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Dear Miss Allen,

Thank you for your letter of 18 November regarding Professor Heden. Without question your best source of information would be Mr. Robert Nield, formerly Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, where Professor Heden has done a considerable amount of work. I believe he is now Professor of Economics at Oxford but this must be verified.

There is no question that Professor Heden has devoted a great deal of his time to the study of chemical and biological weapons and their control. I must admit, however, that my opinion of him is mixed. In my estimation his approach is sometimes over enthusiastic on details and without a clear grasp of the overall problem. I am sure that you will be able to form an accurate impression of his approach to the problem by reading several of his articles. I hope this is of some little use to you.

Sincerely yours,

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