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Mr. David L. Hurwood
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Dear Mr. Hurwood:

This is in reference to your letter of 15 February as well as our other recent correspondence and telephone conversations.

As you know, "Operation PLANT" began as a function of the Jewish Peace Fellowship which in turn is an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The latter organization is one I have great respect for and, in fact, have had loose ties with for many years. I agreed to have my name listed as a member of the advisory committee in large part because of this connection with F.O.R. I, of course, also agreed with the objectives of the project as initially outlined by you. A further assumption was that my association would not entail an active role on my part.

"Operation PLANT" seems to have rapidly evolved into an action organization essentially independent of any national affiliation.

I must regretfully again make it absolutely clear that I am not available to serve as chairman (or even as chairman pro~~tem~~). My current academic, professional, and related activities take up my entire schedule and then some. Indeed, I now even hesitate to have my name listed as being on the advisory board until the entire matter is somewhat clarified. The aims of your project remain admirable, but the possibility suggests itself that the means may be counterproductive.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Arthur H. Westing
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