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Dear Hedén,

I have your letter of 15 June and the enclosed tentative plan for a Stockholm meeting in April 1966. May I make the following comments :

Last week I saw Professor Rotblat in London and he informed me that he had sent a letter to Alfven suggesting a meeting for this Autumn. I know also that informal contacts have been undertaken with high authorities in some of the countries which would be involved in furthering the Pugwash Study Group's proposals. I believe it would be a mistake to postpone another meeting beyond this Fall, but this of course depends upon Professor Rotblat who will have to make the final decision in the light of the information he obtains. As for finances for an Autumn meeting, I believe that these can be obtained from sources other than the Swedish group in the event the latter cannot subsidize some of the expenses involved, and therefore I would not consider that finances should be a limiting factor.

With respect to the tentative plan you suggest for the Stockholm meeting, I do not feel it advisable to associate the Pugwash Study Group with any large meeting, as indicated for the first three days of the plan you outline. I believe the Pugwash group would be most effective if we continue quietly along the lines of our Geneva and Trieste meetings and pursue the plans for implementing a collaborative research project on rapid detection methods and a pilot team for visits.

I am sending these comments to the individuals listed below, as these are the ones I have been most in touch with since our last meeting. I shall of course discuss this matter with Professor Raska here in Geneva.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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