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TO: TOM COCHRAN AND CHRIS PAINE  
FROM: FRANK VON HIPPEL

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A MESSAGE THAT I HOPE YOU AGREE WITH.  
SUTCLIFFE  
INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS PRESSURED FROM CLAYTOR THROUGH LIVERMORE'S  
TOP  
MANAGEMENT NOT TO PARTICIPATE AND HE HAD TO FOLD. HE SAID THAT  
ONE DEWITT  
AT LIVERMORE WAS ENOUGH.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS MONDAY. FRANK

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To: Anatoli Diakov From: Frank von Hippel

High-level officials in the Department of Energy in Washington are putting pressure on the scientists in the U.S. national laboratories not to participate in the FAS-NRDC workshop on warheads. The Department of Energy is currently headed by two ex-Admirals and they apparently don't understand that the laboratory scientists are not subject to orders in the same way as low-level navy officers.

In any case, it is likely that the people that we get from the laboratories will be "retired" (Kidder and perhaps Nordyke) or not from the weapons-labs (DeVolpi).

A U.S. delegation has just arrived in Moscow to explain President Bush's initiative. The delegation includes Department of Energy officials who may try to press their Ministry of Atomic Energy and Industry counterparts not to come to the Washington FAS-NRDC meeting and only to participate in "official" government-to-government meetings.

My advice would be that the response to such pressure depend in part on whether the U.S. appears to be ready to discuss seriously internationally safeguarded warhead storage and dismantlement. There is no evidence from public statements that the U.S. government is currently interested in these ideas. If not, then I think that it is appropriate for us to continue our cooperative efforts to explore the technical issues involved on an unofficial basis.

You may wish to pass these thoughts along to Mikhailov and Kortunov so that they will not be caught by surprise.

With best regards, Frank