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Dear Matthew M.

Attached is
the C.V. of Ed
Corcoran, the
retired Army officer
I mentioned to
you as a useful
point man if
you succeed in
raising some
money. Good luck,
and best regards,

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Ambassador Jonathan Dean
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Dear Ambassador Dean,

Enjoyed the opportunity to have lunch with you the other day and talk a bit of what's going on in the field. I think it's terribly exciting and I'm determined to get more involved in it all. The conference only reinforced this determination because it underlined how much things are in flux, how many possibilities there are.

If I could design my own position at this stage, I would become a research director or analysis group leader at some institution interested in the broad sweep of strategic issues. However, I recognize that I first need to build up more of a local presence and reputation, so, as I told you, I'm prepared to work very flexibly in regard to status, position, pay, and organization.

I would be particularly interested in working with an institution that has a scientific bent to it. My own technical background makes me particularly qualified to integrate scientific and political issues. Science holds the key to the resolution of many national issues, and is a potential area of wide US-Soviet cooperation. But it can also be very misguided, as I think it is with SDI.

There are a number of specific issues I have a high interest in working on. One of these is to clearly address basic US objectives vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. I will inclose an earlier proposal I had written up on this -- I think it is a central issue in all these questions of US-Soviet relations, and has been badly neglected. Even Bob Gates in his keynote talk at the conference banquet referred to the need for realistic criteria to judge change in the Soviet Union. A well done monograph on this subject would get wide attention and could have a large policy impact.

In addition, there are a wide range of areas in which science can both significantly improve the US situation and which can also serve as fruitful areas of US-Soviet cooperation. These include:

- Space exploration, especially in relatively neutral areas of astronomy, planetary research, and space medicine.

- Strategic minerals and how modern science is changing the terms of US dependence.

- Deterrence in its broader socio-political setting, as my NATO paper had outlined, but on a strategic as well as theater level.

- Economic conversion of military industrial facilities - the lack of such programs drives much US and Soviet military spending and helps keep the arms race alive and well.

- New technologies and military doctrine, especially in light of Soviet talk on defensive postures and sufficiency.

- Soviet internal policies, especially ties between the science establishment and forces for change.

- Energy development, including concepts of an ecologically sound model for a national energy policy.

At any rate, I feel there is much useful work that can be done, and one of the keys to all of it is an improved US-Soviet relationship. As to my own position, one viable option is to write monographs in support of existing programs, as I have been doing with Stan. It seems to me that this would be attractive to organizations in town that are always short of money but wanting to have a policy impact. For a modest amount of direct support, they can get an experienced professional to research and write some thoughtful pieces in their own areas of interest. They can do this without any overhead, so it is an efficient use of their resources.

I would certainly appreciate your thoughts on the practicality of this approach. Would other alternatives be better? Would the Union of Concerned Scientists have any interest in this? Who else in town would it be worthwhile for me to talk with, either individuals or organizations?

I am inclosing a copy of an updated resume. Next week I'll be out of town, but I'll give you a call in early November and perhaps stop by for a short while some day convenient to you.

Thanks for listening,

