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Professor Hideki Yukawa,
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Dear Professor Yukawa,

In conjunction with Professor Einstein, I am attempting to obtain from a small number of very eminent scientists (list enclosed) a statement about the dangers of thermo-nuclear war of which I enclose a draft. I should hope that the publication of such a statement, embracing men of the most diverse politics and from the most widely distributed parts of the world, might be the prelude to the carrying at an international scientific congress of a resolution more or less such as the one of which I enclose a draft. I think that in this way something might be done to persuade both Governments and public opinion that steps must be taken to avoid a thermo-nuclear war. I shall be very grateful if you will let me know whether you are willing to sign the enclosed draft.

Yours faithfully,

Bertrand Russell

(Bertrand Russell)

Suggested Signatories:

Lord Adrian

Dr. H. J. Bhabha

Professor Niels Bohr

Professor Max Born

Professor Albert Einstein

Professor A. Haddow

Professor Dr. Otto Hahn

Professor L. Infeld

Professor F. Joliot-Curie

Dr. Li Sze Kuang

Dr. W. Pauli

↔ Professor C. F. Powell

Bertrand Russell

Professor Manne Siegbahn

Academician D. Skobelzyn

Professor H. C. Urey

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