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October 3, 1961

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

Dear Leo:

We are studying your proposal and I have sent a copy as you requested to Henry Kissinger.

We see some obstacles. Within two or three weeks we ought to be able to tell you whether there is any chance that we can climb over them.

At Stowe I was delighted to see that you looked like a Vermont skier.

Sincerely,



Shepard Stone
Director

October 6, 1961

Mr. Shepard Stone
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Shep:

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 3rd. In a conversation which I had with Carl Kayser (Harvard University, The White House) he made out a strong case for envisaging twenty rather than ten fellowships. I am inclined to accept his arguments, and the only question in my mind is whether it would be possible to find twenty suitable candidates within the next twelve months. Perhaps one ought to make an effort to find fifteen at least.

If the organization is set up for twenty fellowships, then the yearly budget ought to be \$40,000 per fellow, or a total of \$800,000.

Attached you will find a photocopy of a letter which I received from Adam Yarmolinsky for your information and also a copy of a letter which I received from Charles Townes who is now provost of MIT.

I am continuing exploring the response to the idea of setting up a national society of fellows and also trying to get an idea whom people in Washington think might be suitable candidates for fellowships. Attached are two notes, one from Jerome Wiesner and one from John McNaughton (Harvard Law School, Department of Defense).

Sincerely,

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

cc. Henry Kissinger

October 20, 1961

Mr. Shepard Stone
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Shep:

Enclosed is a letter from Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., whom you might perhaps know, expressing his support for the National Society of Fellows project.

Either Rauh or Cutler might well function as the "Washington Manager", perhaps on a retainer basis; after operations have been set up, the amount of work involved need not exceed half a day per week.

I know Rauh very well and I know that he would be willing to serve in a managerial capacity. I have so far not personally met Cutler, but I intend to do so in the near future and may then report back to you.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc. Henry Kissinger

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20 December 1961

Dear Mr. Stone:

I just received a letter from John Rubel. It relates to the proposal of setting up a National Society of Fellows about which I have been in communication with you.

You will find a copy of John Rubel's letter enclosed.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leo Szilard