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Dear Dr. Constable:

I do not know yet anything of my letter of November 28, 1989 that I sent from Frankfurt/Main, West Germany. In that letter I wrote that I should specially prolong my stay in South Vietnam to be able to meet you and to inform you about activities of the mutual Soviet-Vietnam Tropical Research Centre, to discuss those problems of the International Commission on Dioxin that concern me. It's a pity that I failed to meet you in Ho Chi Minh City up to the moment of my departure, January 8, 1990. Unfortunately, I had not met anyone from the French research team of Dr. Abenheim, the project of which I reviewed in accordance with your request last fall. Vietnamese colleagues promise to find out everything necessary on the problem at the Phu San Gynaecological and Obstetrical Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City and they informed me that "the French team had been but they had left ...".

Hope that if you happened to be in Saigon in mid-January, 1990 my colleagues from the Tropical Centre managed to meet you and to tell you about their activities that may be of interest for the International Commission, I believe. If there had been no meeting, then I can write about my point of view in my next letter, I mean actual possibilities of using this Centre as a stationary scientific research base of the Commission in South Vietnam for studying problems relevant to dioxin-like compounds.

And now about my plans and connected with them requests and suggestions. At the invitation of prof. John Schenkman (Department of Pharmacology, The University of Connecticut Health Centre, Farmington, CT) I am going late in May or early in June, 1990 to visit the US to deliver lectures and to have seminars on molecular mechanisms of dioxin action, interspecies differences of its biochemical and toxic effects in mammals, the development of enzyme lymphocytic and placental tests for bioindication of dioxin effects and at last the development of super-sensitive immunochemical quantitative analysis of dioxin content in mammalian tissues. Perhaps, you will get interested in my visiting your University with these lectures and seminars. If so, I can write in my next letter the exact titles of them. Let me

know, please, about your decision taking into account the fact that my Institute will pay for my travel expences and for my stay at prof. John Schenkman only. It would be very kind if you find it possible for you to inform your colleagues in other places of the US of my visit and find out if they wish to invite me to their institutes or hospitals. I am grateful to you beforehand for your help in this matter.

My second request is as follows. In June 25-29, 1990 there'll be held the 8th International Symposium on Microsomes and Drug Oxidations in Stockholm, Sweden where the most actual and "fresh" findings with respect to mechanism of dioxin impact, and namely the Ah-receptor-dioxin interactions will be discussed. It is urgently necessary for me to take part in this very representative international meeting. It's a pity but in connection with my trip to the US and then my participation in the DIOXIN'90 Symposium in the West Germany the Ministry of Public Health can pay for my travel expenses only. Therefore I would like to ask you of your opinion if some financial support of the International Commission on Dioxin is possible for me as a member of the Commission for to pay Conference fee (2.500 SEK before March 31, 1990) and modest accomodation and meals (480 SEK per night) for the period of June 25-29, 1990. If my request sounds tactless I ask you to generous and to excuse me but if the Commission finds it possible to help me then I'll be very grateful indeed. The following is the Bank account, SWIFT-address:

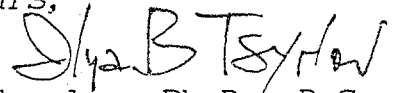
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I am looking forward to your replay. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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