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Dear Harold,

The radio-TV reports of a WHO paper on noise pollution to the Stockholm Conference on Human Environment came as a surprise to my office. We had been involved in some of the preparatory work for the Conference, for which our HQs at Geneva provided a number of special documents, none of which we have yet received and none of which appeared to deal with noise pollution. When I get back to my desk (I have been out much of the last two weeks with a bad bronchial flare-up) I will determine the status and if necessary make a special request for copies of the paper. It may take a little time but I will get you a copy or copies, if they are available through official channels.

If I sound somewhat hesitant, it is because I am not entirely sure of the status--whether the paper has become a document of the Conference and comes under any restrictions as such -- whether the financial squeeze on the UN and specialized agencies, which has led to severe economy measures including ceilings on documentation issued and distributed, will limit the availability of Conference materials, etc.

This may be a good moment to mention my summer address, in case of anything urgent--from 7/15/72 to 9/1/72, c/o General Delivery, Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York 11770.

All the best,