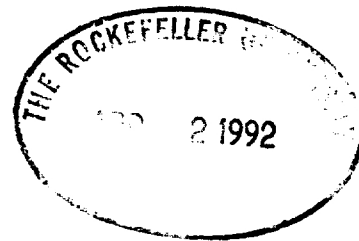


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Dear Josh:

Thank you for the memo of March 17th regarding the CISAC-BW subcommittee. I reread the IZVESTYA item -- I saw it as part of Matt Meselson's effort in pursuing the Sverdlovsk-1979 affair. Having read your memo, I should like to record my immediate response -- at least for now.

Yes, it makes sense for the proliferation issue to be central, and I share your concern about civil defense. Both issues are related to the threat of terrorism, whether rogue-state-sponsored or by indigenous fringe groups. Surveillance and a means of detection are needed. The military may have the means that are in place, but what is the status of the civilian preparedness?

You mentioned export controls -- a complex issue as related to realistic control policies that would be acceptable to the nation's own commercial interests.

I will write again as I give thought to your provocative memo. In the meantime, kindest regards to you and Marguerite.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alexis".

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