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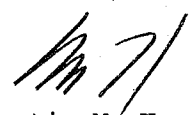
Ambassador Valentin Falin  
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Dear Ambassador Falin,

Many thanks for your letter of 5 February 1988 and the enclosed copy of the letter you sent to the editor of the New York Times trying to clarify your interview with Flora Lewis. I have read the original article written by Flora Lewis on her talk with you. The fact is that any mention of gene engineering in the USA raises an alarm of its possible use as an agent of Biological Warfare. I am afraid that is what has happened with respect to your interview with Mrs. Lewis and I doubt whether your letter to the New York Times will succeed in dispelling the misunderstanding. Unless there are further repercussions I believe it best to let the matter die.

With cordial personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Martin M. Kaplan,  
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