that one. Assuming that the men you name could all serve, are they the right men? That bothers me too.

I presume you have discussed this problem with Grenville Clark. You know how much he has wanted East-West settlement. God knows. I do too, though my humble way of working it has been to try and open up communication between the USA and the rest of the non-Communist world. If such communication ever gets fully established, I think it would enormously increase the chance of an East-West settlement.

My impression is that Eisenhower, for whom I have not too much respect, is determined to withdraw from our quite impossible international position. I know there are still very grave risks and that he does not find it easy to get off the hook which, during the presidential campaign, he helped construct. But I am betting he will succeed.

I wish I could sit down with you and discuss these matters.

Warmest wishes,

*Ginnie*



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June 23, 1962

Stringfellow Barr  
9 Wilton Street  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Winkie:

Many thanks for sending me your review of The Dolphins.  
I like it indeed very much, but I have no good idea what to do  
with it. If I can think of a magazine that might be willing to  
print it, I will return it to you so that you can send it to  
them on your own. Do you think I should send it to Rohwalt,  
my German publisher, with the idea that they might place it  
somewhere in Germany at the time when the German edition  
comes out?

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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file 6

STRINGFELLOW BARR  
9 WILTON STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

July 5, 1962

Dear Leo:

I haven't been able to think of a magazine either. I thoroughly like your suggestion of Rohwolt and hitting the German iron while it is hot.

I think I sent you Brown's written permission to use my review. Do you mind sending it back for my files?

Warm regards,

*Winnie*

Dr. Leo Szilard  
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Dupont Circle  
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