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Prof. Matthew Meselson  
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Dear Prof. Meselson:

Earlier this year, we heard from a colleague of Dr. Sergi S. Novikov that Dr. Novikov would be very interested in visiting the United States to discuss the deactivation of chemical weapons. The American Chemical Society is not currently involved in this area, and we do not presently have funding to support a visit by Dr. Novikov. I would like, however, to request your assessment of Dr. Novikov's request. Would you be kind enough to look over the attached documents and, if you feel it useful, answer the following?

1. Is Dr. Novikov well-qualified scientist and a bonafide expert in this area?
2. Would a visit by Dr. Novikov be useful? Is it likely to result in any scientific activity that is not already being done?
3. Would you be interested in hosting a visit by Dr. Novikov? Could you provide local support for him?

Kindly let me know whether you believe this request should be supported if travel funds could be arranged. I would appreciate your frank appraisal of his request.

Sincerely,

John M. Malin, Ph.D.  
Administrator