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Dear Viki:

The other letter I am sending you is one that can be for public consumption at the ICFA meeting, if necessary. This one is for more private consumption.

There is one item of unfinished IUPAP business concerning its sponsorship of ICFA. ICFA members were officially appointed only last summer at the time of the August meeting of IUPAP, and their appointments have not yet been confirmed to them simply because Gregory, in his IUPAP capacity, did not have the time to act upon material which I sent to him in September and again in December. It is now my intention to send out a letter in accordance with the instructions of the IUPAP Commission. However, I have been given some pause by my conversations with you and with Rousset following your discussions in Paris.

The letter's first purpose will be the official establishment of ICFA and of the appointment of its initial members. Its second purpose will be the setting of terms and rotation of appointments on ICFA. It was the decision of the IUPAP Commission that a term of appointment should be three years, - that one third of the terms of ICFA members should end in any given year, and that reappointment for a second term should be possible but not normally for a third one.

We learned at the IUPAP meeting that the Western Europeans had turned toward a certain ex-officio basis for selecting their original nominees to ICFA. However, in our discussions we concluded that whereas it was the business of the Western European community to determine whom they wished to nominate for membership on ICFA, and on what basis, it was the IUPAP Commission's responsibility to establish lengths of terms and rotation of terms in a manner that would be most effective, in their opinion. The rotation or the non-rotation of members in some manner which is dictated by the procedures and elections of other organizations does not necessarily insure maximum effectiveness for ICFA. For example, von Dardel, Paul and Adams may each have been chosen by reason

of a particular position they held last year. It is not a matter of IUPAP control whether the terms of those positions be one year, two years or ten years. IUPAP's power of appointment was exercised with respect to the individuals nominated, not with respect to some positions that they filled.

Therefore, following the instructions which were given to me as secretary of IUPAP at the Commission meeting last summer, I established an assignment of terms of membership on ICFA. They are explained in the attached letter.

I now learn from Rousset that the Europeans are already planning a rotation, this year I believe, of von Dardel and Paul based on the ends of terms which they have been serving in other capacities. I further read between the lines that there may be reasons, other than the ex-officio one, for the replacement of one or the other of those original ICFA members.

To stick exactly to the decisions that were made by the IUPAP Commission and to the assignment which they gave to me last summer, I should simply circulate the enclosed draft letter. The membership on ICFA would then rotate in the manner agreed by the IUPAP Commission and not in accordance with any independent rotation of the assignment of other responsibilities elsewhere. Of course any individual would be free to resign from ICFA at will. His replacement, however, would not automatically be his successor in some other position. It would rather be a person appointed by the IUPAP Commission, presumably a candidate nominated by the same regional authorities that were consulted for the original selection of nominees.

In effect, the Europeans could implement their ideas about ex-officio membership simply by having von Dardel, for example, resign when he ceases to be head of ECFA and by nominating his successor to the ECFA chairmanship, whoever that might be, to succeed him on ICFA. The appointment of that replacement is an IUPAP Commission responsibility and would have to await the next meeting of the full IUPAP Commission. Von Dardel's term would extend to the time of that meeting.

I am still inclined to send the enclosed letter out in accordance with the decision of the IUPAP Commission. However, I am also ready to take responsibility for exercising some degree of judgment within the instructions that were given last summer. If there is some good reason why I should vary the procedure that is stipulated in the enclosed letter, I would be ready to consider it.

After you have had a chance to think about these matters, please give me a call. I shall welcome your advice. Francis, of course, is familiar with the discussion of the IUPAP Commission last summer, so you might wish to discuss these matters with him, also. I am sending him a copy of this letter.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Med".

Edwin L. Goldwasser

cc: F. Low

Enclosure



January 6, 1978

All Members International  
Committee On Future Accelerators

Gentlemen:

There is one piece of business in which I was involved with Gregory which now falls to me to complete.

Until last summer, and through the time of the provisional ICFA meeting which you attended, the establishment of ICFA had not been formalized. During the previous year there had been continuing discussions about the appropriate regional representation on ICFA. Although that representation had been established at the Tbilisi meeting of the IUPAP Commission, it was subsequently indicated in some quarters that a change in the agreed-upon representation would be desirable. Such a change required the action of the IUPAP Commission, and that matter could not be considered until the time of its meeting on the day following the one set for the provisional ICFA meeting. At the August, 1977 meeting of the IUPAP Commission it was voted that ICFA should be established with a membership as follows:

- 3 representatives from CERN member countries
- 3 representatives from the USA
- 3 representatives from the USSR
- 1 representative from JINR member countries other than the USSR
- 1 representative from the "Other Countries" IUPAP category
- Chairman of the IUPAP Commission on Particles and Fields,  
ex-officio

At the same meeting the Commission on Particles and Fields defined the responsibilities of ICFA as follows:

"To organize workshops for the study of problems related to an international super high energy accelerator complex (VBA) and to elaborate the framework of its construction and its use.

"To organize meetings for the exchange of information on future plans of regional facilities and for the formulation of advice on joint studies and uses."

The IUPAP Commission was presented with a slate of nominees for initial membership on ICFA. The Commission has now voted on the initial appointments for membership and has made provision for a rotation of terms on a three-year cycle. Terms will start on January 1 of any given year and will end on December 31. Individual members will be eligible for reappointment for a second term, but normally will not be eligible for appointment for a third term.

The initial members of ICFA are listed below, together with the year at the end of which their present term will end. (The cycles of rotation have been chosen alphabetically within regions.)

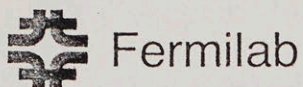
Adams (1979)	Dzhelepov (1979)
Von Dardel (1980)	Myznikov (1980)
Paul (1981)	Yarba (1981)
Lederman (1979)	Lanius (1980)
Weisskopf (1980)	Yamaguchi (1979)
Wilson (1981)	Goldwasser (1978)

I am currently serving, ex-officio, on ICFA. My term as acting Chairman of the IUPAP Commission expires in the fall of 1978, and I shall then be replaced on ICFA by my IUPAP successor. He will be starting a three year term.

The Chairman of the ICFA Committee will be elected by the members of ICFA at their first meeting in each calendar year. At the August meeting of the above group Gregory was designated to serve as Chairman. I am presently serving in that capacity since I am acting for him. However, as I have indicated in my January 4 letter to you, a new chairman will be elected at the coming meeting of the Committee.

Sincerely,

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Acting Chairman  
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Dear Professor Gregory:

Norman Ramsey has just returned from CERN and has indicated to me that you are awaiting some kind of word from me which might unblock the present stalemate in establishing the ICFA Committee and in scheduling its first meeting. This came as a surprise to me, because I have received no such information from you. I believe that the last word I have received from Rousset indicated that you were on your way to the Soviet Union and that you had hopes of resolving the impasse during that trip. I have heard no subsequent report on the outcome of your efforts.

It is quite true that I might have some reluctance to accept one or another proposal regarding international representation on the ICFA Committee. As of now, however, negotiations are being guided by information which you received after the Commission's Tbilisi meeting and by your interpretations and reactions to that information. In my letter of January 19, I indicated my own readiness to accept the revised representation, 3-3-3-1-1 which had been proposed by you. I did, at the same time, indicate my own opinion that a better way to proceed would be exactly in accordance with the agreement we had formally reached in Tbilisi with the understanding that the Eastern Europeans would be informed that all questions of representation could be reopened at the 1977 meeting of the Commission and perhaps revised at that time. It was further my realization that under those conditions the Eastern Europeans might choose not to participate in ICFA, pending resolution of the representation problem. I was ready to take that risk, feeling that not to do so would be setting a precedent under which formal actions taken by the IUPAP Commission or by the new Committee would always be tentative, subject to unilateral afterthoughts, and therefore of very little significance.

Although the above describes my own personal preference, I also indicated to you in my telex to A. Rousset on October 8, 1976 that if you had a solution in hand, involving a change in the agreed upon representations, I would be willing to go along with those changes. I did raise the question of whether, in fact, the Commission, as a whole, could be expected to go along with such a change without taking a mail poll. It was your judgment, as I remember it, expressed in your letter of January 6, that the relationship between representations of various "delegations" should not be significantly changed. I don't believe that such a possibility was ever explicitly placed before me or before other members of the Commission. I therefore do not believe that I have ever turned down such a possibility, although there may, indeed, be serious objection to it.

Again, speaking for myself, I would be quite ready to consider unilateral increased representation for Eastern European countries, but I feel that such a possibility should be considered only in response to a specific request by them for a reconsideration of the problem, and preferably only at the next meeting of the IUPAP Commission. Nevertheless, although that is my immediate reaction, if I were to be presented with a concrete proposal, I would certainly give it further serious consideration and would discuss it with others whom I feel I represent. Until now, I have not felt that any such proposal had been made. Please let me know if I have misunderstood some communication from you.

Sincerely,

*Med Goldwasser*

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cc: F. Low  
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