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Dear Prof. Joyner -

Yours was a most thoughtful article in the O.H.E., and I've already copied it to a number of my colleagues.

May I impose on you?

Last week, Pres. Mitterand inaugurated a new Academie Universelle des Cultures in Paris. Some months ago I had suggested that "Intervention" be the principal theme of work for 1993, culminating in a major Intern'l. Symposium. That proposal was adopted in principle, and I will play some role in further organization. But this is not my primary academic specialty.

Can you help me with any further analytic work of your own, or issues of annotated bibliography?

I am less interested in "rights of states" as a normative legal concept than I am about the pragmatic or policy implications of relegating or weakening the international

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system based on the consensual myth of sovereignty. ... and how states asserting such rights acquire their legitimacy.

At any rate it is some 30 years since I've read on the international system in any systematic way; and you could help me with a quick catching.

Sincerely,
Joshua Lederberg.

P.S. I also work closely with the Council on Foreign Relations. — and Emil Schwelb's workshop on UN.

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