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Dear Sylvia,

Thank you very much for your personal letter of Friday, 22 May which I am answering only after I have discussed this with Dr. Chisholm.

I am not too sure that the story of Julia H. was properly reported by the newspaper as it was not her intention to come to the ACC as she was very busy; at least that is what she told me before I left New York and I believe that it was only at the very last minute that she decided that she might be coming and didn't request her passport in time. However, I may be wrong.

It is true that Mr. Delierneux is a very sick man and has been so for a number of years. He is to retire now and Julia has asked me whether I can help her find him a French-speaking deputy (this is strictly between you and me) and I will try my very best while going through Paris en route to New York.

I have been very concerned by ^{the} story you told me about the new SG but the DG explained that a whole morning was spent in a secret meeting at the ACC discussing a few of his cases at the beginning of this week and that it is very difficult to judge on the surface as every case is different and has its points.

However, this is how things stand at the moment as far as you are concerned. The US delegation sent a letter urging the DG to order you to fill in the forms in accordance with the Presidential Executive Order. The DG had a meeting with the US Permanent Delegate and explained to him that he could not order you anything by virtue of that Order and it was none of his business (the DG's) to know whether you had or not complied with the Executive Order. He also explained that he could not be ordered to do anything by the US delegation, following which the US delegate withdrew his original letter. Nothing else has happened since, this having taken place approximately 2 weeks ago.

You are not the only one in WHO who has refused to comply - 2 others having done the same. As far as I can see this will depict to you the WHO attitude in this matter which is merely that this is nothing to do with the Organization but purely a matter between you and your Government and therefore it cannot be said, as you mentioned in your letter, that WHO "will support you" but you can expect that WHO will not take any action against you because of your attitude and failure to comply.

I wish you to keep this letter as purely confidential and personal.

Yours

