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Dear Prof. Dioumayev,

While in London recently I spoke to Professor Matthew Meselson who is on sabbatical leave from Harvard University for several months. He asked me to contact you again about the previous proposal for him to come to the USSR with an interpreter and one of the three people mentioned (Prof. Joshua Lederberg, Nobel Laureate and President of Rockefeller University, Prof. David Baltimore, Nobel Laureate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, or Prof. Paul Doty, Prof. of Biochemistry at Harvard).

In view of the welcome change in USA-USSR relations since our last discussion, Prof. Meselson considers that the suggested visit to Sverdlovsk, if implemented, would have a very beneficial effect on U.S. attitudes.

He stresses that the visit should be made as soon as possible. If necessary, Prof. Meselson would be prepared to come to Moscow alone if the purpose of his visit would be to work out details for the visit to Sverdlovsk of his group.

I agree with Prof. Meselson's assessment of the positive results that could be expected from such a visit, and fully support his proposal. I am taking advantage of Dr. Vladimir Pavlichenko's return to Moscow from Geneva on 7 March to convey this letter to you. I suggest that you reply directly to Prof. Meselson at Fairchild Biochemistry Building, Harvard University, 7 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138. If you prefer, you can answer through me in Geneva. Please reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Martin M. Kaplan  
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cc: Prof. M. Meselson