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Dear Sergei,

It was good to see you and so many of your PTS colleagues at the Pugwash CBW workshop earlier this month. We all very much appreciated the way Ian Kenyon spoke on what was happening in the PrepCom and its associated works.

Matthew Meselson and I have since been thinking over what Ian, you and others said about the work which lies ahead for the PrepCom in which outsiders might possibly help. The educational side of your operations looks to us like one area where the Harvard Sussex Program might contribute. As you know, HSP exists expressly in order to promote *international* understanding of CBW issues (such as implementation of the CWC), and we have gained a fair bit of experience over the years, even goodwill in some quarters.

In the planning which we are now engaged upon for future HSP activities and fundraising, we have in mind a project for the preparation of briefing papers about CWC-implementation and related topics, and for the international dissemination of such information through publication and regional seminars. We are encouraged in this by the news that Peter Herby -- who, as you know, has a lot of relevant experience -- might become available this autumn to work with HSP on such a project. However, we would certainly not want to go ahead on any substantial scale without close consultation with the PTS. In fact, after what we heard at the Pugwash workshop, we now think it could make a lot of sense for the project to proceed in actual coöperation with the PTS. Indeed, the project might well be counterproductive without such coördination of our respective endeavours.

If you should have some time to spare, we would like to visit you in The Hague to learn your reactions to these thoughts and take them a stage further. If you can indeed give us an appointment, we will send on a paper ahead of time that will lay out a more concrete proposal, albeit still a tentative and provisional one. Over the next couple of weeks we shall be heavily engaged in getting out the June issue of *Chemical Weapons Convention Bulletin* (now being published here, at least temporarily); maybe after that, say on 10 or 11 June, we might visit you? Probably Meselson would not be able to participate, but Peter Herby would be free to come with me on either of those dates (or, at a pinch, earlier, though not later).

I hope I may hear from you on this in due course. With best wishes,

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