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Dear Mr. Eaton:

Thanks for sending me the copy of your letter to Dr. Doty. You may have seen the note in the November issue of the Bulletin which I hope satisfied you as a fair record of the assistance given by you to the scientists conferences. I apologize for not having mentioned in this note the reproduction and circulation of the Vienna Declaration.

My letter to you this summer, which is what you must have meant when referring, in your letter to Professor Doty, to a "request for further financial assistance" was a private inquiry as to whether you may consider establishing an endowment, or a bequest, which would set up the "Pugwash Movement" (and other related activities) on a permanent basis, administered by an independent board, which I thought could be formed from representative scientists, and persons enjoying your trust. My aim in making this suggestion was to permit our continued cooperation, without identification of the "Pugwash" scientists in the public eye with your day-to-day political activities. In my mind, the cooperation of world scientists is a matter of long-range significance, requiring wide support by the scientific community, and should not be identified with direct political activities of any kind.

You may remember that I had first suggested your support of the "Pugwash Movement" as permanent, viable program at Vienna in 1958; your answer was that you do not see a need for such long-range activities; you recommended instead that scientists ask the presidents of their universities to press in Washington for the removal of Mr. Dulles as Secretary of State. Bringing up this subject again in 1960 expressed my hope that the last two years may have changed your opinion as to the long-range importance of the "Pugwash Movement" and the need of an independent basis for this movement. Your failure even to acknowledge this letter suggested to me that I was mistaken.

I am sorry that the Committee--including myself--has acted so brusquely, instead of first writing to you about our concerns and

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suggesting changes in our relations, including your abandonment of the private-letter, interview, and press-release campaign, referring to and quoting "Pugwash scientists" in association with your political activities, and creating the impression (which I have encountered in every politician, journalist, or foundation official, with whom I have talked about this matter) that the "Pugwash Conferences of Scientists" are--to use Dr. Doty's harsh simile, a "baseball team" owned and operated by Mr. Eaton.

I am sure that you are not responsible for the exact text of the stories such as that published in the Herald Tribune, which has provoked our letter; but you must have been aware of them, and have had many opportunities to correct them both in the press and in private correspondence.

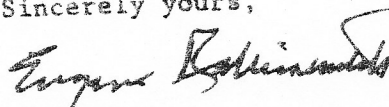
We acted as we did, rather than first writing to you, first because we had not much hope of your understanding our concerns and second, because we had to prevent a practical collapse of the Moscow conference by the refusal of the most important Americans to participate in it.

I have heard that you intend to come to Moscow for the conference. You recall that in our Letter to the Editor, we reaffirmed our invitation to you to be the guest of the Committee at the Conference, in recognition of your generous assistance. I am glad that you (and I hope, Mrs. Eaton, too) are coming; I see in this the evidence that despite our letter setting straight the public picture of our relation with you, you still bear sympathy for our efforts.

I hope that to avoid new misunderstandings, you will follow the injunction in Lord Russell's letter of invitation, asking all participants, as well as guests, not to make any public statements or give interviews related to the conference until after the end of the conference and the issuance of the official statement about its deliberations and conclusions. You know as well as I do, that your personality and your political activity cause publicity to follow you wherever you go; and this is likely to be particularly true in Moscow, where both the Soviet and the American press is likely to pay close attention to your presence and your utterances.

In this hope, I am looking forward to seeing you in Moscow.

Sincerely yours,



Eugene Rabinowitch

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P.S. Since this letter was written, I received the telegram from Miss Royon expressing your dissatisfaction with the text of the note in the November issue of the Bulletin. I am very distressed because I thought I was doing exactly what Miss

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Royon has asked me to do--correcting whatever misunderstanding may have been created by our original letter as to the extent and time of your assistance to the "Pugwash movement" of scientists. While I understood that you were unwilling to have this clarification supplied by yourself or Miss Royon, I did not understand that you were opposed to any mentioning of your or Miss Royon's name in a note written from our side. I did plan to have the text checked with Miss Royon before going to press, but because of the rush to bring the issue out before the election, this was not done in time, and I must accept responsibility and apologize for this omission.

You must have received the telegram the committee sent you from New York expressing hope that your presence in Moscow may give us a chance to discuss the misunderstandings which have arisen between us.

I am sorry that our letter has created the impression of a denunciation of your political opinions or action. We have nowhere done this. In the present political climate, this reaction may have been unavoidable, but it was not intended.

May I assure you and Mrs. Eaton of my continued personal regard.