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Dear Matt:

I attach for your background use a copy of the most recent letter from Perry Robinson. What do you think about the Sussex connection? I'm not sure we can handle this but I would like to have your advice.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



William B. Bader

Attachment

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Dear Mr Bader,

Thank you for your letter of 10th February. I have at last finished a major chunk of work for the SIPRI CBW study, so I hope you will find me a more efficient correspondent.

Parts I, III, and IV of the SIPRI study have just been published in a small provisional edition, and I am sending you a set under separate cover. Parts II, V and VI have yet to be finished.

The reason why I am havoring about going to Harvard is that I understand that only brief periods of absence from the Center would be tolerated during the academic year. Part of my project requires at least three months of research work in the UK; I had hoped that I could have fitted this in during the Summer of 1970, but as you will see from the timetable I outline below, this is no longer feasible. In addition, a variety of family complications have recently arisen for me which, after my two-year absence from home, make me rather reluctant to commit myself to spending more than three or four months at a stretch in the States.

If I go to Sussex, I intend to pursue the same project as that which I outlined to you in my letter of 21st October 1969. The Director of the Science Policy Research Unit there, after talking with the Director of this Institute, wrote to say that his unit would be pleased to have me, provided I had means of support, and that Mr A. D. McKnight (who used to be Inspector-General at the Vienna IAEA) would be glad to work with me.

The attraction of the Sussex unit is that, unlike the Harvard Center, I do not anticipate any difficulty over obtaining leaves of absence. This means that I could spend as long as I liked in the USA, family permitting, without being under any actual commitment to do so.

If you feel that the Sussex unit is unsuitable, I am sure that I could find other UK universities at which to base myself. I understand that the Ford

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Foundation is already sponsoring one of the Unit's projects.

The timetable for my project has been confused by the way the SIPRI CBW study is dragging, so that my original plan has slipped by a good three months. At the moment it does not look as though I shall be clear of it until the end of June or so, unless I abandon it in midstream, which I don't in the least want to do. Thereafter my chief commitment for remaining in Europe is a consultancy for a CW disarmament verification exercise that SIPRI is organising: this will involve a conference in Helsinki and probably also visits to the USSR and the FRG in July. I can therefore probably not begin work on my project until the end of July. Ideally I would hope to spend a month or so in the States in the early Autumn to discuss the project and get some of my ideas straight. (I shall be attending the Microbiology Congress in Mexico City in August, and the Pugwash Conference at Lake Geneva in September). I should then like to return to the UK in the winter to do my UK case-study, returning to the States in the Spring to do my US case-study. This will mean spending a minimum of three months in the USA; I would hope to be able to spend much longer.

Yours sincerely,

Julian Perry Robinson

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