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Dear Professor Herlofson,

Referring to a letter from MacLennan dated March 13, which is the last one in the series of other letters between Miyake, IAEA and the ICSU Secretariat, it seems to me that we should now come to a final decision on behalf of the participation of some SCOR Working Group members in the IAEA Panel Meeting on Methods of Monitoring Radioactive Waste Disposal into the Sea, April 17 to 22, 61.

According to a letter from Fraser, dated June 9, 1960, about the visit of Professor Herlofson and Dr. Fraser to Vienna, May 26/27, 60, it was foreseen, that ICSU and IAEA might conclude a technical research contract "to study and evaluate analytical procedures in the determination of radioactive content of seawater". I do not know whether this contract was concluded in the meantime, but following a strong recommendation of Fraser in the same letter we postponed the Radioactive Working Group's Meeting, originally planned for Helsinki, until the Vienna Meeting.

Having the idea of a cooperation between IAEA and SCOR in mind it was recommended that Miyake should re-organize his Working Group. This was done in the meantime. The list of the proposed members is attached hereto.

Another letter from Miyake, February 20, shows that IAEA is willing to invite Nikolajev, Harley, Lal and Miyake at the expenses of the Agency and to offer the facility for the Working Group Meeting on April 21 or 22. Besides that Miyake proposed to invite the other members of this Working Group to a SCOR Meeting at the same time to save money. Miyake's estimate about the costs is approximately \$ 3300 for travelling expenses plus \$18 each for two days.

The Agenda for this Meeting is a very comprehensive one. The problem to be discussed is very important not only for SCOR but for all people. If SCOR shall play the rôle of a scientific adviser to IOC and UNESCO on behalf of Oceanography it would be important, too, that the members of the SCOR Working Group on Radioactivity would be informed about all events in this field.

Having this in mind I should like to propose that the sum needed for this Meeting should be granted by ICSU, because at present we have no other funds available.

Your early decision would be welcome, because the time is very short and the members of the W.G. should be informed about the date, place and the Agenda.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to Col. Herbays, Mr. MacLennan, Prof. Miyake, Dr. Humphrey.