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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Dear Serge:

I am very sorry I did not find time to see you in Paris in September: Szczerba's sudden death brought about a complete change in my timetable.

Important things have happened since we constituted the European Group in June. Jean saw Warren MILLER at the APSA meetings and was encouraged to see Peter de JANOSI at Ford about our plans. I saw de Janosi later and found that there was some interest in broadening our scheme to include activities at several levels: Summer Schools, Research Workshops, a European Journal. Jean and I got together and prepared a rough plan for a European Consortium for Political Research and discussed it initially with de Janosi, La Palombara and Miller. I append a copy of our draft statement. As you see, we envisage the development of an active consortium of leading institutions committed to the advancement of training and research within Europe. We see great opportunities of cooperation in this direction and we think that there is genuine chance that Ford will be interested in offering "pump-priming" support for the first five years. We are convinced that this is a task worthy of some effort: we could make a breakthrough toward a "Europeanization" of political science. All will depend on our ability to establish a dynamic core group of committed scholars. We hope very much that you will join us in this effort. We have also taken informal contact with Jorgen WESTERSTAHL and Rudolf WILDENMANN and will also be in touch with Hans DAALDER. If the six of us could thrash out the details of structure and initial operations at a meeting this spring, we may be able to recruit further members in the autumn and establish a broadly based Consortium by January, 1971. Without committing itself finally to our plan, the Ford Foundation is willing to call a meeting of the core group this April or May: we do hope you will be able to join us at that meeting.

Jean and I will be in Paris for a couple of days from 11 January. We hope to see you for luncheon on Monday the 12th. If, after reading our memo, you think we should also see Touchard and/or Chapsal we shall be pleased to see them on Tuesday. What is important for us at this stage is your participation.

In fact, we shall have to discuss at some length a possible division of labour among the three of us. I very much hope that you will be able to take on the job as Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal. I also see it as essential that we ask Jean to take on the position of Executive Director

for the first two to three years: he has the right amount of dynamism and feels deeply committed to the course. My own role would be to serve as a liaison officer for efforts of data archives and data inventorying: this would be directly in line with the work I have been pursuing over the last decade or so.

Do give this careful thought but do not discuss our plans with anyone else before we see you in January: we want to keep our plan within the "core group" until we have had our meeting in New York in the spring.

This drastic expansion of our original scheme must not in any way detract you and Hans from following up your plans for an April seminar on legislative behaviour. This plan should be implemented irrespective of what happens to our larger scheme. I am writing to Hans to this effect. I have already informed my Norwegian colleagues about the meeting and told them to take steps to find funds for travel.

Please let me know soonest whether we can meet on the 12th. I shall leave here on January 5th and can be reached in Bergen (Institute of Sociology, Christiesgt 19) on the 9th. In Paris you can reach me at the Mars Hotel, 117 Avenue de la Bourdonnais or via ELINA ALMASY.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours ever,

Stein Rokkan

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cc: Jean Blondel