

Matt,

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If Don Glaser can't get away, I don't think Jim Watson would be too suitable for the October meeting, although we don't exclude for the subsequent meeting. Do you have another suggestion with Glaser's vice candidate in a group, apart from competitors.

Dear Joe, I have your letter of 21 September on the Stockholm meeting. I have spoken to Matt Meselson on the phone about this, and I believe he will also write. M.

We consider it would be extremely important, and perhaps a sine qua non for the meeting, to have highly placed officials attend from Denmark and the UK. It would also be very desirable to have someone besides Malek from Czechoslovakia but this is not essential because Malek alone would probably be sufficient for the October meeting. I would urge you to try to get Lord Chalfont to send someone from his office as an observer. Matt told me that in his talk with Zuckerman recently in London the latter stated that Chalfont's office would ~~not~~ likely have the decisive say as to whether Porton could be enlisted as a collaborating laboratory (although Chalfont seemed to pass this buck to Zuckerman when I spoke to Chalfont in Geneva just before I left for the USA).

Matt will talk to Bernie Feld about the necessary financing of the trip for USA participants. Matt has spoken to Don Glaser about the possibility of him attending the Stockholm meeting, and Glaser indicated he would do so if we felt his participation would be crucially effective. Glaser would have to know about this very shortly so that he could make the necessary arrangements. I consider that Glaser would be a far more valuable participant than I, especially on guide lines for the research aspects of rapid detection mechanisms. If he is willing to go, please count me out. You know already of my reluctance to travel so soon after getting established here, and I would make the trip only if you felt my presence to be essential to accomplish the purposes of the agenda, or if Glaser (or someone else equally suitable) could not go. Matt, of course, must remain as the second participant from the USA.

Whatever the final outcome of my attendance I hope the arrangements materialize for the other participants, including the Western European Union observer, because I feel strongly that we must push ahead as rapidly as possible. Incidentally, all references to the WEU observer should be by specific name and nationality (obtained from Marcovich), rather than by organization, because our Eastern European colleagues may be quite sensitive to the participation of the WEU as such.

With best regards,

Yours,

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