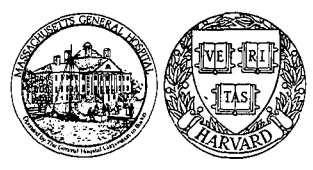


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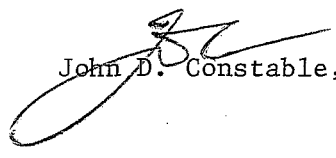
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Dear Matt,

I do not know Prof. Tsyrllov personally. She, and I suppose Ilya is a she, was proposed and has become a member of the International Dioxin Committee. This is a totally unbudgeted group, really my idea, getting a dozen or so of the best people that I could find across the world to review any protocols for work being done on Agent Orange or dioxin in Vietnam, so as to prevent a wasteful gathering of inappropriate samples. So far only the French have really submitted their protocol. They are doing a very big study there, mostly on three subjects: liver cancer (and here they doubt whether it will really work out), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the North--obviously very significant if it is positive, but not so impressive if it is negative--and Dr. Phuong's work on hydatidiform mole and choriocarcinoma in the South. Their protocol was reviewed by almost everyone in the group and a number of significant changes made. That is just background. As you can see from the enclosed letter, Dr. Tsyrllov is coming to Connecticut. I have written to her that her lecture subjects are far outside anything appropriate at the hospital or at least the hospital I know. I would nonetheless like to help her out. Any help or suggestions would be appreciated. I am off in two days to Egypt for eight days, four days in Muscat, then back for ten days before going to Vietnam for two weeks. I will try and call you during the interim.

Many thanks. With best, as always,

Yours sincerely,

  
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