

Geneva, 18 December 1964

Dear Heden,

I was glad to receive your letter of 14 December on developments concerning the "Peace and Conflict Research Institute". B. Feld (United States) of the Pugwash Continuing Committee passed through Geneva yesterday evening on his way to a meeting of the Continuing Committee in London, and I had a chance to discuss your letter with him.

Within the past two weeks I have spoken to Malek, Maaloe, Rotblat and Zhdanov (USSR). All of us felt it would be very useful to meet for at least one day to map out assignments with a view of preparing some sort of report for the next Pugwash meeting. Many good men will be in or passing through Geneva at the end of January and early February and we thought that the meeting could be held here on February 3rd, starting on the evening of 2 February. Maaloe, Engstrom, Kendrew, Jacob and perhaps one or two others would be on hand for an EMBO meeting in Geneva on 2 February and I am confident most of them would agree to stay for a BW meeting. Malek and yourself are due in Rome on the 5th and 6th and you could stop off in Geneva en route. Zhdanov should be here in connection with a meeting of the WHO Executive Board. From the UK I would suggest either Humphrey, Stoker or Henderson in addition to Lindop and Rotblat. Feld informs me that the US group would no doubt subsidize Meselson's trip here if he is free to come. Goldwasser from Israel and Lwoff from Paris should also be considered.

I might be able to obtain some funds from a friend of Pugwash to help finance the trip of one or two Europeans and the local expenses of the meeting itself.

Finally, your proposal for a meeting of a few days just prior to the next Pugwash meeting is excellent. I would consider, however, that the February preparatory meeting is very important and that the meeting you propose last not more than two or three days. This would be ample if the homework assigned in February is carried out. Also, as we agreed at the last Pugwash meeting, you would be the best person to act as convener and secretary. I would be prepared of course to help in arrangements for any meeting in Geneva.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter with Feld to Rotblat so that the Continuing Committee might know of the developments and suggestions in your letter and mine. We shall await their views before taking further steps.

Cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

Martin Kaplan

cc. Prof. J. Rotblat