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Dear Bob and Chuck,


I was more surprised with your letter of 14 December than you were with my memo of 25 November. On a matter of principle: my capacity as Secretary General does not exclude my voicing personal opinions on substantive issues at any time, e.g. my article in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. Perhaps you don't read my annual reports given at our Conferences. The second part of these reports are highly personal, although they also try to reflect what I believe many of our members think and feel on certain subjects.

I have never stated or even implied that all members of our CW workshops agree on conclusions concerning subjects discussed. That would be plain stupid in view of USA and USSR participants (as individuals) in our workshops, not to speak of other nationalities represented. And all our workshop members know this, including yourselves I thought. Also, they are expert enough to come to their own conclusions when presented with all the facts. Nevertheless I will do as you request (about a personal judgment) in my next memo to the group to preserve, in your terms, Pugwash's utility as an objective forum for discussions.

You have received notice by now of the postponement of the next CW workshop. A complete working group will be devoted to the subject at our annual Conference to be held in Sweden 9-15 July. I am trying to arrange for key members of the CW workshop to attend including Lohs, Dymaev, Meselson, Robinson, Goms, Lundin, Mietinen, and one of yourselves. Enclosed is a copy of the agenda for the Conference in Sweden. Let me know how you feel.

Here's for a non-Orwellian 1984.

Yours,


Martin M. Kaplan

M.M.K., Wasth's letter for review then by ACDA?

cc: (not on original)
Meselson)
Robinson) with copy of their letter

London office (ditto)