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Dear Mathew,

Thanks for Tuesday's fax. Points in reverse order of priority:

Photos: Sannikov & Romanov ... 4"x6" O'K? Give me a few days. I have no photographs of AP Poleshaev.

Jemski chat: I look forward to hearing what he says.

Skin Lesions: In the words of "The King & I" it is a puzzlement. When the interviews were conducted, were either asked if they had had contact with dead or butchered animals during the epidemic? The shoulder is quite a large area. Where exactly was the shoulder lesion on Danilov? Can you draw a diagram?

David: I have reread paras 3 & 5 of your 20th Dec fax as per your first sentence. You ask me to tell you where we differ. Please refer to my previous two faxes to you on this matter. Those points should not have to be repeated. You refer to "an important contribution" ... importance is a subjective word. We have had to accept your decision on the "importance" and seminality of Alex Langmuire's and Popova's contributions. It is not always obvious from the present script. Besides yourself only Jeanne is party to their full participation. David, in my opinion, has played a very significant part in the 1992 field investigations and since; latterly in helping us sort out who can be excluded. His contribution is not and was not limited to the pathology.

I do not know what grounds you have for your statement about David's agreement. I do know from Alexis and Olga, who had spoken separately with David on this matter, that he was not pleased at being excluded. I had delayed discussing this with David as I had hoped you would do the right thing without appearing to be prompted. Yesterday he confirmed what I had been told and stated that he wanted to be included in the multiple authorship.

cc:AS

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