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Dear Dr. Kaplan:

For the Pugwash statement regarding the Biological Weapons Convention review conference, I submit the following two suggestions.

1. States party should be encouraged, if they have not already done so, to embody the provisions of the Convention into the body of their domestic law. This has been done by the United Kingdom and France. It should be ascertained which states have yet to do so. The U.S. is one of these. Legislation was twice submitted by the White House, most recently in August 1980, in order to accomplish this. For information, I enclose a copy of the bill, House Resolution 7977, 96th Congress, 2nd Session. The bill was referred to the Committee on the judiciary but was never acted upon.

2. Consideration should be given to establishing a list of notifiable disease out-breaks of which would be reported to the World Health Organization. Such diseases should include those which have been known to be of particular interest with regard to biological warfare.

Sincerely,

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