

Geneva, 11 September 1967

Dear Matt,

I am sending you under separate cover by air the document prepared by Meyrowitz concerning his detailed analysis of the international legal aspects of BW and CW. I gave a copy to Louis Sohn, who was at Ronneby, and asked him whether he could give an opinion on the validity of the interpretations. Since he is very pressed during the next month he asked whether he could have two months to do this and said that he would speak to you about it after he has studied the document. You will also find in the material sent you a copy of a document I found by accident in the WHO Library and which I believe will interest you.

... I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the relevant part of our working group bearing on BW and CW. I drafted the section marked, and I believe it came out rather well. There were no interesting documents prepared for the BW discussion, but I had good talks with Neild and Tammelin. I have spoken with the latter on the last day and he plans to see Neild within the next two weeks to decide on the next step. Our feeling was that the study group should be established without delay and should perhaps meet before the end of the year. The symposium that Neild was anxious to foster requires more preparation and could well await an additional several months. Tammelin and I believe that the first meeting of the CW group should consist of about 10 individuals including, if possible, persons from Porton and Edgewood. The information you sent about Yemen was very useful and you will note that I managed to get that item in the report of the working group. I talked to Feldman from Israel and asked whether he could supply any further information on captured stocks. He could not at the meeting but he promised to send me any information he can obtain as soon as possible.

While there are mixed opinions about the value of the Ronneby conference, my own view is that it turned out better than several of the recent large conferences. You will no doubt get the details from Alex Rich or others in Boston and Cambridge who attended the meeting. As Alex will tell you, it was quite a hectic week from the standpoint of new offices and until the very last day it was not known whether or not Joe would continue. In my talks with him during the week he was adamant that he would step down and I did not feel it opportune to discuss your conflict with him. I may see him some time in October, but I shall probably speak to you on the telephone before then during my visit to the States between 2 and 7 October.

I hope you had an enjoyable stay in Australia.

Love from all here.

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