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Dear Professor Gubanov,

Your very welcome E-mail arrived here Wednesday night at 23:25 Eastern Daylight Time, about 22 hours after you sent it.

Now that we have established good communication, let us begin to discuss specific tasks to be done for our collaborative study.

The first step is to designate the Ekaterinburg "team" -- one or two colleagues interested in the problem and willing to spend a good deal of their time before and especially during our visit. As consultants, we would of course expect to compensate them for their time and expenses. An important requirement is that we should be able to communicate by E-mail. Will they be Professors Borisov and Movozhenov, or someone else? And is your E-mail address the one to be used for communication with them?

A first step, of course, is to find accommodations for us. We are all good travellers and do not need luxury.

At this relatively early stage I would ask only one other thing. This is to arrange an appointment with Professor Arkady I. Korteve, former Director of the Sverdlovsk Medical Institute. He is a distinguished physician whose previous specialties included anthrax. During the outbreak, he worked many days in the intensive care ward at Hospital number 40. Unfortunately, he suffered an aneurism some months ago and may still be in fragile health. Please try to make an appointment for us to consult with him early in our visit. He will surely remember Dr. Olga Yampolskaya, the assistant to Professor Nikiforov, with whom he worked closely. If his health is still not good, he need not see all six of us. If at all possible, however, at least Drs. Yampolskaya, Walker, and Shelokov should consult with him. If there are any special medicines he needs, let me know and I will try to bring them. Because of his outstanding reputation, specialized knowledge and extensive direct experience with the patients, meeting with Professor Korteve is a high priority for us.

Cordially,

Matthew Meselson