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I did get your faxes while I was travelling in Japan last week, but it was not convenient for me to respond before now.

Time is short, but both of the two alternates you msg'd me about would be OK.

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I should have raised this question sooner; but I'm wondering about our standing in having invited our own nominees to attend. How does this jibe with the definition of CISAC as an inter-academy consultation? If not that, how then are we defined? Could you ask Dr. Wyngaarden or Dr. Press about that? I'll be glad to call them for any further discussion. Do we just assume their academies are in such disarray that we're ad-hoccing?

Matt Meselson was not very happy about having been "left out"; though he probably couldn't make to it to Wye anyhow. I did promise him we'd send him minutes. I just told him we were trying to get OFF the question of "What happened at Sverdlovsk?", we were not an investigative or intelligence body.

He calculates as little as 10 mg. spores could have accounted for the epidemic!

Please acknowledge you've received this.

Josh

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