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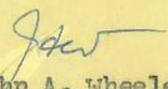
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Dear Ronald:

I am grateful for your letter of March twenty-sixth discussing the proposal that UNESCO attach a special condition to the 1953 subvention to ICSU specifying that \$10,000 should go for the Japanese symposium. It seems to me that this will represent a reasonable solution to the problem. I am glad you feel that this decision is likely to be approved by the next general conference of UNESCO in November. Janette and I send best wishes to you and Isobel.

Sincerely,


John A. Wheeler

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cc: M. Kotani
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Professor Pierre Auger
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Dear Auger:

I am forwarding your letter of March twentieth to Professor John Slater, just elected Chairman of the U.S. National Committee concerned with the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. I trust that the points which you raise can be discussed at the meeting of the U.S. National Committee scheduled for May third, and by carbon of this letter to Professor Slater I am making this suggestion to him.

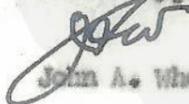
In the meantime, I would like to add my informal reactions to your proposal that ICSU be asked to support fewer and larger symposia -- with more money for each so that the representation will be intercontinental and not primarily European -- rather than the larger number of smaller and more nearly intracontinental symposia now usually held.

Plainly, both the intracontinental and the intercontinental types of symposia have their places. However, support for the smaller ones is usually easier to get from other sources. On the other hand, the larger ones are the more international, the harder to get support for, the more in keeping with the global character of the United Nations and, therefore, the more deserving of ICSU support. Therefore, I fully agree for my own part with your proposal that the push should be in the direction of the larger symposia; and I believe that the financial rules that you propose would be effective in achieving this end.

In particular, I believe that it would be most appropriate to begin this new policy by increasing the support for the Japanese conference to the \$10,000 figure suggested in your letter for the large symposia. I do hope that UNESCO will see its way clear to take this action in time to support the big undertaking which the Japanese have underway for 1953.

I send kind regards and best wishes to you and to Madame Auger.

Sincerely,


John A. Wheeler

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cc: J. C. Slater