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Dear Dr. Pentz,

I was interested to receive your letter of December 2nd concerning your investigation about the inside/outside dilemma. This is a matter that has executed a number of my colleagues to perhaps a greater degree than myself since I had intuitively decided that there was a fundamental conflict between the role of detached scholarship and of immediate policy involvement. I hope you will have planned to include Sidney Drell, Carl Djerassi, Alain Enthoven and W. Panofsky in your list of correspondencedas these are very able people who have taken a variety of different stands on this issue. There is also a considerably larger group of students of policy questions that I think it would be profitable for you to engage with perhaps in a seminar.

As to your specific questions, the answer to (a) is "yes", (b) my schedule for January to June is relatively open at this time, (c) I have a few dates that are strongly counterindicated, namely February 24th - 27th, February 86th and just a sprinkling of others until about mid-June.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Sidney Drell