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Dear Klaus,

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter of 26 February on the TV films and your previous letter enclosing material on the possibilities of biological warfare.

Dr Handler is away and I shall take up with him your letter of 26 February as soon as he returns. I shall ask him to straighten out this matter with Kiuranov as soon as possible.

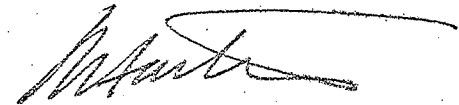
The information on biological warfare is well known to us and we are keeping this question in mind for the UN review of the BW Treaty which will take place in 1980. The facts and conjectures are not too wild and are useful for worst case analyses.

We are in the midst of an ACAST meeting on the UNCSTD Conference, particularly with regard to Forum A. The meeting will go on for another week and perhaps some reasonable decisions will be made.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P.S. From your covering letter of 6 February, I am curious why the author (Dr Andrej Solomatin) wrote the paper. Does he in fact have any grounds for the suspicion he voiced to you? I should appreciate your trying to determine this. The contents of the paper itself present nothing new, even though a bit amateurish from the technical point of view with respect to several aspects.



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