

September 23, 1968

Dr. Olrich Vinar  
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Dear Dr. Vinar,

Some weeks ago I wrote regarding the forthcoming meeting of the CINP program committee, requesting a change of date. Since then, the events in Prague as reported here have become more complex, and we are sure that you are preoccupied by these events more than the CINP. Knowing that Dr. Itil planned to be at the WHO meeting to which you have been invited, I am taking the liberty of sending this letter with him and enclosing another for Dr. Vojtechovsky. I would be grateful if you would deliver it to him privately.

We are aware that the present political situation may impede your programs in your laboratories. We have discussed this problem at length here, and we are prepared to offer you an opportunity to continue your studies here. If you wish to join us in New York (or wish to join another laboratory in the U.S.) we will file the necessary forms to permit you to enter this country. At the present time, the State Department is cooperative and will make visas for scientific workers available with minimum delay (2-3 weeks) under the DSP-66 exchange student/teaching programs. If you will write, or indicate to Dr. Itil that such a step is in your interest, we will arrange to have such a visa available either in Prague or in any consulate in West Germany, Austria, France, etc.

You should know that Drs. Roubicek and Volavka have indicated their desire to join us.

If this is of no relevance, or not feasible, I still look forward to working with you on the Program Committee of the CINP.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Psychiatry

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