

July 15, 1976

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, President
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Dear Dr. Hutchins:

You may remember our correspondence of last year about the possibility of your contributing an introduction to the first chapter of the second volume of the Szilard Collected Works. This volume will contain his writings on social and political matters. Unfortunately at that time the changes at the Center prevented you from writing such an essay and therefore I asked John Simpson to introduce the first chapter which deals with the year after Hiroshima. He has graciously accepted this invitation, although we have not yet received his contribution.

However, we managed to complete the manuscript to the point that we submitted it to the MIT Press two weeks ago. I am enclosing a copy of the Title Page and of the Preface which I have written to give you a better idea of what this is all about.

As you will see, we have quite a few contributed essays but no foreword so far.

I understand that the situation at the Center has much improved and I am therefore taking the liberty of approaching you again. Would you consider writing a brief foreword for the entire volume? My preface gives a brief overview of the contents. Of course it would be nice if you could see the whole manuscript, but it has over 2000 typewritten pages and I am sure you will not want to be burdened with this. Last year I sent you a number of documents from the early Chicago days, after Hiroshima, including correspondence which Leo had with you. You have also seen the offprint of the "Reminiscences," Leo's tape-recorded autobiographical fragment which I sent you some time ago, which is included in the second volume as are the stories from the Voice of the Dolphins, the book for which you wrote such a charming review in 1962. In fact the thoughts you expressed in that review, adapted to the present volume, might suffice.

If you could see your way clear to writing such a foreword by the fall this would make me very happy, because I cannot think of anything more appropriate to introduce this work. Of course, we shall be glad to send you further information if you would like to have it.

I hope that you are as well as I think you are, and that you don't mind my troubling you again.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Szilard and the Dolphins

ROBERT M. HUTCHINS

The Voice of the Dolphins. By LEO SZILARD. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1961. Pp. 122. \$3.

HOW BRIGHT are the dolphins? This study leaves the question unsettled. We are told that their intelligence "far surpasses" that of mankind. They are, however, unable to advance any ideas for the salvation of the world that had not been previously put forward by Leo Szilard. This means either that the salvation of the world is an even more difficult problem than we had supposed or that Szilard's intelligence far surpasses that of the rest of mankind. I embrace the latter alternative. It seems possible that Szilard is a dolphin.

There is some internal evidence for this. Not only do the dolphins think like Szilard; they also speak (at least in translation) in the same style. In writing of the offers made him before his trial as a war criminal, Szilard says, "How many years would it take me to get a sufficient command of Russian to be able to turn a phrase and to be slightly malicious without being outright offensive? No, I did not want to go to Russia."

Szilard has a sufficient command of English for his purpose. Although the book is very short, the author, in passing, in subordinate clauses or parentheses, sideswipes a considerable proportion of our current follies, including the policies of the Catholic church on birth control, the party system, television, the venality of politicians, the protective tariff, the American diet, French republics, philanthropic foundations, the income tax, American education, racial discrimination, and anti-Oriental prejudice in California.

When a dolphin talks, he talks like Szilard. "Thus on one occasion Pi Omega Ro asked whether it would be correct to assume that Americans were free to say what they think, because they did not think what they were not

free to say." This is authentic Szilard. The hypothesis that Szilard is a dolphin seems sufficiently probable to justify a foundation in making a grant to test it.

There is a possibility that Szilard and his fellow-dolphins (I accept the hypothesis as proved) are too bright for the task set them in this volume, which is the task of bringing about general disarmament. Faced with the stupidity and recalcitrance of humanity, the dolphins apparently think that they have no choice but to become gadgeteers. One can only suppose that this is because they believe that human beings can be moved, in any sense of the word, only by gadgets. One can understand why the dolphins should be of this opinion. They may be right. But it seems unlikely that history will stand still long enough for the gadgets to be developed and applied; and it is optimistic to assume that even gadgets can impress the American people (I know nothing about the Russians) in their present state of mind.

On July 1, the *Los Angeles Times* printed two stories that bear on this point. The first is an account of Mr. Nixon's address to the American Legion. "America is going to have to take chances in dealing with communism," he asserted . . . 'Strong actions backing up strong words is (sic) the only way to avoid miscalculations that lead to war . . .' The former Vice-President said that Khrushchev wants—and is determined to win—the world, preferably without war. Khrushchev is for peace, he said, because it is to his present advantage . . . He said the United States must have a military strength second to none and that the time for compromises with the Communists is past."

On the same day the same paper reported that Semyon Tsarapkin, Soviet delegate at the nuclear test ban conference, had said, "Let us make a marriage. We are prepared to accept

your control system if you are prepared to accept our measures for general and complete disarmament." The *Los Angeles Times* continued: "Western conference sources characterized the Russian's proposal as a 'shotgun wedding.'"

The dolphins may have been unwilling to impart important truths to those unworthy receive them. *Das Beste was du wissen kannst darfst du den Buben doch nicht sagen.* Clearly seeing (we must suppose) the end to be pursued, they must have realized that the means would be human, and therefore weak and fallible. For example, the dolphins must have known in 1963 that the end of absolute national sovereignty was at hand. It is not until 1987, however, that they venture to propose the integration of nation states through a gradual process of extra-national representation in national parliaments. One can only ascribe the dolphins' delay and timidity in this connection to their perhaps excessive consciousness of the frailty of the instruments at their disposal. They must have reflected on the results of Szilard's unremitting crusade from 1946 to 1961 for common sense and common decency.

One suspects that Szilard and the other dolphins are desperate. This may explain their fondness for the proficiency in epigram and the witty phrase. They have to laugh to keep from crying. As a modern poet has sung,

"Bombs shall dig our sepulcher
And bigger bombs exhume us.
*Gaudeamus igitur
Juvenes dum sumus.*"

This is a book to treasure. In addition to an ingenious scheme for getting disarmament by 1988, it contains hilarious accounts of the Mark Gable Foundation and of the author's trial as a war criminal. It is a delight to read. It gives the reader an insight into the mind and character of one of the great men (or dolphins) of our time.

June 16, 1975

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Dear Dr. Hutchins:

How very kind of you to take time during
the extremely taxing and hectic period that
you have gone through, to write me such a
nice note.

I am of course very disappointed that
you will not be able to contribute to
Volume Two - but I do understand. May
I add my warmest wishes for success in
Chicago.

Sincerely,

Gertrud Weiss Szilard, M.D.

May 13, 1975

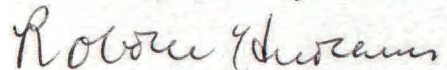
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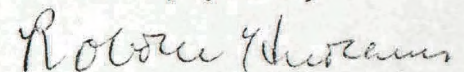
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107th YEAR

ON MOVE HERE

Institute Showdown Vote Near

By RAY KIPP
Education Writer
The San Diego Union

SANTA BARBARA — The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions settled into a palatial estate here 16 years ago to probe new directions in scholarly thought.

Soon, the 26 trustees of the financially troubled intellectual organization are expected to give the center a new direction in geography.

One decision may be to move the community of scholars south to San Diego; another may locate it in Chicago, and yet a third proposal may simply relocate it in less luxurious headquarters in Santa Barbara.

People at the center confirm there is an intense internal tug-of-war to change the operating as well as geographic heading of the center. That struggle was to have been settled over the weekend, but the death of the wife of the trustees' chairman, J. R. Parten, a Houston oil man, forced postponement of a showdown vote on the various plans.

San Diego Backer

Malcolm M. Moos, the center's current president, is expected to lobby heavily for San Diego or to at least keep the institution in Santa Barbara; its ex-president, Robert M. Hutchins, reportedly will use his trustee vote and influence for the Chicago plan.

But regardless of its compass heading, an annual operating deficit of nearly \$1 million requires something be done.

Abandonment of the 42-acre estate on Eucalyptus Hill above Santa Barbara is a foregone conclusion, according to Moos. Brochures advertising its availability are ready for circulation to potential buyers.

Moos, who assumed directorship of the center last year, said the annual budget of \$3 million must be trimmed to \$500,000.

His plan for continuing the center's work and magazine publication in California involves a sharply reduced resident senior fellows program and utilization of visiting fellows, financed through noncenter sources, to fill the void.

However, more likely to be approved is the move to Chicago. Except for a core administrative staff, this plan would eliminate the center's present operations and hire 15 to 20 University of Chicago scholars on a part-time basis to publish the center's magazine.

Magazine A Revenue Source

Any effort must include the magazine — The Center — which is the institution's major source of revenue.

The Chicago plan is given the strongest chance of approval, even by Moos' supporters, because of its backing by Hutchins. Besides his own vote, Hutchins appointed 22 of the other 25 members on the board.

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Harry Ashmore, a center trustee and former senior fellow, said the Chicago plan is also the only one with financial support. Center supporters have promised about \$300,000 in aid for two years, he said.

Ashmore concedes this proposal would essentially eliminate the center's research work.

"But it's the only one which seems viable," he said. "And once we got back on our feet financially, we might go back to the original concept."

But another source within the center, who preferred anonymity because of the internal feud, said the move to Chicago would destroy it. He said the center's reputation was built on identifying and studying world problems long before they became generally recognized and for deal-

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FROM SANTA BARBARA

Institute Nears Showdown On Moving To San Diego

(Continued from B-1)

ing with the controversial or potential for change. "We're an ongoing research institution with in-house projects requiring up to three to five years of dedicated study," he said. "You can't do that with part-time help."

"I think there's a good argument for letting it die and have a decent burial rather than let it continue in that fashion," he said.

"But if the trustees vote the public trust rather than personal loyalties at the meeting, I think there's a good chance we could end up there (San Diego)," he said.

Moos' proposal to locate near the UCSD campus would enable the center to have access to the university's comprehensive graduate library and give it the potential of attracting top faculty members, supporters said.

There is moral — if not financial — support for the move here from UCSD Chancellor William D. McElroy and other community and educational leaders.

McElroy, who has known Moos since they taught at Johns Hopkins University during the 1940s, said a move here would enhance the reputation of both institutions.

"The benefits would be to provide the university with a head start in the long-range goal of becoming a major policy center and it would supply the center with a tremendous pool of scholars," McElroy said.

"But unfortunately, we're not in a position to offer them buildings or financial support," he said.

Potential Sites Sought

UCSD officials have helped center staff members look for rental space near the university and have even discussed the possibility of renting student apartments to the center as temporary office space until it can acquire a permanent home. There also was talk of possibly renting vacant space at the Salk Institute, but no official proposal has been made to Salk trustees and that idea apparently has been dropped.

"The odds favor Chicago," said one observer familiar with the internal struggle at the center. "And if it goes that way, Moos probably will go (resign) too."

Moos' supporters say he inherited a financial disaster when he took over last year, and his plan will save the center. Hutchins' backers say Moos has been unable to raise the financing to continue the center in California.

Since it was established through a \$15 million Ford Foundation grant and located in Santa Barbara in 1959, the center has been supported through its magazine, gifts, grants and memberships.

75,000 Subscribers

The magazine, with 75,000 subscribers, annually produces about \$200,000 in revenue.

That publication, a senior fellows program, working grants and a reputation for attracting top scholars has produced a prominent list of names connected with the center.

It includes Harvey Wheeler, political scientist and coauthor of "Fail-Safe"; Elizabeth Mann Borgese, international relations specialist; Rexford G. Tugwell, an original member of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Brain Trust; Lord Peter Ritchie-Caldar, a British political scientist; Ashmore, and Alexander Comfort, gerontologist and author of the "Joy of Sex" and its sequel "More Joy."

Moos is the former president of the University of Minnesota and was a speech writer and adviser in the Eisenhower administration. Hutchins was named president of the University of Chicago at the age of 30 in 1929. Both men also have been associated with the Ford Foundation during their careers.

However, revenues have failed to keep pace with the costs the prestigious list of names brought to the center.

"We can make it in the black again if we can cut back and operate on a budget of a half million dollars," Moos said in an interview.

A center source said Moos' plan is feasible. He said it would include the \$200,000 in magazine revenues, \$100,000 in gifts, \$100,000 in grants, \$100,000 in investment returns and about \$200,000 in royalties from Comfort's books and other publications. The latter \$200,000 would serve as a buffer in the event of cost overruns, the source said.

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The San Diego-based New Orleans will serve as the recovery ship for the American participants in the Apollo-Soyuz manned space flight in July. The amphibious assault previously served as prime recovery ship for Skylab 2 and 3 missions. Astronauts Thomas P. Stafford, Vance D. Brand and Ronald K. Slayton are scheduled to splash down 270 miles west of Hawaii, on July 24, following an in-space rendezvous and docking with a Soviet spacecraft. A recovery force will include a helicopter anti-submarine squadron from Coronado Beach, an underwater demolition team and two Air Force F-130 aircraft from the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Naval Air Base, Okinawa.

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Study Center Tennis Will Move To Chicago

San Diego Union Staff Dis

BORREGO SPRING

Members of the Borrego Springs Community Association yesterday rejected a proposal to use \$37,000 of accumulated association funds to build a tennis complex on school district property.

The final vote was 7,642 against and 4,972 for the proposal, with the association votes allocated according to the assessed valuation of the member's property. Most of the votes were cast by proxy for the absentee property owners.

Harry Daniel, association board president who led the

SANTA BARBARA (AP)

— The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions will dismiss most of its full-time employees and set up a smaller operation in Chicago, the board of directors decided yesterday.

A financial crisis forced the move to Chicago and the elimination of the program of full-time distinguished scholars discussing the world's problems, officials said.

Dr. Malcom Moos, center president, resigned yesterday and was replaced by Dr. Robert Hutchins, who founded the center 16 years ago. Moos had worked to keep the center in Santa Barbara or move it to San Diego.

Hutchins said a small group of employees will remain in Santa Barbara to put out the center's publications. The 42-acre hillside estate will be held in trust as a guarantee of severance pay for the center's employees.

Hutchins said Santa Barbara employees would be laid off and begin receiving severance pay Thursday.

The Chicago office will be headed by Ralph Tyler, a nationally known education consultant.

The center had been running up a financial deficit of about \$30,000 a month.

Slate Named By League

San Diego's League of Women Voters elected a new slate of officers yesterday and announced the undertaking of a project to study San Diego's budgetary proce-

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Author Demands Return Of Funds

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — The author of "The Joy of Sex" demanded the return of \$93,000 in royalties from the financially troubled Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions yesterday.

Alex Comfort, a senior fellow at the institution, has signed over 20 per cent of the book's royalties to the facility. But he told reporters that he now believes a plan to dismantle the controversial "think tank" voids that pledge.

On Saturday, the center's directors announced that most of the institution's 40 employees would be fired and that a smaller operation soon would be set up in Chicago.

A 'HUMBUG'

"The center no longer exists," Comfort said. "What there is here now is a humbug, a pretense."

Dr. Robert Hutchins, who founded the center for the scholarly discussion of the world's problems, said a small core of employees would remain in Santa Barbara to put out the center's publications.

In addition to the \$93,000 in royalties Comfort says the center has received, it was estimated that the facility's share from "The Joy of Sex" in the next 12 months would come to \$150,000.

COVER EXPENSES

A center financial document outlining the plan drawn up to move the facility to Chicago said directors were counting on the \$150,000 to cover expenses.

Of the seven senior fellows, Comfort said he was

the only one offered a chance of keeping his job.

"The sole purpose is to keep my money without keeping their obligation," Comfort said. "All funding from 'The Joy of Sex' ceases immediately."

He added that he saw no point in answering an invitation to stay on with the center, saying: "I think it particularly deplorable that a name like the center's which is in good repute be attached to a pathetic attempt of this kind."

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Dear Dr. Hutchins:

It was a real pleasure to talk to you on the telephone last Friday and I am very grateful to you for consenting to contribute to the Second Volume of the Szilard papers which we are now putting together.

I am sending you enclosed the first draft of the proposed format of this volume. As you see, we are attempting to divide the materials into three parts: the first part will contain the "Reminiscences" which have been previously published and which you have already seen, expanded by a few more transcripts of autobiographical fragments. We also intend to print as an appendix some important documents and correspondence mentioned in the text.

I am enclosing an offprint of the "Reminiscences" as they were published by the Harvard University Press in 1968. There, you are first mentioned on page 124 in connection with Leo's problem of how to get a letter and memorandum which had been addressed to President Roosevelt, to President Truman. The memorandum is reprinted on page 146, (Appendix II). The petition to the President, dated July 1945, as well as a letter by Szilard to the group leaders of the metallurgical laboratory appear on pages 149 and 150.

We have an editorial problem because the "Reminiscences" really extend through the summer of 1946 when the Atomic Energy Act was passed. We have, however, a great deal of additional material for the year preceding this date which we have tentatively grouped into Chapter I of Part Two.

With my letter of February 21 I included a list of the materials which we have found which date back to this period and also a list of materials which would be appropriately included into Chapter II which will cover the three years from August 1946 through the fall of 1949. As far as we can see from the documents, these were the years where things really popped in Chicago and which we thought you might like to write about

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins
March 17, 1975
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and I hope you will wish to start with the period beginning April 1945, when you became actually involved. Please feel free to write about any time period that you are most interested in, as we can always take care of the formal fitting of the introductions to chapters editorially with footnotes or annotations. Of course, if you would prefer to write the Foreword to the whole work I would be delighted.

I am sending you selected materials which we have been considering for the first two chapters of Part Two. Because I don't want to burden you with too much paper, I have left out the Statements of Szilard before the House and Senate Hearings in 1945 as well as some of the speeches and memoranda, which duplicate thoughts in the writings we are sending you. And as you have written such a delightful review of The Voice of the Dolphins I know that you are familiar with most of the fiction and have not included the stories. But I am sending you a copy of your review as well as some other correspondence addressed to you or signed by you. Of course I shall be very happy to send you anything else from our files that you might wish to see.

A historian of science will come to La Jolla in the beginning of May to work with us for one month and as he is primarily concerned with the time period covered in the reminiscences and the related documents it would be very helpful if we could have whatever introductory essay you may care to write by the end of April.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

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February 21, 1975

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Dear Dr. Hutchins:

I have been very glad to learn from mutual friends who have seen you at the Center recently that you are looking and feeling very well. This good news has given me the temerity to tell you about what we are doing with the publication of the Szilard papers and to ask you a question.

You may remember a small booklet with Leo's "Reminiscences" (an offprint of a chapter in the Harvard book The Intellectual Migration) which I sent you some time ago. This publication was followed by the first volume of the "Collected Works of Leo Szilard--Scientific Papers," edited by Bernard Feld and myself and published by the MIT Press in the fall of 1972. I do not know whether you have seen this book. It is rather voluminous (over 700 pages) and if your library does not have a copy I would be happy to send you one. In that work we divided the scientific papers into several chapters according to the different fields of science in which Leo was interested and asked friends and colleagues who had worked with him on specific projects to write introductory essays to each chapter. This has worked out very well indeed and received favorable reviews.

We are now in the process of putting together the manuscript for a second volume of the Collected Works which will include Leo's writings on topics other than science. We haven't found a title for the book yet, but "Saving the World" is really what this volume is all about. We are trying to work out a format similar to Volume One, and are asking several of his friends to prepare introductions to the various chapters which in this volume will be arranged mostly by chronological periods.

I am sending you enclosed the outline of two chapters covering the period immediately after Hiroshima through September 1949. This was the time when the scientists at the University of Chicago started their vigorous efforts to alert the world to the impact of atomic energy and to find solutions to the problems raised by the bomb. Because you were so much involved and so supportive to the movement at that time I wonder whether

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins
February 21, 1975
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you would perhaps like to write an introductory essay for this period. This may be as long or short as you wish and the purpose is, of course, to make the period come alive and transmit something to the reader which the papers alone cannot do.

In addition to the outline, I am enclosing a few letters and memoranda to refresh your memory. If you would like to have copies of the other items on the list I shall of course be very happy to send them to you, but I don't want to inundate you with paper at this point before I know whether you would like to consider this project.

This second volume is sponsored here at the University by Dr. York's Program on Science, Technology and Public Affairs and I have the assistance of a part-time historian and a part-time secretary on a small NSF grant.

Our difficulty at this point is that we have too much material so that sifting and avoidance of duplication is really a major editorial problem. We plan to reprint the "Reminiscences" in the first half of the book and append some of the important documents to which the Reminiscences refer, as an appendix.

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Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Encl.

February 21, 1975

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins
The Center for the Study of
Democratic Institutions
Box 4068
Santa Barbara, California 93103

Dear Dr. Hutchins:

I have been very glad to learn from mutual friends who have seen you at the Center recently that you are looking and feeling very well. This good news has given me the temerity to tell you about what we are doing with the publication of the Szilard papers and to ask you a question.

You may remember a small booklet with Leo's "Reminiscences" (an offprint of a chapter in the Harvard book The Intellectual Migration) which I sent you some time ago. This publication was followed by the first volume of the Collected Works of Leo Szilard--Scientific Papers, edited by Bernard Feld and myself and published by the MIT Press in the fall of 1972. I do not know whether you have seen this book. It is rather voluminous (over 700 pages) and if your library does not have a copy I would be happy to send you one. In that work we divided the scientific papers into several chapters according to the different fields of science in which Leo was interested and asked friends and colleagues who had worked with him on specific projects to write introductory essays to each chapter. This has worked out very well indeed and received favorable reviews.

We are now in the process of putting together the manuscript for a second volume of the Collected Works which will include Leo's writings on topics other than science. We haven't found a title for the book yet, but "Saving the World" is really what this volume is all about. We are trying to work out a format similar to Volume One, and are asking several of his friends to prepare introductions to the various chapters which in this volume will be arranged mostly by chronological periods.

I am sending you enclosed the outline of two chapters covering the period immediately after Hiroshima through September 1949. This was the time when the scientists at the University of Chicago started their vigorous efforts to alert the world to the impact of atomic energy and to find solutions to the problems raised by the bomb. Because you were so much involved and so supportive to the movement at that time I wonder whether

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you would perhaps like to write an introductory essay for this period. This may be as long or short as you wish and the purpose is, of course, to make the period come alive and transmit something to the reader which the papers alone cannot do.

In addition to the outline, I am enclosing a few letters and memoranda to refresh your memory. If you would like to have copies of the other items on the list I shall of course be very happy to send them to you, but I don't want to inundate you with paper at this point before I know whether you would like to consider this project.

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For Hutchins

Hutchins letter
enclosures

1. Chapter 1 + 2 outline
 2. Reminiscences excerpts
 3. Chicago conf. memo Sept 19, 1945, LS speech
 4. [unclear]
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Rochlat review of Vre I

April 26, 1948 + June 8, 1948 LS letters to Hutchins

Hutchins letter to Gross re Chicago Conference 9/17/45

cc: telegram Benton to Conant, with copies to LS + Hutchins 12/22/45
re discussions with Russian scientists

Hutchins letter to LS re petition - April 1945

For Hulschins

1. Reminiscence

overlap \bar{c} Chap. I.

Appendix II Demos to Pres. U.S. (p. 146)
" III: Letter to ——— (later meeting)
" IV: Politicon

First mentioned on p. 124

2. Sent Sept 15, 1945 from → Hulschins

2. ~~Outline of book~~

Have sent Address of Sept 19, 1945

previously sent your letter

3. Outline of chapters headings.

4. Contents of chapters one + two sent.



Rx Reminiscence

Hearings if wanted

Rx Vork's speech

Rx Nation - Dinner Forum

Rx One World or None


Rx Calling for a Answer

Rx Letter to Stalin

already sent
S_g → H April 26, 1946
" June 8, 1946

Assume he has Voff
sent him copy of his letter
and Report.

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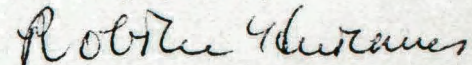
March 3, 1975

Dr. Gertrud Weiss Szilard
8038 El Paseo Grande
La Jolla, California 92037

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I am flattered to be asked to contribute to the Collected Works volume two. I shall be glad to write a short introduction to a chapter. Everything depends on how soon you want it. I am still having my lifelong difficulty in keeping up with my work.

Sincerely yours,



Robert M. Hutchins
Life Fellow

Hutchins

Bill to

452-4519

- 1) Has he got Vol I.
- 2) " " Reminiscences Rx send
- 3) Would he like copies of all material referred to in ch. I + II plus introduction + outline of whole work
- 4) Would he rather write preface to whole volume.

2 p.m.

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