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Dear Ivan,

I have heard from Prof. Rotblat about the forthcoming meeting in Stockholm on 22 October for our Pugwash Study Group on Biological Warfare. I am very pleased that this meeting is taking place because I believe that further delay might seriously compromise the chances of doing anything effective on this problem. It is of course essential to the success of the meeting that you be there, because without continuity of effort and mutual understanding and trust between participants there is little point in going on if we have to start from scratch each time. If you do not attend I seriously question whether I would go. M. Meselson will also attend from the USA, and there is a possibility that Don Glaser may also come. Glaser is intensely interested in forwarding our work in this field, and if he doesn't attend the forthcoming meeting he almost certainly will when the more scientific and technical aspects of the work are undertaken.

I am looking forward very much to seeing you in Stockholm.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Kaplan

P.S. I am here on a ten month leave of absence from WHO doing virus research.