

April 21, 1964

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Dear Dr. Lucas,

Last time I checked with the Office of the Council for a Livable World, there had not been even a single response to our mailing to the California addresses I obtained while visiting Stanford last month. I am writing to ask if you could check to see if anyone whose address was in that group has received the mailing we sent out. I realize you will be able to do this only if you know of some persons whose names were included on the cards I took back with me. I am asking the Council office to send you under separate cover a set of materials identical to that sent to the California addresses.

I enjoyed meeting you last month and look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

cc: H. Ashton Crosby

May 8, 1964

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Dear Dr. Lucas,

I do not know if the AAUW list was mailed. We definitely did send mailings to the names on the cards given to us by Lee Herzenberg. I had the impression those cards had come originally from you. Apparently that is incorrect. Would you please ask Lee Herzenberg or whoever else would be appropriate to make a spot check if possible and if it would not be too much trouble.

I will ask the Council if it is interested in supporting the campaign of Salinger. However, I am almost certain the response will be negative. The Council has often supported candidates who are not incumbents, for example McGovern. But, the Council has a general policy of not becoming involved in the larger states, especially when the opposition candidate is not an out and out opponent of Council policies. This year there are several contests between very good people and very inadequate ones in unpopulist states. The Council will almost certainly confine its efforts to those cases. I certainly agree with you that Salinger has the marks of making a good Senator and furthermore stands an excellent chance of being elected.

With best regards,

Matthew Meselson

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April 23, 1964

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Dear Dr. Meselson,

The list of 300-plus names of the Menlo-Atherton branch of the American Association of University Women that I gave you were contained in a little yellow booklet and not on the cards you mentioned. A spot check of 10 of those members, including my wife, showed that no communication had been received from the Council. It may be that they were not included in the mailing list and I will trace this down when I receive the list from Mr. Crosby. However, as I get to know these women better I am dismayed to find that the majority of the older college graduates are rather conservative.

Your letter gives me the opportunity to press an inquiry about possibly obtaining the Council's endorsement and financial support for Pierre Salinger in his Primary campaign for the Democratic nomination for Senator from California. I am publically committed to his support and have been trying to organize additional university support. Paul Berg and Dale Kaiser both endorse Salinger but have discouraged me from attempting to seek Council support because in the past you have endorsed only candidates up for reelection. I would urge you to consider Mr. Salinger's case as a possible exception because I believe that he has all the necessary criteria for Council endorsement.

Firstly, his views on disarmament, conversion of industry from defense-oriented to peace-oriented production and general attitudes regarding the cold war are similar to those of the Council. In this he would be expected to follow the Kennedy tradition, something which he is keenly aware.

Secondly, although the popularity polls (Field Polls) show Salinger to have 49% of the Popular vote to Cranston's 14% and Engle's 19%, most of the major California endorsing groups (Teamster's Union and California Democratic Council) are for Cranston, and it will be a close primary race. A major endorsement from a group such as the Council for a Livable World would have added value because Salinger is not noted for his liberal intellectualism and this would go a long way in overcoming that image.

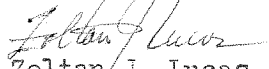
Thirdly, the general belief is that Salinger has Kennedy money backing him; however, this is not the case and the organization is so desperate for funds that there are few bumper strips and campaign buttons supplied. Even a modest contribution from the Council would be appreciated. There is little question that the financial problem will be much lessened after the Primary when the funds from the Democratic Party will be available, but until then, there is a need. There also is little doubt but that the Democratic candidate will win the November election; the Republicans have conceded as much by nominating very unlikely candidates. --- I guess after rereading this that my main argument is that since I believe Salinger will win, Council support now could be considered a wise investment.

I earnestly hope that you would consider helping Salinger and would propose this to the executive board. If you would want to have Salinger speak with any California

Council member, I could probably arrange an informal meeting.

I will write again after obtaining the list of names from the Council and I hope that this letter won't be construed as taking undue advantage of our relationship. Hoping for an affirmative reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Zoltan J. Lucas