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Maybe I should come over for a few days
in mid-January? I want to get
the peripatetic research-assistant scheme
fully A.P.P. if you think it a worthwhile
idea.

Julian R.

With Compliments

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19 December 1984

J M Furman
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By Swiftair

Dear Mr Furman

GRANT NO. 84-342

Thank you for your two letters of 13th December. Needless to say, I was delighted by their news that the Foundation had decided to support, as part of its new International Security Program, the joint project on chemical and biological weapons which we here at Sussex are engaged upon in collaboration with Harvard University. It will now become possible for us to do some really concerted, innovative and forward-looking research within this project, with some real expectation of improving the foundation for prudent public policy-making in the dangerous area of CBW. I hope that our work will indeed live up to the fine expression of confidence which the Foundation has made by its decision to support the work so generously.

I enclose herewith as requested, the copy of the first of your letters of 13th December, duly counter-signed in the place indicated by the Administrative Secretary of the Science Policy Research Unit on behalf of the University of Sussex. We have, of course, closely studied the terms and conditions under which the grant is to be made. We do have one query about them, set out below, on which we would have preferred prior consultation with you, but we have been mindful of the time-urgency expressed in the letter.

One query arises primarily from the circumstance that, between now and the end of 1984, we shall not have time to consult adequately with Harvard about how exactly the funds made available under the grant should be allocated.

Specifically, we can envisage some of the particular research activities on which we might decide to embark, especially some of the archival research, not being completed within the three-year period of the grant. Decisions on whether to embark upon those particular activities in the first place

must be conditioned, in some degree, by the attitude which the Foundation is likely to take on the question of whether the grant funds and any income thereon remaining unexpended during the three-year term might be available to support the completion of sub-tasks remaining uncompleted at the end of that term.

We would very much appreciate your opinion on this point as soon as it may be convenient for you to consider it.

Yours sincerely

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