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Subject: Re: Pugwash 1959

Dear Julian, Thanks for your kind offer to help in any revision of the JAMA article. You will have seen by now my last reply to Breedlove, and perhaps you have received by now a copy of the reviewers' comments. I doubt that she will accept my suggestion about JAMA preparing a shortened article for inclusion in their Retrospect series which they brought up in their earlier message. During the next few days we will send all of you the excerpt in the Bull. Atomic Scientists on our '59 meeting, a set of the minutes and a complete copy of the report (including the working documents) of that meeting which all of you requested. I was glad about the arrangement for Jeanne to carry the tab for Pugwash at the First Session of the SPOPCW next month. Martin.

On Fri, 25 Apr 1997, Julian Robinson wrote:

> Dear Martin,

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> Thank you for this message. I was very much looking forward to
> reading, and being able to cite, your impending JAMA article, so
> I do hope a way can be found around the current impasse.

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> I haven't yet seen the reviewer's comments, so I don't know what
> would be involved in amending the text to cope with them, but if
> you think I could help with the amendment process and maybe take
> some of the load off you, I would be very happy to do so. Please
> let me know and I will make the necessary time.

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> If, however, you definitely decide to go down the unshrunk
> manuscript-for-the-archives route on which you solicit our help,
> remember that I am still in the process of completing my paper on
> Pugwash and CBW for Alex Keynan's project. What you had from
> me back in January is as far as I have got. I have still some
> detailed research to do on which meetings happened when and who
> participated, and such like matters. Not all of this will be
> presented in my paper but might very well go into yours. In
> fact, knowing that it might could mean that I can be briefer than
> I had intended in the project paper, and therefore able to finish
> it more quickly. Alex is breathing down my neck.

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> Best,
> Julian

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> Dear Josh, Thanks for your message about the JAMA article.
> Yesterday I
> airmailed to the three of you the comments of the reviewers, but
> I didn't
> include the onerous requirements and work involved in answering
> their
> points. I would have been willing to correct any factual errors,
> and to
> shorten the paper as I thought JAMA might take in hand themselves
> after
> they notified me that it would better fit their "In retrospect"
> series.

> But with other obligations I am facing during the next several

> months I
> could not agree to undertake the hassle that would be involved in
> answering the reviewers point by point. In any event as soon as
> some time
> and leisure permit I'll return to the article and prepare it for
> archival
> purposes, and include any factual errors I have made. In the
> latter
> connection I solicit the help of all of you.
> Josh-- yesterday I also airmailed
> to you copies of the Bull. Atomic Scientists articles in 1960
> which dealt
> in some detail with our 1959 meeting, and a copy of the minutes
> of each of
> the sessions. I am preparing for you a copy of the entire
> proceedings
> (some 150 pages) which include the working papers. I also included
> in
> yesterday's dispatch the four page
> article of Hed=E9n in the New Scientist describing the meeting in
> Mexico
> City in 1970 of the International Microbiological Congress's
> resolutions
> against BW.

> Anyhow, cheers for the ratification of the CWC.

> On Thu, 24 Apr 1997, Joshua Lederberg wrote:

> > Dear Martin

> > I will try to intervene with JAMA. But whatever you do,
> please

> > complete your article -- with factual clarification -- to your
> > own standards. It will be an important archival document, and
> sure

> > to be published elsewhere if not in the JAMA.

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