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I have been informed by Professor Rotblat that the Pugwash Continuing Committee at its meeting in London on 19 December requested us to proceed with the implementation of the resolution on a study group for biological warfare adopted at the Karlovy Vary meeting. Dr Hedén has notified me that \$ 2000 has been set aside by the Swedish Peace Research Institute to assist with expenses of a meeting so that a report would be ready for the 14th Pugwash Conference in April.

I have taken up the question of how we should proceed with Maaløe, Malek and Lindop in addition to Rotblat and Hedén, and we suggest the following plan.

A meeting should be held as soon as possible, preferably in Geneva, to last 1 to 1 1/2 days in order to discuss the Karlovy Vary resolution and to assign working documents to be prepared for another meeting which would last some three days immediately prior to the April meeting, either in Trieste or Venice. At the latter meeting an agreed report would be prepared for consideration at the Venice meeting by the Pugwash Conference as a whole.

Most of the group to whom this letter is being sent will be in or near Geneva around 31 January. It is suggested that we convene in Geneva on Saturday evening, 30 January for dinner together, probably at my home, and hold sessions all day on Sunday, 31 January and, if necessary, part of Monday, 1 February. For the Geneva meeting a private donor, Mr Wise, has agreed to pay up to a total of \$ 500 for the expenses of European participants, and I understand that the US Pugwash group would probably take care of Meselson's expenses. This should leave most of the \$ 2000 from the Swedish Peace Research Institute for the pre-Venice meeting.

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The sessions would be held in a conference room at the Hotel des Familles, opposite the railroad and air terminal stations, and I have reserved several rooms for participants at the hotel.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether:
(a) you will attend; (b) hotel reservations should be made, including time of arrival; (c) whether your expenses will be taken care of.

As agreed in Karlovy Vary, Hedén would normally serve as convenor and secretary but he has asked me to make arrangements for the Geneva meeting.

May I please hear from you by telegraph or letter as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



Martin Kaplan

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Matt,

I look for the cable. You are very welcome to stay at our home if you wish.

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