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Dear Dmitri:

The meetings to which Goffman refers in his letter are the convention of the International Sociological Association in Mexico City. I had been in touch with Ralph Turner of UCLA. He was then a (or the?) vice president of the ISA and in charge of getting a program organized. Turner asked Smuel Eisenstadt to organize and chair a session on macro theory, and he asked me to do the same for micro theory. Eisenstadt and I agreed that this division was not very meaningful, and we planned to publish the papers in one volume together (which, however, did not happen for silly technical reasons).

As session organizer I contacted Goffman to participate and chair a sub-section which resulted in some correspondence and one telephone conversation (when – I believe – he was in Paris and called me from there). He had agreed to my suggestions, but then got seriously ill, which resulted in the letter.

Let me know if the precious piece gets to you.
Best wishes to you and yours,

Horst