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Dear Matt,

Joe Rotblat has been with me over the weekend. He is here in town for some WHO meetings. We took the opportunity on Saturday morning to meet with Alva Myrdal and Mr Hammarskjöld, the nephew of the former Secretary-General. He is one of the principal secretaries involved in the International Peace Research Institute.

We had a good talk. The gist of it was that the Institute cannot be expected to go into operation before 1967, but Mrs Myrdal was quite sure that the B.W. study would be taken under its wing. In the meantime, she thought that maybe the Swedish Pugwash group could serve as the transitional sponsor. This would be especially the case for the next meeting, of the character I wrote about to Héden. She agreed that it was important not to delay the next meeting in order to determine whether the governments were sympathetic in pursuing the project. Joe and I have tentatively fixed the week-end of ~~23~~ October ~~22~~ to ~~24~~ inclusive) for the next meeting in Stockholm and we are now trying to determine whether this date would be suitable to the appropriate people in Sweden, Denmark and Czechoslovakia. \* There will be a meeting of the Continuing Committee in London at the end of this month and Joe would like this information in hand by that time so that he can speak with the Russians and others at the Continuing Committee. We are trying to contact Ferm in the first instance. Myrdal feels sure he would be prepared to attend.

Please let Joe and me know as soon as possible whether the dates suggested are convenient for you. I shall keep you informed as to developments. Now that we have a definite goal, we should proceed as rapidly as possible, pointing towards the October meeting.

Cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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\* Austria, USSR, Poland, UK & France would also have representatives

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