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Dear Professor Rose,

Please forgive the delay in answering your letter of February 6th, but the preparations for the BW meeting in Mexico were in a flux until I received our President's letter of March 16th which fixed the time for the preparatory talk in Paris to May 10th. This will primarily focus on the distribution of topics among the members of the Panel which will expose the problems to the closed sessions on BW at Mexico City (Lwoff chairman together with Franek - Czechoslovakia, Housewright - USA, Robinson - England and Zhdanov - USSR). I coordinate the activities and plan to have the panel presentations supplemented by background papers which can be distributed to the national societies or to those members they have assigned as participants in the BW-discussion. In principle I will not issue invitations to submit such background papers or statements until after May 10th but I have made two exceptions. I have for instance asked Dr. M. Leitenberg to examine the distinction between offensive and defensive research. The other exception is this letter which is an invitation to present any statement which will emerge from the draft you sent me. I will not be able to find financial assistance for you, but would of course like you to make a brief presentation of the statement the text of which should however be in my hands before July 1st in order to reach the participants in the meeting before they leave for Mexico.

Your idea to have the statement signed by scientists of the Soviet Union, Britain, United States of America and Sweden for presentation to the Congress does not appeal very much to me because it might give the impression that the issue is cut and dired before the Congress, and this might have undesirable psychological effects. I have forwarded a photocopy of your letter to Professor Lwoff.

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