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Dear Dave,

Josh Lederberg and Alex Keynan were in Geneva a few days ago attending an ACHR meeting at WHO. Lenna and I had dinner with Josh and had a pleasant evening catching up on various matters. I brought to Josh's attention the following problem which troubles me greatly.

It concerns Julian Perry Robinson, a world recognized authority on chemical and biological weapons (CBW), formerly with SIPRI and now with the University of Sussex who, along with Matthew Meselson, a distinguished biochemist and geneticist at Harvard, have been our mainstays since the 1960s in Pugwash's CBW Study Group. Meselson and Robinson head a Harvard-Sussex (H-S) project on CBW which carries out joint activities with the Pugwash Study Group. Amongst other activities, the H-S project publishes a quarterly journal which occupies a unique and indispensable reference source on the implementation and monitoring of the biological and chemical weapons conventions of 1972 and 1993, respectively.

At the end of this year Robinson's association with the University of Sussex may be terminated since the University has no funds to support their part of the CBW program, and has depended on Meselson and Robinson to obtain grants for that purpose, which they have done, thanks largely to the MacArthur Foundation for several years, and which is also drawing to a close. Robinson does not have a tenured or academic staff position at the University which requires an endowed chair (some £1 million). At his present age (around 50) and without a pension he must look elsewhere for work or other support. His loss to CBW work would have serious adverse consequences to efforts in that field. I am therefore asking you, at Josh's suggestion, whether you could advise me where and to whom an application by the H-S group could be made which might remedy this situation. Would the Carnegie Corporation be a possibility? If not, are there other sources including private donors you could suggest? I would then pass on to Meselson and Robinson such information for their consideration.

With warm personal wishes,


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