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Dr. G. Böhnecke,  
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HAMBURG 4,  
Deutschland.

Dear Dr. Böhnecke,

I record with appreciation our discussions in Paris, April 10 to 12, which were very helpful to me for a proper appreciation of yours and SCOR's achievements. Further to my earlier request for a triennial report, I wish to take this opportunity to give you some personal comments.

The report should indeed, as you contemplate, contain a description of the present SCOR programme and recent SCOR achievements.

I may note a few points which I believe that either SCOR will want to emphasize to the ICSU General Assembly, or ICSU Members may want to debate at the General Assembly :

1. SCOR's Constitution - varied view points have been conveyed to ICSU during recent years. SCOR's view would be important.
2. SCOR's activity in the Indian Ocean.
3. SCOR's permanent technical activities, such as intercalibration.
4. SCOR's rôle as a permanent medium for a stimulating interest in Oceanography among Unions and ICSU National Members.
5. SCOR and its relations to IOC, UNESCO, IAEA, etc.
6. SCOR's relations to existing ICSU bodies, such as IAPO and IUBS, particularly with a view to piercing the impermeable walls between these organizations.
7. SCOR's sources of finance in future.

You may wish to sum up SCOR's attitude to such questions fairly concisely, perhaps towards the end of your report, as this will greatly help the readers in grasping salient features.

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With this general background I extend again an invitation to you to submit a triennial report for the ICSU Executive Board and General Assembly. The information in the report might well be extracted from your earlier major documents.

I expect to circulate provisional documents for the ICSU meetings already in May, to give the ICSU Members full opportunity for careful consideration of the more important items. A provisional document from you would, therefore, be particularly welcome before the first week of May.

You may wish to know that Mr. Dease and Mr. McLennan will visit me in Stockholm during the second week of May, and they could call on you in Hamburg without expense for <sup>SCOR</sup> ~~CSU~~. Please arrange that directly with them, if you can receive them.

I am fully prepared to circulate your report to the Unions as part of the preparations for the ICSU Executive Board, with a request from SCOR that the document be studied carefully before that meeting. I am at your service at any time if you want further information, explanation, or personal comment on draft documents.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

such as <sup>SCOR</sup> ~~CSU~~ calibration  
stimulating interest in  
N. HERLOFSON  
Secretary-General of ICSU

cc: ✓ Dr. G. Humphrey.  
Dr. G. Deacon.