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Dear Mr. Roberts:

When talking with Professor Frucht, I got the strong impression that he was attempting to be as accurate as possible in relating his personal experiences. But I find it extremely difficult to believe that his GDR military acquaintances had any official access whatever to highly sensitive Soviet strategic war plans for an area outside Europe. Also, the "Alaskan Plan" seems to me far-fetched, both in respect to the likelihood of execution and its military effectiveness. I know nothing to make me conclude that the Alaskan Plan existed.

You ask about the effectiveness of modern chemical weapons under arctic conditions. Effectiveness is seriously reduced for persistent agents. Cold slows absorption through the skin and winter clothing gives considerable protection against skin contact.

Sincerely yours,

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