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Etienne,

Thank you very much for your letter of 31 August and your kind remarks.

I do agree that there is some weight in the arguments you mention, and I thought about these carefully before making my suggestion. I personally did not intend to think that it is more important to be an International Union than the usual tradition.

Concerning the most significant point, that some countries do not have a scientific organisation at present, this happens with all scientific societies as they grow and has not prevented most of the other main sciences from reaching the conclusion sooner or later that an International Union is the best procedure. I would have thought that the obvious solution in the interim is for individual scientists in such countries to join, for the time being, the other societies, such as S.E.L.F. or E.R.S.

As for you, I am naturally interested and looking forward to hearing the views of the Committee and General Assembly but whatever happens I hope my suggestion will serve to stimulate fruitful and constructive debate. I have no other intention.

Thank you also for your cable. I have sent off the extra 50 copies as requested.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,


B. Shackel