Dear Jacques,

Found a quiet instant to discuss the BIRIC problems you raised with Henri. By material charges he means the furnishing of a meeting room and the providing of a secretary to take notes and copy them down later by typewriter. He seems to think that there will be some 20 to 30 attending, but it is difficult to predict attendance at BIRIC reunions, this being only the 2nd. You should be receiving answers to the invitations. We have heard from Dr. Gregor who will be in Moscow at that period and Mr. Paollesa who cannot leave his work in Italy.

As to the secretary, Henri stated that unless you can offer someone, Mr. Jean Raine and Mr. Aranda will be sent to do this work. Perhaps you can dig up an intelligent and capable female who can take notes, even without steno, speaking French only, among your wide circle of acquaintances.

As to the schedule, Henri insists that they will all be coming to work, work, work. Therefore all the sessions indicated will be necessary. (I mentioned that you were planning a morning program from 11 till 2 which would certainly interest the delegates, but Henri was not prepared to deviate from his program). At any rate the agenda which you received must be submitted to the BIRIC Executive Bureau for approval, and if you have already handed out your program by the time they meet on the 11th, they will certainly want to take that into consideration.

While I was at it, I asked what my personal responsibilities were in regard to the BIRIC. So far our office has, under Henri's directives, seen to the sending out of invitations, typed and sent out the resolutions and decisions of last year's meetings, and that's about it. Henri is in charge of the Secretariat Administratif et Exécutif, which up to the present has been our FIAF bureau, but it's quite possible that someone else may be designated for the routine work. At any rate, Henri informed me that I have no responsibility for the
coming BIRHC reunions or for the BIRHC whatsoever. (It goes without saying that if the FIAF bureau can help in the material and routine tasks we are happy to do so). In any case, I was not on the list of persons to be invited to attend the BIRHC Brussels meetings, which outside the regret of missing a few days of your agreeable company does not disturb me as there will be plenty of work preparing the FIAF Executive Committee meetings and the Prague Congress. However you might write to Mme. Otto Eisner and M. A. Frolo, BIRHC General Secretaries, who will both be coming to Brussels, to inform them of your suggestions and wishes, which they will surely take into account.

I imagine that when you can find time for that brief visit to Paris most of the difficulties can be straightened out.

All warmest greetings.

[Signature]

Exec. Sec.