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Dear Josh:

Enclosed are copies of the draft description of our proposed International Scientific Committee for the Assessment of the Health and Environmental Consequences of Energy Production and Use.

As I indicated in our telephone discussion we are considering several institutional options at this time: (1) a free-standing Scientific Committee of OECD. This would operate in a way analogous to the McCracken Committee; (2) a completely free-standing international scientific committee analogous to the International Committee on Radiological Protection; (3) part of the international activity of the International Council on Scientific Unions; and (4) a new consortium of National Academy of Sciences specially set up to sponsor this activity. For several reasons, e.g., fund-raising from governments and immediate media and public acceptance, we veer towards the first option and are exploring its feasibility at this time.

I am going to think further about your suggestion of WHO. On the whole, we had not favored them as a possible institution -- poor track record, general method of operation, and slowness.

I would welcome any comments you may have on our draft, and would much appreciate your suggestions on any scientists we may consider.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures