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Dear Professor, *Henry*

This is just to keep in touch and send you all good wishes for progress in your various projects in 1981. At Christmastime I have in mind of course the sadness that is yours.

The date of the proposed Conference will have to be decided at the ISFC meeting at the end of January because of the problems of other Conferences around that time, including the one in Moscow. The timing is of course relatively unimportant to the home team, and the problems are those from the USA and Europe in general. Meanwhile, much ground work is being done with plans for a Conference which will not just be a repetition and will be more a matter of discussion groups and decisions than the presentation of papers which will be circulated weeks or months in advance. Anyway, there is plenty of time for all this if the concepts can be agreed.

A major problem for us consists of the excellent papers which people like you tend to give at Conferences, the Proceedings of which are published, but almost inaccessible over here. If you have any such published in the last six months, I should be most grateful for copies if possible. Our problem of course is that Britain lags some 20 years behind and the power of vested interests does not diminish, nor the opposition of Members of Parliament involved in those vested interests. The rate of deterioration in the world as a result of the rapidly increasing population in developong countries will surely be a very strong factor moving things in more appropriate directions fo r the affluent world.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

Richard

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pls be on LPH report list! Send 1980 list & last chapter report (signed) sent 2/1/81

This got mislaid. Henry thanks for your card

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Dear Henry,

As you may have heard, ISFC have given unanimous approval for the Conference centred on the Need for Commitment by Governments to Prevention. It is to be hoped that it will not just be yet another conference, but original with definitive Proceedings. At present the idea is that few papers would be given, or only brief ones, but all submitted 3-6 months in advance and circulated so that everyone comes well informed. Attendance will mainly be by invitation. Much thinking needs to be done, and needless to say your personal views, put in writing, would be most welcome and perhaps you could send me initial views soon for discussion. There is plenty of time in that the date is now the week starting April 11, 1983, at the University of Sussex which is near Brighton on the south coast, and not far from London or Gatwick Airport.

Jerry Stamler, now Chairman of the Scientific Board, will presumably be in charge and I have written to him. Doubtless those of you from the USA could get together.

It would also be very helpful if you could let me know whenever you are in London or passing through and could drop off for a definitive meeting.

International press and lay coverage will be important.

Thank you very much for your recent copy of a superb Chapter 33 with Richard Gillum (whom I have not met). It is a very remarkable fact of life how much better you in the USA do these things, and how far Britain lags behind. I know there are four times as many Americans as British, but that does not account for it, and the interplay of genetic and environmental factors would make a fascinating paper for you, although I suppose invidious.

If possible, I should be most grateful for copies of a few papers on your list that would be difficult to obtain. They are: Nos. 969, 972, 976, 984, 988 and 995. These are journals to which I do not have access, though I appreciate that you may have many requests.

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