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from: The Earl Russell, O.M., F.R.S.,

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20 January, 1964.

Dear Mr. Eaton,

The present relatively pacific mood in international affairs indicates that the moment may be propitious for the suggestion of practicable methods for ending the Cold War, especially for finding solutions of the really difficult questions such as Germany and Berlin.

Your friendly attitude to Russia and (I believe) your considerable connections with West Germany make me think that your opinions on the above matters would be peculiarly valuable. I wonder whether you would find it possible, or desirable, to let me know what sort of immediate measures would, in your opinion, be most likely to promote and intensify the present slight thaw in the Cold War.

I am thinking of measures which might possibly be adopted by ~~practical~~ governments, not of Utopian measures which are unlikely to become part of practical politics. I hope you will not consider this letter an unwarrantable intrusion. It is evidence of my respect for your judgment.

My wife joins me in sending all good wishes to both you and Mrs. Eaton.

Yours sincerely,

Bartrand Russell

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My Lord:

The proposal in your letter of the 20th, to explore practicable methods for ending the Cold War, appeals to me as possessing great potential. I will institute immediate inquiries with key people in West Germany, and be in further touch with you a little later.

Mrs. Eaton and I send our best wishes to you and Lady Russell.

Sincerely yours,

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