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My dear Guillemin,

I was glad to receive your letter and I hasten to reply on two or three points and to offer some explanations.

The delay in the work of the Provisional Committee is in no way the fault of Amorós. Unfortunately Claringbull has had a prolonged period of serious illness in his family and has been himself in a poor state of health. He should, of course, have asked for help at an earlier stage and it was only when Amorós wrote personally to me that we realised how little had been done. Since then Claringbull has been glad of the help which I have been able to give, and the programme for the meetings and excursions has been sent out by now (I hope). This will give the members of the Provisional Committee something to comment on and to alter, if they wish, but it was necessary to get something out in view of the short time remaining.

I very much hope that you will also be nominated as a delegate along with Wyart. The general plan adopted by the Americans and ourselves is just that - to send one of our most senior professors to show the importance that we attach to the occasion, but to send with him some younger men who will really be engaged in the organisational mechanisms. It would greatly facilitate the starting off of the committees if their secretaries elect were to be present at Madrid.

The present position is that Claringbull is working on the 'constitution' for the new organisation, while I shall continue private negotiations for reaching agreement on the officers of committees and speakers at the meetings, etc. I have no statutory authority to do this, but I am acting at Claringbull's request to help in his present difficult state. We have in our Department today on a visit Laves from Zürich so this is a fine opportunity to talk over these matters. I think it important at this stage that we should keep closely in touch, and I propose to write to a dozen people tomorrow. I shall keep you informed and I look forward to discussing matters with you during my visit to Paris.

Sincerely,

N. F. M. Henry