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Dear Dr. Chisholm,

In the light of the information and encouragement you were kind enough to give me at Dr. Coigny's dinner party last December, I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed copies of my current correspondence with the U.S. Civil Service Commission, International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.

The absurd, irrelevant and inconsequential allegations which have been presented to me convince me more than ever that it is essential to insist upon principle in these cases. My only concern is that the position I have taken should not be used as an excuse to harass the Organization. Someone said the other day that a liberal is a radical with a wife and two children. In the light of the general developments which have taken place, it seems clear that to compromise principle for any reason whatsoever is not only to show a lack of confidence in the integrity of the other persons or bodies concerned but futile and self-defeating, in the last analysis. I know that you do understand that the position I have taken implies no lack of concern for WHO but, rather, reflects my complete and unalterable respect for the independence of the Organization and its Constitution.

With warm personal regards,