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Professor Vitalii Goldanski
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Moscow, USSR

Dear Vitalii,

I am having this delivered by Vladimir in order to save time.

First, I am very glad to hear that the results of your second by-pass operation have been successful. With your new duties you must be careful not to overtire yourself.

I am writing this specifically to ask you once again to do your best to obtain positive action with respect to Matt Meselson and his group to visit Sverdlovsk. You will recall that you, Matt and I spoke to Deputy Foreign Minister Petrovsky after our conference in Dagomys last September. I saw Petrovsky again in India in November in a meeting we both attended celebrating Nehru's centenary. Petrovsky indicated that he knew of no difficulties with respect to the visit. Matt arranged for Bernard Lown, Co-President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, to contact Dr. Chazov, former co-president of the IPPNW, to use his influence and again we heard that there is no difficulty about the matter, but no action has been taken to date.

In April I spoke to Professor Joshua Lederberg, President of Rockefeller University and Nobel Laureate, who is very interested in the matter and probably would accompany Matt to Sverdlovsk. Lederberg is a major advisor to the State Department and Department of Defense. He told me that the continued refusal by the USSR to take action on a visit to Sverdlovsk is doing great harm in Washington quarters. Matt has learned the same thing. For this reason I strongly urge you to determine why there is a hold-up and to do your best to unblock any obstacle.

Both Matt and I look forward to seeing you in July at the Pugwash Conference in Cambridge. With warmest greetings to you and Milo,

Yours,

Martin M. Kaplan

*Matt,
Parabicholes was here for a Pugwash
meeting. I sent this with him, as well (over)*

as the drafts of the BW and CW
chapters of the verification book
(also sent to Lohs)