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Mr. Clark M. Eichelberger,
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Dear Clark,

It seemed to me that the resolutions offered the other day for presentation at Geneva were scarcely consequential enough. What would you think of something along these lines?

WHEREAS the United Nations' Commission for the Creation of an International Armed Force (insert exact name) is composed exclusively (omit if not true) of military men and has now been in session at frequent intervals for _____ years without reaching agreement,

BE IT PROPOSED that the Commission be discharged and its membership replaced by civilians so distinguished in the sciences, arts and professions that they may be considered capable of the original and far-sighted thinking necessary to reach agreement on the disputed issues.

I realize that the above contains technical errors, but you can eliminate these and Dana Backus can put it into the customary form. I would like good, vigorous evidence to come from our group that we are tired of conventional thinking on such matters and willing to recommend a more daring approach. After all, it is civilians, not soldiers, who have made modern war so dreadful a thing that civilization dare not allow another; it is the imaginative civilian, therefore, who will best be able to devise means for agreement on the international force to prevent war.

Perhaps you would like to put the preceding sentence, too, into the proposed resolution. Possibly the mere presentation of this resolution would have some beneficial prodding effect.

Let me know what you think of it.

Hoping you and Rose had a fine and restful vacation,

Devotedly,

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Michael Heidelberg