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Gentlemen:

Your document on the Consortium is excellent -- carefully reasoned, well structured and clear. It was a pleasure to read it though the acronym of the child to which you are giving birth is a sheer horror.

A necessarily quick reading of the document generated a number of comments from some of my colleagues and I am relaying them to you in time for your weekend meeting. If you wish to talk to me about them, please do not hesitate to call.

1) Legally and administratively what kind of organization will ECPPR be? Will it have its own legal charter? How would it receive funds and how would it make grants for workshops and seminars to other participating institutions?

2) Will national financial contributions to the activities of ECPPR be restricted to the workshops and seminars or might they be sufficient to meet also the central administrative expenses?

3) Will ECPPR have any admissions standards for new members? Can any university paying the fee participate?

4) Will the ECPPR also play the role of consultant to the universities that wish to develop new programs in political science? Will ECPPR promote and design new political science curricula?

5) Is there a role in ECPPR for non-computer oriented political scientists who use traditional methods but who may be concerned with problems of

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public policy analysis or the policy making process? Would some of the workshops focus on themes which might utilize the skills of both quantitative and traditional political scientists, thus promoting communication between them and encouraging some cooperation? Where does the international relations scholar fit in?

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Peter E. de Janosi

P.S. The following comment relates to the selection of initial participants rather than to the draft document. Nonetheless it is an important point:

In approaching the question of French participation the ECPR should proceed not only with an open mind, but with a sense that the consortium should see as part of its role the introduction of some training in quantitative analysis in some places where it is now absent. There is little doubt that The Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques could benefit from participation in the consortium and the personality problems must be solved. The Fondation is the logical French participant, however, someone might also have a look at the roster of social scientists now teaching at Vincennes.