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Dear Mr. Meselson,

I am writing to you concerning a journalist from "Izvestia", Sergei Leskov, who is currently a participant in the Visiting Fellows Program at *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. Leskov has been covering the Soviet and now Russian biological weapons program in his newspaper. Being in the States gives him an opportunity to learn more about the American biological weapons program. During his conversation with Susan Wright she suggested that he talk to you.

Leskov will have an opportunity to go Boston after April 26. Would it be possible for him to talk to you? If you could let me know when the best time for you would be, I will make the necessary arrangements. Here is some information about this Russian journalist:

**Sergei Leskov** is a science and security reporter from "Izvestia," the leading daily newspaper in Russia. He has been concentrating on the problems of development of fundamental science and high technologies. Within the past year many of his articles have detailed the crisis in Russian science. He conducted a major investigation of the biological weapons program, some aspects of which are being continued under the Yeltsin government. He also brought to light previously unknown details of the development of Soviet nuclear weapons. Leskov is one of the few journalists working for major Russian papers who provides in-depth coverage of the Russian space program. During his stay in the United States, he is investigating the U.S. side of biological weapons issues, military conversion, and the history of nuclear weapons and is preparing articles for the *Bulletin* and other U.S. publications.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,

Viktoria Tripolskaya-Mitlyng  
Director of the Visiting Fellows Program