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19 June 1995

Vil Mirzayanov
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Dear Vil:

Sorry for the delay. I have been totally swamped with family matters, grant applications, and numerous academic commitments.

If the enclosed letter is not suitable, please let me know what needs to be added or subtracted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Matthew

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the application of Dr. Vil Sultanovich Mirzayanov for Permanent Residency in the United States under the Soviet Scientists Immigration Act of 1992.

In particular, I wish to state that while in the former Soviet Union, Dr. Mirzayanov was employed for many years as a chemist at the State Research Institute for Organic Chemistry and Technology (GosNIIOKhT). This institute is well known to me for its specialization in the areas of chemical weapons, anti-chemical defense, and, more recently, the disposal of chemical warfare agents.

In addition to my long awareness of GosNIIOKhT and its area of work, I have also had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Mirzayanov, both in Moscow in April 1994 in connection with a meeting between Dr. Mirzayanov and a committee of the United States National Academy of Sciences and in February 1995 in Atlanta at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, where he was a guest of the Association.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor
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