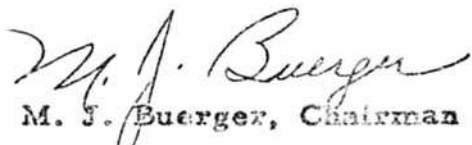


April 18, 1957

In an earlier letter you have been invited to send a delegate representing your country to a meeting to consider the formation of an International Mineralogical Association. Because of the favorable response to this invitation, it seems likely that a good deal of business can be achieved at this preliminary meeting. It seems possible we may be able to set up a Provisional International Mineralogical Association through these delegates at the Montreal meeting. The advantage of such an organization would be that it would have authority to elect a constitutional committee which could perform a great deal of the initial work in planning for the establishment of the eventual International Mineralogical Association. It seems possible that this final body could come into existence at a meeting (which was proposed in the earlier invitation) to take place somewhere in southern Europe in approximately April, 1958.

In order to insure adequate representation of the countries concerned, would you be good enough to send me the name of the delegate proposed by your society or your country at the earliest convenient date.

Sincerely yours,



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