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Dear Dr. Tronko:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Ukrainian-American Scientific Protocol of Thyroid Cancer and other Thyroid Diseases.

We are pleased to hear that you and Professor Likhtarev have a complete understanding regarding the implementation of the project and that you have delineated the main tasks for the first 3 months of the project.

Your letter indicates that there was a meeting in Minsk between Ukrainian and American scientists to discuss the thyroid project during the week of March 10, 1996. It is unfortunate that a representative from our office was not included in this meeting. While I was in Minsk for only 2 and one-half days, Dr. Mohandas Bhat from our office was in Minsk for the entire week of March 10-15, 1996.

We agree that direct interactions between the Ukrainian scientists working on this project and our office are likely to be very helpful in preventing misunderstandings. In this regard, please feel free to contact directly Mr. Frank Hawkins, the Director of our office, myself, or Dr. Bhat, the Project Team Leader for European Programs, about any issues or problems relating to the thyroid study that you would like to discuss with us.

We wish to emphasize that we are working as a team with all our American collaborators who have been involved in the Ukraine-American Thyroid Project. Our office will continue to rely on the U.S. Scientific Working Group and the U.S. Associate Project Director, Dr. Bruce Wachholz, for scientific guidance and many aspects of project management. Thus, I am forwarding your suggestions for changes regarding Dosimetry and Risk Analysis Personnel for the Thyroid Protocol and the main tasks for the first 3 months to Dr. Wachholz and the rest of the American Scientific Working Group for their consideration.



It is our expectation that either Dr. Wachholz or another member of the Scientific Working Group will be in contact with you concerning these suggestions.

We are looking forward to productive interactions with you and your colleagues regarding this important project.

Sincerely,



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