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Dear Mr. Eaton,

Thank you very much for your letter of 24th October containing a renewal of your generous invitation to make use of the facilities of Pugwash for the proposed international meeting on the dangers of nuclear weapons. As a matter of fact, we are experiencing some difficulty in obtaining the necessary finance to cover the travelling expenses to India and this, together with the uncertainty of travel arrangements in the present international situation, obliges us to consider the question of postponing the meeting.

It has been suggested that the meeting should take place about Easter time. It is not certain that the facilities that had been offered us at New Delhi would be available at Easter and so we should like to give further consideration to your invitation to meet at Pugwash. Would a meeting of about 30 scientists be possible there some time during the Easter period?

In your letter to me you very kindly offer "to co-operate in the assembling of your colleagues". Could you let me know more specifically the kind of assistance you envisaged in this connection?

There is another aspect of the proposed meeting that has to be considered. To be truly international in scope it is necessary to ensure the participation of scientists from both East and West. Of the twenty scientists who have so far accepted invitations to attend about seven are eminent scientists from Communist countries and we should like to feel sure that no difficulties would be raised in granting visas for them. Could you advise me whether there are likely to be difficulties on this score and whether, and how, an unofficial approach might be made to appropriate Canadian authorities with the object of securing the visas

for those attending the meeting?

Thanking you once more for your kind help and interest,

Yours sincerely,

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