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Dear Martin,

I have been thinking about the extent to which the prospects for our Pugwash BW effort may depend upon the tenor of our initial meeting in Geneva this month. It seems to me that we should attempt from the start to include persons at the highest level both in biology and, to the extent possible, in respect to the trust they enjoy in their respective countries. Therefore, even if they are not much involved in the subsequent work of the panel as we may be, I suggest you try very hard to bring Henderson, Kendrew, Jacob and any equivalent Russian you may be able to locate in Geneva. These persons need not join all our discussions but it would be good if they could join in the initial ones just as informal guests who happen to be passing through Geneva if that is the simplest basis upon which to operate. Also, I think we should plan to utilize Monday, February 1 to plan our future work and papers for Venice. This would give us an evening and a full day beforehand to discuss, reflect and discuss again our ideas on the subject. If we do not organize the meeting with plenty of time before deciding what to do next, we will come away with little more than what we bought which in this rather neglected area won't be much. More than that, if we go off half-cocked we could spoil what may be our best chance at getting something constructive done in these matters.

Finally, if you can manage it, I would be more confident about the future relations we may develop with the Swedish Peace Foundation if there were two Swedes rather than one. Until we get to know who is who, it would be better to avoid getting completely committed to and dependent upon one Swedish representative. I would suggest any two of Heden, Engstrom and Tiselius.

As ever,

Matthew Meselson