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c/o Physics Department  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S.A.  
November 9, 1957

Dear Dr. Krishnan:

In May, the enclosed appeal had been circulated very briefly among U. S. scientists with a response of 2,000 signatures; a great many more would have signed if circumstances would have permitted a longer circulation time. Later this year it was urged that such appeals should be endorsed by scientists all over the world even if that should involve some duplication or repetition of statements already made by them.

If you feel you could help us along in this effort, we would be deeply grateful for it. Flu in our family has caused another delay of this letter, my apologies for that, and also for the eventuality of this request having reached you through someone else already.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for your consideration of this appeal whether or not you can circulate or sign it.

With best greetings,

Very sincerely yours,



HERBERT JESSE

AN APPEAL BY ~~AMERICAN~~ SCIENTISTS TO THE  
GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

**INDIAN**

WE, the ~~American~~ scientists whose names are signed below, urge that an international agreement to stop the testing of nuclear bombs be made now.

Each nuclear bomb test spreads an added burden of radioactive elements over every part of the world. Each added amount of radiation causes damage to the health of human beings all over the world and causes damage to the pool of human germ plasm such as to lead to an increase in the number of seriously defective children that will be born in future generations.

So long as these weapons are in the hands of only three powers an agreement for their control is feasible. If testing continues, and the possession of these weapons spreads to additional governments, the danger of outbreak of a cataclysmic nuclear war through the reckless action of some irresponsible national leader will be greatly increased.

An international agreement to stop the testing of nuclear bombs now could serve as a first step toward a more general disarmament and the ultimate effective abolition of nuclear weapons, averting the possibility of a nuclear war that would be a catastrophe to all humanity.

We have in common with our fellow men a deep concern for the welfare of all human beings. As scientists we have knowledge of the dangers involved and therefore a special responsibility to make those dangers known. We deem it imperative that immediate action be taken to effect an international agreement to stop the testing of all nuclear weapons.

Linus Pauling	Martin Kamen	Severo Ochoa
Barry Commoner	Edwin C. Kemble	C. C. Price
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List additional signers below, and on the reverse side of this sheet. Please air mail to —

Linus Pauling, 3500 Fairpoint Street, Pasadena, California, to arrive by ~~June~~ 1, 1957.

**December**

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