

Confidential

24 March 1954

Dear Dr. Candau,

Please refer to my confidential letter to you dated 17 February 1954 and to your reply of 22 February 1954.

I have now received a second communication from the ~~Chairman~~ of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board, dated 19 March 1954, requesting me to appear for a hearing on 1 April 1954 at 11 a.m. A copy of that communication is enclosed herewith.

You will see that I have been addressed and summoned to this hearing in my capacity as an employee of the World Health Organization. I therefore believe it my duty to inform you of this communication and to seek your advice and instructions.

I believe that the Board has no authority to compel my attendance at this hearing. However, I am prepared to attend if that is considered necessary and an obligation incumbent upon me as a staff member, or advisable in the interests of the Organization. If so, I would propose to make a prepared statement, if permitted, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

I should be very grateful indeed for your guidance and instructions. In view of the time element, I would appreciate your informing me by cable-gram if you feel that I should not attend this hearing or that, if I should attend, any part of my proposed statement is not compatible with the obligations of my post. Any guidance which you feel able to give me will be very helpful, as I do not wish in any way to violate or ignore the obligations of my post or to take any action which in the judgment of the responsible officials might be prejudicial to the interests of the Organization.

Yours very sincerely,

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