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Dear Matt and Julian,

I enclose the more interesting official statements made at the BW Review Conference thus far, but apparently a nasty dispute broke out in the plenary session yesterday afternoon which unfortunately I missed.

I was told that Lowitz made a savage attack on the USSR about not answering satisfactorily allegations about Sverdlovsk and CW, bringing with him for distribution all the official U.S. statements on the subject since 1980 (Haig, Shultz, etc.). He cited numerous instances of unanswered allegations. Issraelyan then took the floor mentioning that recent terrorist activity, and now another bomb had been dropped in their midst. He said that if a constructive review conference document was not desired, so be it.

Andrzej Karkoszka reported this to me this morning. He saw Bob Mikulak afterwards who said they were following instructions, but that everything would turn out well in the end.

I had a long talk with Dickson of Science yesterday explaining our views on the overblown attention being given to genetic engineering and declaration of P4's as the best way of handling the matter.

Let's await the next round.

Yours,

Martin M. Kaplan.