

14th February, 1955.

My dear Rob,

I have now received a second letter from Diamond in which he seems to have changed his mind and to be urging the suitability of the meeting which, as I understood him, he previously, as much as ourselves, regarded as rather useless.

He tells me that he has sent copies of this last letter to you and to Dr. Wiener. For my own part I do not think that anything has been said to make the idea any more attractive. The proposed committee would not represent anybody but themselves, and I imagine authority at least as heavy as that of the World Health Organization would be needed before anybody would be inclined to change their practice in the laboratory or in publication.

If at all points the scientific facts were agreed beyond dispute, e.g. the nature of anti-f and the existence of anti-d, there would at least be a basis for agreement as to one or more ways in which scientific findings could be represented in a manner intelligible to all parties. Without agreement on the scientific facts, such as has been achieved in the earlier phases of the analysis of the Rhesus factor, there would seem to be

no possibility of agreement as to how the facts should be stated, and the new committee would take its place as only one more little field of ^{your} attention.

Pending hearing from you I have not, however, answered Diamond's second letter. I should be glad to have your reaction to it.

Sincerely yours,

Enc. *with copy of note*