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Dear Dr. Thirring:

Thank you for your note of January 29th, with its keen comments. I do agree that a conference on "the nature of aggression" would be a splendid idea. It is an accusation hurled by every nation at every other, and so has political implications. But by studying the psychology of the subject perhaps the world would be wiser, and see that aggression is not an inevitable instinctive response. Even Lorenz does not ~~claim~~ claim that it is.

I hope you will make the proposal to UNESCO.

For 4 months I am working on problems of prejudice at this East-West Center where I meet many Asian scholars of varied professions. It is an interesting experience, and makes one realize that educated people of all lands are not aggressive, but rather are "brothers under the skin."

With good wishes for your important work,

cordially yours,

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