

December 31, 1957

My Lord:

Many thanks for your most interesting report on the conclusions reached at the London meeting. The list of topics suggested for discussion at the spring meeting was not enclosed, but I shall look forward to receiving it soon.

I shall proceed at once to make plans for the meeting to be held in Canada from March 31st to April 11th. While the Pacific Coast would be the most attractive place from the standpoint of climate at that time of year, the distance of almost 3,000 miles from Montreal to Victoria would present a transportation problem for most of the participants except those from China, India, and Japan unless there should be quite a number of American representatives from the West, and I take it that this is unlikely to be the case.

Would you let me know as early as possible who the proposed participants are? Meanwhile, I suggest that the invitations go forward immediately without naming the exact spot in Canada where the meeting will be held.

I agree with you that selection of the ideal Canadian representative is of the utmost importance, and that the topics for the meeting would be foreign to the fields of interest of both Dr. Chisholm and Professor Foster. Inasmuch as a federal election is likely to take place in Canada in April, and Lester Pearson will probably be made Leader of the Liberal Party in the near future, I do not think we can consider him. We shall undoubtedly be able to have the benefit of advice in advance of the meeting from both Pearson and Sydney Smith, the new Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs. Smith was born in Nova Scotia and was serving as President of the University of Toronto before the recent Cabinet appointment. He is extremely able, and would be sympathetic to our point of view. After I have had an opportunity for careful thought, I shall send you a suggestion or two for Canada.

I am delighted to know that you intend to invite Dr. Grodzins of the University of Chicago. He will make a most desirable addition.

The Rt. Hon. Earl Russell

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There will be no difficulty in providing secretarial assistance and office facilities.

I shall be delighted to put funds at the disposal of Professor Rotblat for his advance organization work. I am sending him a copy of this letter, and I shall count on him to let me know what amount to send him.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

The Rt. Hon. Earl Russell  
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cc: Professor J. Rotblat

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22 March, 1958.

MAR 26 1958

Dear Mr. Eaton,

I am very sorry that medical reasons still make it impossible for me to come to Canada. We are all of us deeply grateful to you for your continued help and support, and for making the forthcoming Quebec conference possible. A considerable part of my regret in not being able to come to Quebec is that I have to miss the pleasure and interest of meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

*Bertrand Russell*

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May 29, 1958

My Lord:

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st. The attack of the House Un-American Activities Committee appears to have boomeranged, and the tide of American opinion has begun to run strongly against the reactionary forces that are seeking to throttle freedom of speech. Here, from the hundreds of sympathetic press items are two of especial interest. One is a hard-hitting cartoon from The Providence Journal, the other a Chicago Daily News editorial page column calling on the Speaker of the House to see that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are observed.

This so-called Committee on Un-American Activities of the House and the FBI are the leading influences here in fomenting fear and hatred of the Russians. The animus is obvious, since both the Committee and the FBI have a vested interest in preserving the appearance of the imminent danger from the communists in the United States.

Would you consider making a strong statement in the House of Lords, and releasing it to the World Press, to express indignation over the dastardly attack here on Professor Thirring? Some effective general criticism of the Committee and the FBI in the British press would also be helpful in influencing public opinion in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

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PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSE  
NEW DELHI

April 21, 1958

Dear Mr. Eaton,

I am grateful to you for your letter of April 11, 1958, with which you have sent me the papers which were read at the Second Pugwash Conference of Nuclear Scientists recently held in Quebec. I have immediately read these papers and I find them of great interest.

I am sure that these papers will be of great interest to our nuclear scientists here and I shall pass them on to them. May I say that the work of this conference is, in my opinion, of the highest importance and I earnestly trust that it will help in making people all over the world realise the terrible dangers which the world faces today.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Jawaharlal Nehru

With best regards,

Cyrus Eaton, Esq.

Yours sincerely,

May 12, 1958

My Lord:

This warm acknowledgment of the documents of the Second Pugwash Conference of Nuclear Scientists from India's Prime Minister Nehru is highly encouraging. Such a favorable response from the head of the world's largest uncommitted nation stands as both a challenge and an inspiration to all nations of whatever persuasion, to seek a permanent solution of the grave problems of this nuclear age.

The documents have also received a cordial reception in Canada and the United States, as you will see from the enclosed copies of letters from Canada's Prime Minister Diefenbaker and from the U. S. Department of State on behalf of President Eisenhower.

I am also sending copies of the three letters to all participants in the Second Pugwash Conference.

Sincerely yours,

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May 13, 1958

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My Lord:

In discussing my efforts for world peace over a nationwide radio broadcasting network on May 7th, Fulton Lewis, Jr., said:

"Eaton for the last two years has financed the Pugwash Conferences to which he has invited scientists from various countries of the world. Among other scientists, was Professor Hans Thirring of Austria on whom my files of correspondence from Vienna contain a report that he is in close and constant contact there with Soviet agents, and that on his return from the Pugwash Conference he routed his itinerary through Moscow where he held extensive conferences."

Lewis continued with many quotations (all taken out of context and distorted) from statements I had made over a period of years. Journalists and radio commentators in many parts of the United States were furnished from some source material similar to that used by Fulton Lewis. It is believed that this propaganda was supplied by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). It has been suggested that the FBI obtained their reports on Professor Thirring from what is known as the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) which would suggest that the CIA is observing and maintaining a check on all of the scientists that participated in the Pugwash Conferences.

I believe there should be some investigation of whether the U. S. "secret intelligence" and police agencies in their efforts to detect subversion and treason are not only violating the rights of free men in the United States but of the sovereignty of the nations of the free world.

Sincerely yours,

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19 May, 1958.

Dear Mr. Eaton,

Thank you for your letter of May 13. What the F.B.I. is doing about Professor Thirring is altogether disgusting but does not in any way surprise me. I do not see that there is anything that I personally can do about it, but you have my whole-hearted sympathy in anything that you find it possible to do about him.

Thank you also for your letter of May 12 enclosing a very encouraging response from Nehru. Even the response of the State Department is better than I should have expected.

Yours sincerely,

*Bartrand Russell*



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21 May, 1958.

Dear Mr. Eaton,

I am shocked to learn that you are being attacked by the Committee on Unamerican Activities. It will be a sad day for America when activities such as yours are pronounced to be un-American. You will know that you have my warmest sympathy and my most complete support.

Yours sincerely,

Bertand Russell

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May 23, 1958

My Lord:

Warm thanks for your letter of the 19th.

Since I wrote you on May 7th about the Fulton Lewis broadcast, the tide of American opinion has begun to run strongly against the reactionary forces that seek to throttle freedom of speech by distorted smear and innuendo. The enclosed editorials will give you a good cross section of the public indignation being expressed in every part of the United States and Canada.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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