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Dr. Warren Weaver
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Dear Warren:

Since our telephone conversation of yesterday morning I have studied further all of the material on the proposed report to Mr. Barnard from the Advisory Committee on Agriculture. It now seems to me that in view of the importance of this report and its considerable increase in scope, we should take enough time to have it gone over again by everyone concerned before its final submission to Mr. Barnard. There may be factors of which I am unaware but as I understand the situation Mr. Barnard will receive the IHD Committee report at the end of this month. He knows our report is being prepared and has expressed interest in having it. After receiving both reports he will presumably formulate such recommendations as he may wish to make to the next full meeting of the Board, in December. If the above statements are accurate I would raise the question as to whether we must meet the same deadline as the IHD Committee or whether a delay of one or more weeks thereafter would not be entirely feasible, if necessary in order to obtain the benefit of appraisal of the draft which has been sent to each of us plus such suggestions as may result.

Although the report is nominally, as you stated yesterday, one emanating from the three agricultural advisors, it seems to me that it has now grown in scope to the point that it inescapably represents much broader interests than we first realized and therefore should probably be described as a report representing the thinking of the entire group concerned. I am thinking particularly of your statements of yesterday with reference to agricultural activities in the U.S.A. and a possible shift in emphasis within the N.S. Division. This, of course, vitally affects that Division and any recommendations involved would have to be acceptable to you. Similarly the agricultural programs are involved in all of their aspects and therefore it seems logical to me that this point of view should be directly represented also.

I should like to repeat that there may be reasons why such a delay would be serious but in view of the importance of the report and the considerable period of time between now and the December meeting, it would seem to me it would not be detrimental in view of the benefits which might accrue.

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I am appending a detailed statement of all of the questions which have occurred to me since first reading the report and subsequent to our telephone conversation. At that time you urged me to raise any points which I might have in mind and we did discuss several. Upon further study I find others which I should like to mention and I am therefore bringing them all together in the enclosed statement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dutch", written in dark ink.

J. G. Harrar

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