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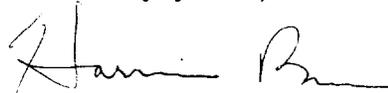
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In his letter of January 15, President Handler accepted the invitation of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR to participate in a symposium on the problems related to extraterrestrial intelligence to be held in cooperation with the Academy of Sciences of the Armenian SSR at Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory. He subsequently appointed Dr. Carl Sagan Chairman of the Academy's Planning Committee for the symposium, assisted by Messrs. F. D. Drake, Philip Morrison, and myself.

I should like to take this opportunity to confirm the invitation extended informally to you by Dr. Sagan to participate in the forthcoming meeting with Soviet colleagues. Recent correspondence from the Soviet Academy has set September 5-11 as the dates for the symposium. The NAS is presently seeking funding from the National Science Foundation sufficient to cover your transportation to the site of the meeting and expenses while attending its sessions.

I look forward to working with you on this most interesting subject with our Soviet colleagues and, I understand, with scientists from other countries as well.

Sincerely yours,



Harrison Brown
Foreign Secretary

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Dear Harry--

I appreciate that my convenience was consulted in framing the date; nevertheless it is not quite certain that I can actually attend.

However, if I do it will be as a side-trip from Paris, or Cognac, which I tell you as a factor in ameliorating the expenses.

Sincerely,