Mr. Ritz, thank you very much for your 2 letters. It was very good that you took the time to inform me of your activities, and I am happy at their scope and range, and your undiminished vitality, to carry them out. I think your most valuable investment is in the young generation which needs all the encouragement and help it can get to meet the challenges that are expressed in your manifestos. Only if the younger generation becomes less self-centered and less corrupt than our present politicians, and more public-minded than our industrialists and financiers, is there any hope for the future. I am glad to see you combine personal advice and financial help.

As far as the Megna Centre of Duties is concerned, I am less optimistic. Of course I agree, and everybody in his good sense, will agree with your point. This is, after all, what the mal environment lists fight for. And I agree that it is important the group of outstanding scientists and famous people join the chorus. But the failure of the Rio de Janeiro Conference has shown that the voices of the Western industrialists and financiers supported by their governments are stronger than the voices of reason, of common sense, and of alarm, hope that the Trieste Meeting will get sufficient publicity, but I doubt that it will shake the conscience of any one of those who now hold the power, except the confrontation of the group which you are going to assemble in Trieste with a group of elite in industry and finance and some leading politicians of the Western countries. In another conference would be interesting.

I have read the article of Roger Sproat of 1972 which you sent me. Of course, I agree with...
The part that still deals with the preservation of the environment, etc., to which you refer in your letter end in your Migne Celsi. But I tried the more philosophic part of which he bases all values on science, or better, on the rational, a bit naive, I have said in one of my essays that "science is only one window to the Universe" or better, to our understanding of "existence." Would your sister Pauli agree that the value of her art, of all art, is based on a rational? And is it not a bit arrogant to throw all religion, all mysticism, that gave many generations of humans spiritual support out of the window? 

Well, enough for today, I am looking forward to your visit. A report on gerty Core will follow. Greetings and love, also to Pooi.

"Yours. William"