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Dear Matt,

I am forwarding this through Hilary Koprowski who is returning to the States.

Congratulations on the CBW article in the May issue of Scientific American. It is very well done. I am afraid, however, that Vic Sidel will not be very happy about his having his name omitted from the US group that worked on the WHO report.

I saw Rotblat last week at a Pugwash Symposium on European Science Institutes. Apparently, it was inconvenient to hold the rapid detection and identification symposium in September because there is no one to handle the arrangements in the States. We regret the postponement very much and if it turns out to be too difficult to hold the meeting in the States, perhaps it would be shifted to Europe. Gordon-Smith was with me last week and we agreed that more emphasis should be given to participants who actually did bench work on the subject. Tammelin supports the idea of a symposium. Rotblat informed me that Russian participation was assured. Such a symposium should be treated quite apart from the problem raised by Ivan Bennett and yourself about discussions on the present difficulties concerning chemical weapons at the disarmament discussions here in Geneva. These will be taken up again when the commission reconvenes within the next few weeks, but I doubt whether much progress will be made. It might be useful therefore to focus on this aspect at the Pugwash conference in Wisconsin. I understand you may be in Viet-Nam in September, and I am sure you will pick up much useful information there. There were no discussions on this problem at the recent World Health Assembly.

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It was good of you to find time to visit Lexie when you were last in Washington. She will be coming over for a few weeks in July for a visit. I shall be going to Mexico City for a few days for the International Microbiological Congress and then go on to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. I don't know whether I shall be stopping in the States en route, but if not, I shall surely stop on the East coast when I go to the Pugwash conference in Wisconsin in September.

Sam Epstein informed us about Sarah's being pregnant, and we were delighted to hear the news. We hope that everything goes forward uneventfully. Have you moved to your new home in Lexington?

Love from all here,



Martin Kaplan