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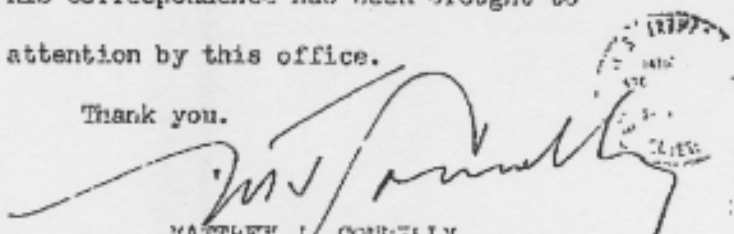
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MEMORANDUM FOR: HON. JAMES BYRNES,
Secretary of State.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose herewith correspondence addressed to me by Mr. Leo Szilard of the Metallurgical Laboratory, Chicago, Illinois. I believe you are familiar with these papers. I will appreciate it very much if you will be good enough to write him direct, stating that his correspondence had been brought to your attention by this office.

Thank you.



MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
Secretary to the President.



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Mr. Matthew J. Connelly
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Dear Mr. Connelly:

When Mr. Bartky and I called on you on May 25, you were kind enough to arrange an interview with Mr. Byrnes. H. C. Urey of Columbia University, Walter Bartky of the University of Chicago, and I saw Byrnes on May 28 and submitted to him a memorandum dated Spring, 1945 which was originally prepared for Mr. Roosevelt and which you have read. We are very grateful to you for the opportunity to present our views to Mr. Byrnes.

The enclosed envelope contains Mr. Einstein's letter, returned by Mr. Byrnes for transmittal to your office, and a copy of the memorandum which we left with Mr. Byrnes. You had previously seen both of these documents and they are merely transmitted for your files.

Enclosed also is the text of a petition which was signed by 67 scientists working in this Laboratory. It may not have crossed your desk since it had been transmitted in July via the War Department. Some of those who signed this petition have asked me that its text be now made public; and I wondered whether you would be good enough to let me know by August 24 if you considered its publication undesirable.



Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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