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Dear Member:

This is to introduce myself and to provide a brief update on some current PSR activities. I hope to circulate similar informal communications from time to time, to supplement the more detailed quarterly PSR Newsletter.

At the invitation of the Executive Committee, I accepted the position of Director of PSR on June 1. My wife Joy and I moved to Cambridge, after 23 years in Washington, on July 1.

I came to PSR from a background of some 20 years in the field of arms control and disarmament, about half of it in government, half working with public interest organizations.

I joined the State Department in 1962 after some three years in military intelligence, arriving at State just in time for the Cuban missile crisis. I worked primarily with the then-new Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, putting my intelligence background to work on problems related to verification of potential arms control agreements. In 1967 I left the government to become National Director of the Council for a Livable World, a national lobbying organization then focusing on the war in Vietnam and selected arms control issues -- in particular the Johnson and Nixon administrations' plans to deploy a nationwide antiballistic missile (ABM) system. The Council was one of the most effective public organizations behind the 1969 Senate effort to deny funding for ABM. As you know, the Council's Education Fund currently co-sponsors PSR's symposia on The Medical Consequences of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear War.

In 1971 I went to work as Legislative Assistant to Sen. Alan Cranston (D.-Calif.) and in 1972 I joined some of my former State and ACDA colleagues in launching the Arms Control Association, a national membership organization committed to public education in