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Dear Dr. Bjornerstedt:

Thank you for your letter of April 20. I am relatively sure that I would be able to attend a meeting of the Pugwash Study Group on September 5-7 as you have suggested.

I greatly appreciate your sending me the paragraph regarding your evaluation of the general approach of the Pugwash Study Group. As you know, I agree very closely with these views. Your statement will help me in describing the activities of the Group to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences which has set aside limited funds to support the activity of American participants.

It would be very unfortunate if the Study Group should meet without having any working documents from the socialist countries. Such an asymmetric beginning would certainly lead many Americans who might otherwise lend their support to this project to consider it unlikely of success. I know that all of my colleagues have more than enough to do with their regular duties and I quite understand the difficulty some of them may have in finding time to prepare contributions for the Study Group. However, if our colleagues from the socialist countries were aware of the importance of contributions from them, they might then take time to write. Therefore, I urge you with whatever means may be at your disposal to encourage Doctors Malek and Imshenstsky to prepare documents. As for Lapter, I can well understand that not being a natural scientist he would find it difficult to prepare a memorandum on the detection problem. In that case however, could not an additional representative be obtained from Poland?

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson