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Dear Friends,

This year I am writing you from Paris where I have spent the year as the consultant responsible for development of a Culture of Peace Action Programme for UNESCO - the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. As you can see from excerpts from the recent speech by the Director-General, this programme is going to be a high priority in the coming years, and I am privileged to play a role in its development. I just learned that the Director-General plans to offer me a position for the coming year and on that basis I'm requesting an additional year of leave from Wesleyan.

As you might imagine, it's been a most interesting year. Besides the fact that I'm living in Paris and speaking French, the role that I have as United Nations functionary is very different from that in the laboratory and the classroom. Perhaps you can get some idea about the kind of work I do from the two pages of excerpts from the Programme as it was presented to the General Conference of all Member States of UNESCO in November. Since we have put an emphasis on country programmes in areas of United Nations peace-keeping, I was fortunate enough to undertake missions to both Mozambique and El Salvador to meet with the UNESCO staff who are coordinating our activities in those countries, as well as with people at the grass roots level. And now that the Programme has been approved by the General Conference, we are in the process of establishing a team of people who can put it into operation.

Wesleyan has been very supportive of me in this work, and I hope to be able to come back to the University once the Programme is firmly established, serving as an adviser rather than administrator of the Programme.

It was with some regret in August that after more than 20 years of operation, I had to close down the lab on the fifth floor of Judd Hall. Ironically, two of our best papers have just come out this fall in the journal *Physiology and Behavior*, and I have enclosed their abstracts. Eventually, I hope to reopen the lab and resume the research, but it makes no sense to keep animals in the laboratory just waiting around without knowing when it will be.

Since I haven't been in the country this year, I have been out of touch with most of you. I do see Ghassan Medawar from time to time since he is studying here in Paris, and I appreciate the correspondence that arrives from a few of you, and which I have tried to answer with reasonable promptness. If any of you plan to be in Paris, please give me a call at (331) 4568-3803 at UNESCO.

Lindsay and I send you our best wishes for a happy holiday season and a fruitful and peaceful 1994.

Peace, David