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Dear Babbitt:

Many thanks for your comments which have greatly clarified my ideas about the NATO Science Committee. I am wondering whether it would not be possible for Dr. Steacie to write a letter to the Science Adviser pointing out the two strong points you are making. I had the impression that Dr. Seitz is quite accessible to constructive criticisms and is anxious to know the real opinions of the different representatives. It seems to me that he himself is still groping a little in the dark to establish the best method of running this committee. If this matter could be raised between meetings then Seitz might decide to have a full-fledged discussion on the agenda of the next meeting. I think that even Rabi when confronted with your points might agree that something along these lines ought to be done. Maybe we should ask him to Ottawa for a lecture and then have an informal discussion on the Science Committee. He is not as opinionated in these matters as I thought he would be.

There is another thought in connection with relations of D.R.B. to the Science Committee but I hesitate to put this on paper. I shall wait until March when we can discuss these matters personally.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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(Written by Dr. Herzberg but typed
and signed in his absence)

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