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Dear Professor Lederberg,
Here is our urgent information about the last action of our young ecological activists. They have been detained. We are hoping for your help.

Sincerely yours
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**ARREST IN RUSSIA.
RUSSIAN CITIZENS TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL DAYS FOR SAFE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISPOSAL**

September 23-24, 1994 (Moscow). The radical ecological organization of the former SU arranged the action in front of building of Russian Presidential Committee on Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventional Problems (Moscow). There were 21 participants: 19 from Russia and 2 from Ukraina. The action began at 11-20 a.m. and finished after arrest of the all participants at 12-30 p.m.. Participants chained themselves to the doors of the Presidential Committee and to each other. They demonstrated against ecologically dangerous methods and approaches to disposal of Russian CW stock, and against privately solving chemical disarmament problems. They had nonviolent means of persuasion - placards, leaflets and gas masks.

Demonstrators demanded meeting with authorities of the Presidential Committee in order to begin a direct dialog with the anti-chemical activists and public. The minor clerk of the Presidential Committee who went to demonstrators assured them that they could call him the next morning and he would possible begin the discussion. After long fruitless altercations all infringers of peace of general Kuntzevich' heirs were arrested and forwarded to the nearest police-office. Police dragged heavy chains of chained demonstrators on sidewalk. Those were mainly young ladies. The placards and gas-masks were filed as the material evidence. The leaflets were taken away by numerous representativeness of mass-media.

In the evening 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. the 19 Russian young activists was dismissed to trial (police kept they passports). The Ukrainian girls were dismissed only at night (2 a.m.) after very ill treatment. They had not got any help from Ukrainian Embassy.

Police official said that the trial would be in the morning by Monday, September 26.

Pending the trial we hope for the help of American scientists.

Lev A. Fedorov, president the Union of Chemical Safety
(Russia), September 25.