INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BIOCLIMATOLOGY AND BIOMETEOROLOGY

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Dear Doctor Davies:

Re: 6.683/59/DT/CL/BI

I was truly gratified to receive your letter of 11 June in which you informed me that the Executive Committee of the World Meteorological Organization had resolved to develop a program related to human bioclimatology and collaborate with this Society. I am confident that much useful work can be accomplished by this collaboration, and I look forward to hearing from Mr. Veryard and Mr. Bourke on this matter.

I should like to pass on a few thoughts regarding the program which might be adopted. Insofar as a formal working group is concerned, I think that that would represent unnecessary duplication of the activities of this society. I would propose rather that there be a liaison committee comprised of representatives of the society who might formally report to WMO regarding the work of this society and who would assist you in answering queries addressed to WMO on bioclimatological matters. The liaison committee might have four members, one from human bioclimatology, one from agricultural bioclimatology, one from animal bioclimatology, and one from entomological bioclimatology.

The long-range goals of the society should perhaps become the focus of the program of collaboration. These goals, as I see them, are (1) to achieve a critical synthesis of what is actually solid fact and what is fancy speculation and assumption in the area of bioclimatology; (2) to document the past and current literature of bioclimatology; (3) to work with existing abstract agencies with a view to enhancing their coverage of the literature; (4) to encourage investigation of basic and applied problems urgently in need of solution; and (5) to stimulate graduate training in this complex interdisciplinary subject. We hope to achieve these ends through our journal, our congresses, and our technical committees. If active collaboration with WMO can focus on these broad goals, their more rapid attainment should be assured.

This society will hold its next congress in September, 1960. It is my sincere hope that by that time, I can report to the society that this WMO resolution has borne fruit. For the moment, please be assured of my most enthusiastic support for the ideas represented in your letter.

cc. Dr. S.W. Tromp
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Mr. P.M.A. Bourke

Yours sincerely,

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