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Dear Dr Bohncke,

I have the following comments on your draft memorandum included with your letter of April 21.

- 2.4 Delete first two lines. Add to 2.2,
5. International Indian Ocean Expedition. "(The services of a coordinator and a typist are maintained by funds supplied by U.S.A. research foundations)."

Heading of 2.4 should become "Composition."

First lines on p. 2 should read "Nevertheless it was a request of the Australian Academy (Helsinki 1960) verbally supported by U.S.S.R. and Japanese scientists, to strengthen ... Research Councils. Some others, however ... meeting 1961. The present opinion of the SCOR Executive is to leave membership as it is.

- 3.4 Change line 1 to
"It is planned to establish a biological centre (mainly for systematic work on zooplankton) in India."

Change line 8 to
"these Unions do so."

- 3.6 Change line 2 to
"are urgent tasks, of primary importance to the IOE."

- 3.7 Omit lines 4-7.

Add something about the first Oceanographic Congress.

- 4.1.5 Add
d) Oceanography is carried out by bacteriologists, biochemists, botanists, chemists, geologists, mathematicians, physicists, physiologists, and zoologists, i.e. many diverse types of scientists.

Omit the final sentence
(I think that perhaps c) should also be omitted).

Add a section on IAEA

- 5 Change line 15 to

"It is expected that according to the progress of the various working groups, particularly that concerned with the IOE,"

Change line 22 etc. to
"For other long-range programmes (e.g. the investigation of the Indo-Pacific area and the South China Sea; the development of the programmes of the present and future working groups) it is expected that the academies which are interested in these will participate and in consequence contribute for the work and meetings. SCOR realizes that there will be little if any support from the Unions and ICSU."

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I am sending these comments quickly to you because Herlofson wants a preliminary document early in May. I hope that, if there is to be an opportunity to make a final document, I shall be able to see it before it goes to ICSU, because I would then have more time to think deeply about it.

Yours sincerely,



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