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Dear Matt,

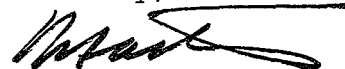
I am enclosing an agenda and a list of participants agreed with Fokin for the next Pugwash workshop to take place in the USSR in the Spring of 1984. This has been cleared with Velikhov as you will see from the copy of my letter to him, also enclosed.

I also enclose a copy of a letter sent to Dioumaev from Venice which is being carried by hand by a friend of his, Kuleshov, a very nice and dependable physicist who attended the Conference.

With regard to the other matter, Markov told me that Dioumaev's participation in Venice had been cleared with his immediate chief, and that is the reason we received word from Moscow to arrange for his visa. (I don't know whether Dioumaev was informed about this). However, when the chairman of the State Committee on Science and Technology, Marchuk, returned to Moscow he cancelled the permission. Marchuk is a good friend of Markov's, and Markov was therefore surprised about the cancellation. Markov was told upon enquiry that a strict order had come from the Central Committee level which prevented Dioumaev's participation in the Venice Conference. Apparently this was issued by the man in charge of science in the Central Committee -- Sherbakov. Markov did not consider it wise to pursue the matter further, although he had thought of asking Velikhov to speak to Zimyanin who is a secretary of the Central Committee. Markov is hesitant about going too high too often. I do not interpret this necessarily as a rejection, and it is quite possible we are dealing with a bureaucratic situation on a difficult question. Their agreement to hold the next Pugwash workshop in the USSR is interesting. We should agree on a convenient time before our Executive Committee meets in mid-December, and consult with Bob Mikulak and John Lundin about the dates.

All the best,

Cordially,



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Dr. Kyrill Dioumaev,  
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MOSCOW, USSR.

Dear Dr. Dioumaev, (*Dyumaev*)

During the Conference in Venice, several of us discussed the convening of the next Pugwash Workshop on Chemical Warfare. We do not see any particular usefulness in holding the Workshop unless it is held in the Soviet Union or, failing that, in another Eastern European country. Enclosed is the agenda.

I believe that Academician Fokin has discussed this matter with Acad. Velikhov who seemed to have reacted favourably and the question will be taken up in Moscow by Acad. Fokin.

We have asked Acad. Fokin to inform us within the next four weeks at the latest whether or not we could look forward to having the Workshop in the Soviet Union. I am sure that we can count on your support in this matter.

The subject is also included on the agenda of our Conference in Sweden in July 1984. I hope you will come.

With cordial wishes,

M. M. Kaplan.