

Mac Arthur

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Dear Ruth,

Here is my summary of the discussions I had in Moscow about the 1979 outbreak of anthrax in Sverdlovsk, together with some other relevant items. At the end of my memorandum you will find a list of three further steps we mutually agreed to take.

First, the return visit to Moscow is being organized. Lewis Thomas has agreed to head it up. I will soon send Burgasov a list of distinguished medical scientists, drawn up by Lew, including persons from the CDC and the NIH. Later on, Lew would select a smaller group, subject to individual interest and availability. I do not plan to attend. At \$2100 per round trip tourist class fare New York/Moscow and allowing an average of \$500 for domestic U.S. travel and other costs, plus \$2000 for follow up costs, this project would need approximately \$15,000 for a group of five, consisting of Lew Thomas and four others.

The second project, the proposed visit by the Soviets to the U.S. would cost approximately \$11-15,000 for a group of four staying in the U.S. one week, depending on the air fare basis.

The draft manuscript the Soviets gave me has been translated and I will edit it and return it to the authors in the near future. The translation costs for this project will amount to about \$1,000.

In addition, I estimate that I will spend approximately \$4,000 over the next six months overseeing these various projects and directly related matters. This would include travel (to Washington), telephone, express mail, and secretarial office services.

On another subject, I enclose an interview from the new issue of ACT.

Let me know your reaction to this.

As ever,

Matthew Meselson