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Dear Mr Eaton,

You may remember that in July of last year, following a public statement which was issued under my signature, and that of a number of my scientific colleagues, you very kindly offered to assist in promoting a meeting of scientists to study the consequences of the development of nuclear weapons!

Since that time, a number of individuals have expressed their interest in such a meeting, and after reflection, those of us who signed the original letter, found India to be the most suitable place. I enclose a copy of the invitation which we are sending out, so that you may see the general nature of our approach, and the list of persons who have been invited.

If the conference is to take place, it will be necessary to help some of those invited to find the costs of their journey; we estimate we shall need to raise by private donation, a sum of the order of £8,000. In view of the very kind offer which you made originally, I wondered whether you would be prepared to give us financial support. We should be most grateful for any assistance which you could give. I may add, that we hope that the conference in India is only a preliminary one, and may lead to something more important.

Yours sincerely,

Bertrand Russell

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VIA AIR MAIL

My Lord:

Many thanks for your highly interesting letter of the 4th. The projected conference in India offers great possibilities, especially if there is strong representation from all of the countries included in the invitation.

My purpose in writing you a year ago, of course, was to urge you to assemble a group of scientists at Pugwash, Nova Scotia, where I have a comfortable residence well suited to undisturbed meetings. Since I was in touch with you, several gatherings of international scholars have been held at Pugwash with signal success.

I warmly appreciate the opportunity you offer me to help with the Indian conference, but am sure you will understand that I feel I can do my own part in promoting international accord best by concentrating my efforts on Pugwash.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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