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To: Josh Lederberg, Matt Meselson and Julian Perry Robinson
From: Martin Kaplan _____ 25 August 1995

On 22 August I had an extended meeting with Anthony Piel, Director, Cabinet of the Director-General at WHO. We discussed potentialities of WHO with regard to decisions to be taken at the BW Review Conference in 1996. In particular, as I have mentioned in our meetings on CBW in the Netherlands, it is highly doubtful that appreciable financial allocations within the UNO would be made to support any new effort analogous to IAEA to monitor compliance with the BWC, such as full-time standing inspection teams for routine activities or allegations of use. I believe WHO is the proper organization to be given responsibility in these matters. This would mean a large saving in costs for implementing the strengthening of verification aspects of the BWC.

Piel strongly agreed with this view and outlined WHO's resources for that function: WHO's scientific knowledge and epidemiological interest as well as administrative capability and existing geographical presence in six regional offices and 110 countries of 190 Member States. I will mention this in a short working paper I will prepare for the meeting. Piel endorsed the decision of Dr. Ralph Henderson, Assistant Director-General to whom I had spoken the previous week, to send Jim Le Duc (seconded to WHO by the CDC) and Francois Meslin, Chief VPH in their personal capacities to attend our meeting. Apart from the BW aspect, WHO is greatly interested in and is expanding its program regarding new and emerging infections.

Piel emphasized, however, that WHO has not played an "enforcement" role; the UN's and WHO Member States consensus would be needed. He pointed out that there is an absolute necessity for additional funds to be committed to cover fully such purpose in view of the current budgetary and financial constraints. He also stressed that support by the USA for these matters is essential, particularly in Washington. I call this to your attention now so that it can be thought about and perhaps discussed privately apart from our meeting itself, and then with Piel himself.

Piel also passed on to me a disturbing piece of news that he said I could share with you, although it has not yet been revealed publicly. Despite a strong written agreement between WHO and Russia to retain stocks of the smallpox virus in Moscow accessible to inspectors from WHO until agreement is reached on their destruction, WHO has recently been informed by Russia (without prior consultation) that these stocks have been moved to a military laboratory, presumably in Siberia, for "security" purposes.

cc. Francesco Calogero, Rome

Matt,
I saw you for 30 seconds
the other day on CBS news reported
in Geneva re Anthrax
Love to the family
Martin

To: Professor Rotblat and Claudia, London office
From: Martin Kaplan *ML*
25 August 1995

1. Please discard the version of my paper for the London meeting sent yesterday. I have made minor but important modifications in the revised version attached.

2. You also received yesterday two minor modifications on pages 3 three and four of my book review that were suggested. They are line 12, of p. 3 deletion of (now termed executive committee), and p.4 third line of par. 3 should read myself included, held a closed private session (which was not a Pugwash meeting) to hear etc. Please let me know if this satisfies the suggestions made.

3. Claudia, with regard to your latest update of the BW meeting in December, the response to Barbara Rosenberg should be that we are inviting leading members of the ad hoc group to a cocktail reception on Saturday evening some of whom will be participants in the meeting itself, she can refer to the list you are sending. Mahy's abstract is O.K. As Francesco will realize from Batsanov's letter he has a place to stay in Geneva and that would save the hotel expenses that would ordinarily be involved. We have just received the contribution of 10,000 francs from the Federal Government in Bern which is in addition to the 10,000 francs also contributed by the Canton of Geneva. I can probably use a small part of these funds to help with travel of important participants such as Batsanov if necessary. I leave this to FC to suggest. Pearson's fax is O.K. Concerning Geissler's two papers, if they are not too long I should like to see them because he has sung the same song several times in other meetings. Perhaps he can be persuaded to shorten them or merely refer to his other publications on the subject. I am going to write Lederberg, Matt and Julian on another subject, with copy to you, and state that I have answered your item 2 and the Geissler query. Perhaps Julian will go to the Wilton Park meeting which he knows about.

CC Musselman & Julian

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