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Dear Mr. Eaton:

Although a month has passed the Pugwash Meeting remains vivid. It was a most remarkable encounter of East and West and I think it may in time come to be regarded as the beginning of direct people-to-people discussions across "The Iron Curtain" unencumbered by governmental interference. At least the degree of frankness and basic goodwill, which flourished for those several days at Pugwash, is the best cause for optimism that I have found.

I must, therefore, express my very deeply felt thanks for having made this possible, and for having been such an outstanding and gracious host.

Since I left before the final discussions were complete, I do not know what possibilities were actually favored for a possible follow-up meeting. I know how strong is the instinct of any committee or group to perpetuate itself, but when all of this is discounted, I think there still remains the responsibility of keeping alive and making widely felt the "Pugwash" feeling. Considering the work that might be done, it seems to me, that the Pugwash meeting achieved the essential first step—the establishment of a feeling of mutual trust and frankness among representative individuals of most of the major countries. I should favor as a next step the serious study over a much longer period of whatever comes out of the London Disarmament Conference—what to do next if it succeeds and what went wrong and how it can be overcome if it fails. This would require much technical work and planning together with a determination to preserve the feeling that the participants are not on exhibition and need not reflect strict government policy in everything they say. I have given no thought as to how this should be done, but I did want to say this much to you.

Again, please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Doty

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My Lord:

Professor Paul Doty of the Harvard
Chemistry Department makes a stimulating com-
mentary on the Pugwash meeting in this letter. I
should be interested to know what you think of his
suggestions for a follow-up meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Eaton,

Thank you for sending me Paul Doty's letter. I am clear that there ought to be a next step in continuation of the work of the Pugwash Conference. I have no definite view as to whether his suggestion is the best possible or not. Speaking generally, I feel that disarmament is not the first step since no agreement is likely to be reached on this matter until there has been a diplomatic détente about the questions in dispute between East and West, more especially Middle Eastern oil, the unification of Germany, and recognition of the Peking Government. These, however, are not matters in which scientists have any special competence. As to what scientists should do to continue their useful work, I am ~~not~~ prepared to accept the opinions of those who organized the Pugwash Conference.

Yours sincerely,

Bertrand Russell