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PERSONAL

Dear Elly,

I am very grateful for your letter of 6 December and for the information about references to my book on French TV. The minute I get a chance I will follow up your suggestion to get a transcript from ORTF in New York.

I am hastening to reply because I believe there has been some misunderstanding with reference to the Commission on Social Development, in LUN's material for the Executive Board Co-ordination Study (Part I, page 7). It is true that WHO and each of the other "Big Four" specialized agencies are to prepare special studies for the Commission on Social Development on a 4-year cycle. The WHO study, which inaugurated this new system at the 18th session this year, would normally have completed our commitments until the year 1971. However, some members of the Commission felt the need for supplementary information and pressed for a further report to be prepared by WHO for the 19th session in 1968, based on existing WHO information. We ~~do~~ <sup>agreed to</sup> prepare this report, if possible for the 1968 session. Subsequently, however, the new Director of the Social Development Division wrote to WHO Headquarters asking us to defer the supplementary report until the 20th session in 1969, because the agenda for the 1968 session was already overcrowded.

You will see from the above that the 4-year cycle continues to apply, at least in principle, but that the Commission for Social Development at the very outset of this new arrangement in effect unofficially altered it by requesting a further special study from WHO, actually a supplementary report.

We too are swamped with work here in the final days of the General Assembly and I will save for a later time a more personal and more detailed letter.

Meanwhile I did want to thank you very much for writing and telling me about the plug on the French TV.

With warm regards to you and to Mike Sacks.

Sincerely,

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