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*My dear friend,*

It was a pleasure to meet you again at our CEB Retreat in New York. I especially enjoyed the discussions on NEPAD as well as on the overall situation in Africa. This was very helpful in singling out the urgent need to take into account the psychological basis of sustainable development. I am more and more convinced that it is really an advantage for me to be headquartered in this great continent Africa.

As I mentioned there was a meeting of scientists linked with the Indian Ocean experiment (Index) and the so-called Asian Brown Cloud only three days before the CEB Retreat. The venue for this meeting was the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, which is linked with the University of California in San Diego (UCSD). Among the participants at this meeting was Prof. V. Ramanathan. He is, as you most probably know, working with the Scripps Institute. We also had the pleasure to have with us in addition quite a number of very senior scientists from Japan, India and China, Prof. P.J. Crutzen from the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz as well as Prof. Henning Rodhe of the Stockholm University's Department of Meteorology. NOAA was also prominently represented.

At the end of the discussions, it was a common denominator of all participants to link this scientific work as soon as possible and as intensively as possible with WMO. It was therefore decided to hold the next meeting of this scientific group in Geneva to maximize the chance of your personal participation if ever possible. I was in addition asked to request your backing for early contacts between Prof. Rodhe and yourself or with the head of WMO/GAW, Dr. Len Barrie. This was the specific request of Prof. Rodhe. He enthusiastically informed me of the very close cooperation he had with you especially at the University of Nairobi. Again, I want to repeat his best greetings to you on a written basis.

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The topic of particulates and aerosols seems to me to be one of the important topics with regard to environmental consequences to human health, agriculture and also to climate. Our old friend Prof. Molina has just published a book on air pollution linked with mega-cities, in this case with Mexico City. I am also happy to inform you that the new Chairman of IPCC, Dr. Pachauri is fully informed on these ongoing activities. In addition I learned that we are both invited to participate at the US Climate Change Science Programme: Planning Workshop for Scientists and Stakeholders to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December in Washington.

I will most probably have the chance to be in Geneva once again on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. I would appreciate very much if you have the chance for a short meeting, maybe even for a luncheon.

With my best regards

Yours sincerely

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