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DOROTHY PRESLAR AND STEVE AFTERGOOD, FAS

FROM: FRANK VON HIPPEL

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A COPY OF A MESSAGE THAT I HAVE SENT TO DIAKOV. LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE SHOULD SAY. I HOPE THAT THE SITUATION GETS CLEAR SOON BUT I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN TO SEND OUT MESSAGES THAT THE MEETING IS GETTING IFFY.

DOROTHY, COULD YOU CALL RAY KIDDER, TED TAYLOR, AXEX DEVOLPI AND MARVIN MILLER TO THIS EFFECT? ALSO GEORGE PERKOVICH AND ALAN KRASS. TELL THEM NOT TO CANCEL THEIR TRAVEL PLANS YET BUT NOT TO GET ON A PLANE WITHOUT CHECKING WITH YOU FIRST. IF THEY HAVE BOUGHT NONREFUNDABLE TICKETS AND THE MEETING IS CANCELLED, WE WILL REIMBURSE THEM FOR WHATEVER THEY CAN'T GET BACK. THANKS, FRANK

WHEN WILL WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR FINAL GO/NO-GO DECISION IF WE DON'T GET A CLEAR SIGNAL FROM THE SOVIETS? WEDNESDAY?

STEVE: IS THERE ANY WAY THAT YOU CAN RECALL ALL THE PRESS PEOPLE OR SHOULD WE HAVE SOME MEETING WITH THE PRESS IN ANY CASE EVEN IF THE SOVIETS DON'T APPEAR. WE COULD BRIEF THEM ON WARHEAD DISMANTLEMENT IN ANY CASE. THANKS, FRANK

From cees Fri Oct 11 11:21:17 1991 Return-Path: <cees> Received: by cdp.igc.org (4.1/072091) id AA06798; Fri, 11 Oct 91 11:21:16 PDT Date: Fri, 11 Oct 91 11:21:16 PDT From: Princeton University <cees> Message-Id: <9110111821.AA06798@cdp.igc.org> To: mpti@sovusa.com Subject: Re: to Frank von Hippel from Anatoly Cc: cees Status: R

Dear Anatoli,

Thanks for your vita material and other answers to my questions. I think that we can go forward.

Things seem to be in considerable confusion in Moscow!

Yesterday, Sergei Kortunov called me and said that it seemed to be impossible to get reservations on Aeroflot on 17 October and could I try to help get reservations on either that day or 15 October. I was surprised because approximately two weeks ago you sent me a message that Bogdan had booked the tickets.

Further evidence that you people are not communicating well among yourselves is that noone had told Kortunov to apply for a visa for Sergei Zelentsov.

Kortunov was supposed to call me today again for information about what I could do about Aeroflot but has not yet done so. I am therefore sending you the information that I have so far.

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We called Aeroflot and they said that it is not possible to get tickets on either the 15 or 17 of August even for full payment in dollars. Could you therefore check with Bogdan to see whether he informed you incorrectly when he told you that he had reservations? Or perhaps he was correct and Kortunov was not informed?

With regard to Mikhailov and Avrorin not getting permission from the Ministry of Atomic Industry and Energy to participate, my understanding from our meeting in Kortunov's office was that they did not need such permission because they were coming as consultants to the Foreign Ministry. Has that understanding fallen through?

Please understand that I don't blame you for any of this confusion. However, it is just six days before you were supposed to arrive here, we have made considerable preparations and it is not reassuring to have everything suddenly become so uncertain and doubtful at the last minute.

With best regards, Frank

P.S.: Kortunov asked us also to check whether your visas would be issued before 15 September. My guess is that, if they have not been issued already by today (Friday), they will not be. My understanding is the Sergei submitted the request yesterday. Monday is a U.S. government holiday (Columbus day) and I expect that the U.S. embassy will therefore be closed till Tuesday, which is 15 October.

P.P.S.: As I indicated to you before, between Princeton, the FAS and NRDC, we are able to provide up to \$3600 to reimburse you for any dollar costs that you may have for purchasing tickets for you, Kortunov, Manzhosov, and Sklizkov. I don't know at this point whether that might free up some tickets for 17 October if you talk to Aeroflot in Moscow. If you don't need all the money for the four of you and can use the excess to help obtain tickets for Avrorin, Bogdan, Mikhailov, and Zelentsov, that is Ok.

PPS: Please let me know as quickly as possible if you think that the workshop will have to be cancelled. We are flying people in from around the country, have reserved hotels and simultaneous interpreters, etc. and will need to cancel these arrangements. Then we will have to understand better what happened and consider whether we should try again.

PPPS: I will talk to Tony Byrne about the money for your ticket and also the \$1600 for the rubles for the Center.

With best regards, Frank

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