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Dr. George F. Humphrey,
Director
C.S.I.R.O., Marine Laboratory
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Cronulla, Sydney, Australia

Dear George:

The enclosed is self-explanatory. However, in addition to this as you will no doubt hear from Böhnecke, UNESCO is budgeting only \$10,000 each year of the biennium for support of SCOR itself. This at least is what will be proposed to the General Conference in mid November. There will also be some funds for Working Group meetings. I don't have the exact figures at hand. Thus, it appears that we will have only about 40% of the support we had expected from ICSU and UNESCO together. UNESCO is in the throes of an internal budgetary squeeze.

In addition, there was an attempt on the part of the Russians (Professor V. V. Belousov, who is President of IUGG) to revise SCOR's constitution so that there would be national members as well as scientific members. In a Working Group session Böhnecke was able to persuade Belousov to hold this request in abeyance until working arrangements between SCOR and IOC could be examined.

Planning for the Expedition seems to be developing satisfactorily here, in the U.K. and France. There is a high likelihood of Portugal coming in. I know you will be hearing much more of the details from Böhnecke and I will be sending you more information between now and my departure on 13 November for Karachi and East Africa.

With warm personal regards

Cordially yours,

Bob

Robert G. Snider

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cc: Dr. Revelle
Dr. Deacon
Dr. Böhnecke

24 October 1960

Dr. George E. R. Deacon, Director
National Institute of Oceanography
Wormley near Godalming
Surrey, England

Dear George:

The three enclosed letters outline the sad situation which has developed with UNESCO and ICSU. Do you think that anything can be salvaged? If SCOR is to be the scientific body to IOC and UNESCO on oceanography it appears to be selling its services rather cheaply.

Otherwise, the trip went in a most satisfactory manner. I enclose a copy of a proposed tide gauge network of which Rossiter has a copy. I am sending one to CDR. Hunt and have left one with Tchernia. Tchernia also indicates that France can provide substantial assistance in tide gauge and meteorological observations at various island stations.

All the best.

Most cordially yours,

Robert G. Snider

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cc: Dr. Humphrey
Dr. Revelle
Dr. Böhnecke

24 October 1960

Dr. Roger Revelle,
Director
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
La Jolla, California

Dear Roger:

The enclosed two letters are presumably self-explanatory. I was particularly distressed by Fraser's statement that the discussions of the Finance Committee would be "in camera". The result was that nobody responsible to SCOR or with any major interest in SCOR was able to put its case. When Böhnecke and I made our reports there was no indication that there would be a cut in the ICSU funds and Böhnecke only learned from Roderick during the meeting that UNESCO would cut its contribution. It seems to me that the only possible solution would be if the U.S. and U.K. delegations to the UNESCO Conference were to get these funds restored - i.e., from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per year. George Deacon is the scientific member of the U.K. delegation and I am sending him a copy of this letter and the accompanying correspondence. Can you and he do anything with your respective delegations?

With warm regards.

Cordially,

Robert G. Snider

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cc: ~~Dr. Humphrey~~
Dr. Deacon
Dr. Böhnecke

24 October 1960

Dr. Günther Böhnecke,
Secretary
Special Committee on Oceanic Research
Bernhard-Nocht-Strasse, 78
Hamburg 4, Germany

Dear Böhnecke:

After you left on Friday I received word from the action of the ICSU Finance Committee and the action of ICSU on budget. ICSU will provide \$12,500 to SCOR for the year 1961. I gather that this is \$2,500 more than 1960 but \$2,500 less than we had reason to expect for '61.

I was also told that the members of ICSU expressed a strong feeling that SCOR should become more nearly self-supporting through contributions from National Committees. ICSU undertook two new programs - one on radio frequencies and another in the field of biology.

I am passing this information on to Humphrey, Deacon and Revelle by copy of this letter. I do feel that the proceedings at the ICSU meeting where no representative of SCOR was allowed to be present during the Finance Committee discussions (at least this is what Fraser told me) was certainly most unfortunate.

It was good to see you again. Roderick was not available prior to the time I left on Saturday to have further discussions about UNESCO.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert G. Snider

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cc: ✓ Dr. Humphrey
Dr. Deacon
Dr. Revelle