Dear [Name],

I had hoped to see you about the full hour with P.C. at 5:45. I am deeply sympathetic with your objectives, although I think it might be more useful if I were to identify myself with your group just now. I am not absolutely convinced of the desirability of taking a certain stand on scientific issues and though I do not criticize you for doing so, I would prefer to work a little differently myself. The most important function of an advisory group should be to advise, e.g., when real issues are as a whole of scientific policy and I am not sure this can be effectively coupled with public statements of criticism unless there are also ready to voice public criticisms of P.C. policy as well. Broadly, the provision of the possibilities of the latter, and in hopes that the issue will materialize by virtue of a P.C. victory, I think my qualifications meet any independent public position.

If I can be of any assistance in a truly advisory capacity, please call on me.

P.S. 1. We should be careful to avoid miscalculating an atmosphere where appointments such as PSC or DEC or some neutral Dept. of Science will be considered to members of the party in power. (Or we'll be damned in a D. administration - whom could we then find?)

2. Of course I do not object to private political criticism, but I would like to know at least what he would do in the P.C. (which does give you some weight in the press) without your being responsible for it.

I know you must be very busy - don't stress yourself too much only
I thought carefully about your letter to Enjist and did just the opposite when you discussed the accelerator. I'm sure this was disreputable, if not deplorable, from the wiser.