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Dear Alfven,

The report of the Trieste meeting on BW recommended that the next meeting of the Study Group should be considered for Stockholm this autumn. The meeting would be concerned with two main subjects:

A. The setting up of a collaborative research effort on rapid detection methods for microbiological agents. The terms of reference, methods of work and guidelines for research would be explored for a team of scientists composed of individuals from an Eastern, Western and non-aligned country.

B. Arrangements for a series of pilot visits to laboratories of the three participating countries to work out a pilot inspection scheme to determine whether research and production on BW weapons was being done, and to aim at declassification and the opening up of all biological research.

During our meeting in London at the end of April, it was suggested that the International Peace Research Institute might consider sponsoring the project and I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to do this and if so, whether you would be willing to start with sponsoring the next meeting to be held in Stockholm.

We have in mind a total of 16 participants from Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, U.K., U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Austria, Ireland and the WEU.

It is likely that travel costs for participants from the USA and USSR would be covered by the National Pugwash Committees of these countries, and perhaps the costs of the other participants could be covered from the approximately \$1,500, which I understand remain from the \$2,000 kindly donated by the Swedish Group for the BW Study Group.

As possible dates, I would suggest any weekend between the 18th September and 16th October. After hearing from you I would determine from the prospective participants whether these dates are suitable.

Sincerely yours,