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To: PROFESSOR GRAHAM ALLISON

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Dear Graham,

1) Three military officers about whom you may wish to inquire are:

Colonel General Stanislav Yevgenievich PETROV
Commander, Radiation, Chemical and Biological Protection Troops

Lt. General Valentin Ivanovich YEVSTIGNEYEV
Chief, Directorate for Protection Against Biological Weapons

Lt. General Yuriy TARASEVICH
Deputy Commander, Radiation, Chemical and Biological Protection
Troops

Yevstigneyev attends the trilateral US, UK, Russian trilateral meetings on BW matters. I have met him on two occasions in Moscow. He does not speak English but strikes me and others as direct and reasonably forthcoming.

2) There are three different CBW fora in which there is little progress: The Trilateral BW talks, the US-Russian Bilateral Destruction Agreement talks, and the US-Russian discussions regarding the destruction or conversion of chemical weapons production facilities in Russia. As you know, lack of progress in the CBW field threatens wider US interests as well. It could be useful for you to learn what are the REAL Russian difficulties holding up progress -- separating the wheat from the chaff. Are there reasonable things our side could do that would result in progress. If not, so be it. But if the talks are frozen over issues of little real importance, high levels of the USG should be appraised of it. Happy landings,

Matt.