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Dear John,

The FIAF Executive Committee met over the Whitsun weekend and devoted considerable attention to the UNESCO project for an International Institute for Film and Television. The Committee shares the doubts which most informed people seemed to feel about the project as drafted by UNESCO and although FIAF feels strong enough to take an independent line and to remain outside any international film institute if the conditions are not right we nevertheless agreed that it would be more helpful and constructive if we tried to lend our support to creating an international film organisation under UNESCO which had some value. This represents as you will recognise a step forward, and comes very close to the proposals you sent to Benoit-Levy on May 17th.

Our own proposal however is a little different. As a first step we would like to take part with other *international* cultural film organisations in an exploratory discussion, and since the two most solid of these bodies is AICS and FIAF it was suggested that these two should agree beforehand to act as conveners and to agree the agenda and the results to be aimed at.

In order to carry this into practical effect Miss Iris Barry and myself were delegated to meet you and discuss the proposal. Iris Barry has been in London for three weeks but unfortunately you yourself have been in Brussels all this time and it now seems likely that she will have to leave London before you return. May I ask you therefore to be good enough to get into touch with

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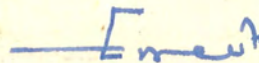
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me as soon as you are back in the office so that we can meet and discuss and I will then report to Iris Barry by letter.

I am sending copies of this letter to Iris, to our President Mr. Weopltis, to M. Langlois and to the FIAP office in Paris.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

 Ernest

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