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Prof. Matt Meselson
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Dear Mr. Meselson:

We write to follow up on our phone conversation requesting your assistance in the important process of reviewing proposals to Round X of the program of grants for Research & Writing in Peace, Security, and International Cooperation of the MacArthur Foundation.

As you may know, since the Foundation functions with a relatively small staff, a good deal of proposal evaluation is dependent on peer and expert review. Therefore, we would ask you to take the time to review the enclosed proposal(s) which we have assigned based on your own work in the field. To assist you in this matter, we also enclose "Notes for Reviewing Proposals to the Program in Research & Writing in Peace, Security, and International Cooperation."

The Foundation would appreciate receiving your completed review(s) and the proposal(s) as soon as possible, but ideally no later than April 8. To assist in the organization of reviews and proposals, ~~we have~~ enclosed a review form created for the use of the Screening Committee.

I have also enclosed a consultant form that will allow the Foundation to pay you upon receipt of the returned proposal(s), a signed copy of the form, and your completed review(s). Compensation is set at a level of \$100 per proposal. Reviewers should keep confidential their role in this program and the substance of any proposals. Unless you indicate otherwise in a specific case, the Foundation will similarly endeavor to keep applicants from learning of your role in evaluating proposals.

To insure timely return of your review(s) and proposal(s), please feel free to use an express mail service, including the cost of shipping in your consultant form. Please return them to the attention of Kate Early at the Foundation address.

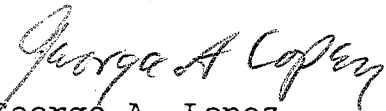
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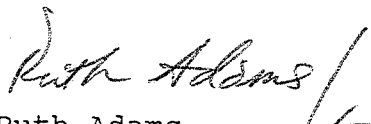
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Please call Kate Early, Program Assistant, at the Foundation or George Lopez at his Notre Dame office if you have any problems or questions. In certain cases you may feel that seeing a publication by an applicant, or obtaining comments from references, or similar information is essential to a fair evaluation of a proposal. We will try to assist you by securing such information, if possible.

Thank you for taking time from your other endeavors; your review(s) will be a major element in the Foundation consideration of grant decisions within the program of Grants for Research & Writing in Peace, Security, and International Cooperation.

Sincerely,


George A. Lopez
Chair
Selection Committee
(at Notre Dame, 219/239-6970)


Ruth Adams
Director
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Cooperation

Enclosures: proposal(s)
"Notes for Reviewing Proposals"
consultant expense form

FAX: 312/917-0200

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SCREENING COMMITTEE REVIEW FORM
Round X R & W Competition

REVIEWER M. Maselen

APPLICANT NAME Peter W. Herby

1. The value of the proposed project. How might issues of international security be reformulated as a result of the proposed research? How might the work affect policy discussions?

Because of his previous and continuing experience in dealing with mid-eastern diplomats and others on issues of chemical-biological weapons disarmament, Herby may well discover routes by which a possible stalemate on these issues in the mid east can be avoided.

2. The project in context. Does the applicant's proposal reflect an appropriate recognition of pre-existing work in the area of the proposed research and writing?

Yes, definitely.

3. The ability of the applicant. Please discuss the ability of the applicant, as reflected in the proposal and in any other knowledge you may have, to carry out the proposed work.

As an organizer - excellent.
As one who enjoys confidence of Islamic and Israeli officials involved in arms control - also excellent.
As an analyst - I have the expectation he will do well.

4. Other comments. Do you have any other comments that might be relevant in consideration of this proposal?

I do not know anyone else with Herby's degree of experience in the Mid East regarding CBW issues.

5. Ways to improve the project. Are there ways in which any key defects in the project could be remedied?

Give him his head. I think he knows what needs to be done.

6. Possible sources of bias. Please disclose the nature of any previous relationship to the applicant.

Sent of objectivity!

7. Overall assessment of the project (check one):

the project should be funded
 the project is fundable but is a lower priority
 the project should not be funded