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Dear Matthew,

May I express deep and sincere gratitude for your excellent paper on test detection. It came a few days too late, however, for the board meeting but that did really not matter as the discussion was quite constructive anyway. As a basis it mainly had a project description that the excellent SIPRI secretariate had produced. You will find it enclosed together with a circular letter to all participants of the September meeting.

Your kind interest in our bank account is entirely appropriate and should be rewarded. May I, however, leave it up to you to mention a reasonable figure making a compromise between greed and idealism.

With reference to the use to be made of your paper, I wish to say that you of course, are entirely free to publish it in any way you want if you consider this desirable. In case we do pay you for this work, our only condition with regard to publication is that the matter of SIPRI support should be mentioned in the usual way. On our part we would like to distribute the paper to the participants of the September conference as well as

a few other specialists on the field. This distribution would thus be far from universal.

Finally may I take up the question of the consultative group. It would indeed be highly desirable for SIPRI if you found it possible to participate actively in this group. In practice this would mean several things apart from correspondence about the progress of the work at the Institute. The meeting in May in Marienbad as well as in September in Ronneby would probably be suitable occasions for a meeting of a group of consultants. To get the experimental work on detection started, it seems to me that a further discussion is necessary. So much work is going on on these problems inside various military establishments that we really have to consider carefully what specific detection approach would serve our purpose best.

I am trying to pursue this further here in Sweden; I have asked Robert Neild to explore the ideas of Humphrey and the Porton people. There may be a discussion of this in the beginning of February when Neild comes here on a short visit. In line with this approach I could perhaps also write to Dr. Mansberg at Cutler-Hammer and Dr. Cherry at the Department of Health so as to get the points of view of an instrument designer and a "military" establishment man?

With the very best wishes for a happy new biological year!

Yours sincerely,

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P.s. Berner will send a separate answer to your other letter.

Orjan also (after reading this letter) tells me that maybe I have not made clear that we expect you to mention a figure for your fee. If I remember correctly, we discussed this during your last visit here.