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Mr. Pierre Balligand
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Dear Mr. Balligand:

In reply to the suggestions in your letter of June 15, 1961:

1. Dates of late October to early November for the meeting appear quite satisfactory.
2. The suggested plan of the meeting, with the first days devoted to land based reactor location problems and the following days to harbor evaluation and ship location problems, is a good arrangement. The ISO Working Party is primarily interested in the land-based reactor siting problems, hence would participate as ISO members in the first part only. Participation of Working Party members in the second part would be on whatever appropriate basis they might individually arrange.
3. ISO Working Party participation can be easily kept to the suggested 10 to 15 members, and it is customary for travel expenses of members of this organization to be paid by their respective national organizations or governments, hence your suggestions on this point are quite acceptable.
4. Your suggestion that the meeting be held in Vienna, with facilities, interpreters and travel expenses of the 20 invited experts being provided by the Agency is a generous one, and is certainly satisfactory.
5. As to program of the meeting, I suggest you outline the scope which the Agency would like to cover, and I will then add thereto any further items which appear important. Tentatively, however, I would suggest that there should be included at least some contributions of two kinds: (a) comprehensive discussions of over-all approach and philosophy (e.g. as being developed by the U.K., the U.S., etc., or as proposed by expert individuals); and (b) expert discussions on component parts of the problem: meteorological patterns of transport and dispersion of fission products; specifications, construction and testing of containment vessels; alternate reactor confinement schemes; fractional releases of fission products to be expected from damaged fuel; potential reactor accidents, etc.

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I do not offer comments at this time on the harbor evaluation problem because I do not know how much progress was made on this subject at the June meeting. I understand that the United States to this date has no plans to participate in the harbor evaluation discussions.

The listing of experts who might be invited to the Reactor Siting meeting depends to some extent on the identity of those who may otherwise attend. I will try to ascertain this for the ISO Party as soon as possible. Beyond this, I can perhaps offer some additional suggestions when the scope of the program has been further defined.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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I do not offer comments at this time on the harbor evaluation problem because I do not know how much progress was made on this subject at the June meeting. However, as you are perhaps aware, the U. S. is giving consideration to various approaches to questions of harbor evaluation and perhaps may reach some conclusion on this subject in the near future.

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