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Dear Phil,

Upon receipt of your okay, I sent out copies of my letter to Geller and others at Grove. They had the hoped-for cathartic effect--the Subject Index, reviews, etc., all arrived by special delivery within three or four days. Mission accomplished.

We had an unscheduled visit from Dr. Karefa-Smart, and a staff meeting with him which convinced me that it would not be impossible to change his name to Karefa-Stupid. Well...that is really unkind. But I was disappointed with his lecture, seemingly intended for the completely uninformed and unthinking, and dismayingly elementary in approach...platitudinous, fatuously cheerful. Just as well that the occasion we had hoped for, to bring you two together, did not arise. He does seem to place value on the role of the anthropologist in WHO's assistance to Africa in medical training, that I admit, yet I would not really approach him with any confidence in his attention, follow-up, or real interest.

The Third Committee is embarked on its annual debate on the WSS, and it is an excruciating wasteland, as tedious and barren of new ideas (or any ideas) as one has come to expect. Your colleague Khacharian was in the adjoining seat and we talked right through one meeting. He even urged me to come to THE social event of the moment, the Byelorussian party, but I couldn't make it. Nice fellow, though we have some difficulty communicating (purely linguistic?). Birichev, whom I have come to like, is less forceful.

Having maligned everyone in sight, what is left except to send my fond greetings to you. I hope you are enjoying your temporary escape and look forward to your return.

With best affection,