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Dear Sir,

I am under scholarship from the Volkswagen Foundation and currently working on a research project over "The Initiation of Weapons Control Agreements through Unilateral Restraint". The research work I am involved in requires materials and information, that are unobtainable outside of the United States of America. Because of this, I plan to visit the United States of America during September of this year and will be staying in Cambridge for one week.

During my investigations under the framework of this project, I have been led to the study of historical, unilateral actions as the starting ground for weapons control negotiations. One particular example of this is Richard M. Nixons Chemical and Biological Warfare Policies, of 1969-1970. While in the United States of America, I would like to study the background work and resulting effects of those policies. The most important question is how strongly Nixons unilateral initiatives contributed to the conclusion of the Biological Weapons Convention of 1972.

Aside from document and literature studies from this time, I hope to conduct interviews with political activists and scientific observers. Since you were involved with the formulation and transposition of Nixons CBW-Policy, I would be very pleased if you could honor me with an interview.

If it is possible that we may set up an appointment for an interview during my stay in Cambridge, then, please, could you respond accordingly.

Sincerely,

N. Bohler