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Dear Matt:

A friend recently shared with me the article by Metta Spencer in The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists " 'Political' Scientists" which recounts the important contributions made by the Pugwash movement in ending the Cold War and in arms control. Having been invited twice to attend Pugwash Conferences, but never having been able to accept, I was very interested to read this short history. I am even more disappointed now that I was unable to accept either of the invitations. I know that you must feel some significant sense of personal accomplishment for the role you and Pugwash have played in this effort.

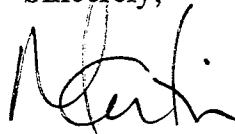
My pessimism increases daily with regard to our CWC efforts. Despite the fact that I have received little discouragement in my one-on-one meetings on Capitol Hill, the larger political fight between Senator Helms and State/ACDA over reorganization has been devastating to progress on ratification. We are held hostage to that controversy. I am convinced that ratification would sail through the Senate and implementation would have even less trouble, if we could just get them to the floor. Just when I was finally achieving a higher level of White House involvement in the fight, reorganization torpedoed all my efforts. Until that controversy is resolved, nothing is likely to happen. To make something happen on reorganization will of

necessity require compromise by the Administration on the question of reorganization, something they are showing no indication of wanting to do at this time. The acrimony between ACDA and Senator Helms on reorganization is spilling over on the ratification and implementation effort.

I am beginning to receive encouraging news from Russia for the first time. Russian performance in the past is a legacy that I have had to deal with, but now that we are seeing progress in Russia, I am stymied by our inability to get CWC on the agenda.

When you are in town, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Martin Lancaster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "M".

H. Martin Lancaster
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and ACDA Director on the
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