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Some time ago I received through Professor S.L. Mandelstam an invitation of the Soviet Academy to visit research institutes in Moscow and Leningrad and, assuming that I could accept such an invitation under the conditions then prevailing, I suggested the fall of this year as the time for my visit. However, under the new situation created by the Orlov trial and similar occurrences there may be a change of policy on the part of NRC with regard to such visits.

I should emphasize that I am not particularly anxious to visit the Soviet Union again but I do feel under some personal obligation towards Professor Mandelstam to live up to a promise I made nearly seven years ago when I was visiting the Soviet Union at the time of the announcement of the Nobel Prize. Mandelstam was exceptionally helpful and kind to me at that time.

If it should become policy to discourage visits of NRC scientists to the Soviet Union for the time being I would like to tell Professor Mandelstam about it as soon as possible.

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