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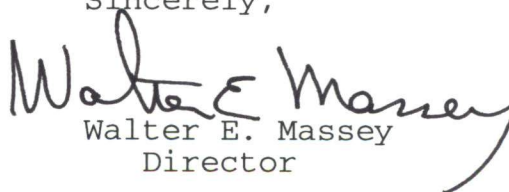
Dear Dr. Bromley:

I have the pleasure of enclosing a letter to President Bush and Russian President Yeltsin from the leaders of a joint United States/Russian research team currently conducting research on an ice station in the Weddell Sea, Antarctica.

The mission of this NSF-funded expedition is to collect the first extensive data on sea-air-ice interactions in the sea ice field of the Southern Ocean. Drs. Laurence Padman and Valery Lukin cite the benefits of increased understanding of these complex interactions as well as that of enhanced U.S./Russian cooperation.

I would appreciate your forwarding the letter to the President.

Sincerely,


Walter E. Massey
Director

Attachment

УЭДДЕЛЛ-1

СОВЕТСКО-АМЕРИКАНСКАЯ
ДРЕЙФУЮЩАЯ СТАНЦИЯDear President Bush,
Dear President Yeltsin,

March 11, 1992

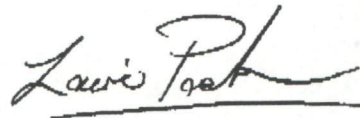
One month ago, February 11, 1992, the first ever Antarctic drifting scientific station "Ice Station Weddell 1" was opened at an ice floe in the western Weddell Sea. Thirty-two people (17 from the USA and 15 from Russia) disembarked from the Russian icebreaker "Akademik Federov" onto the sea ice, specifically to study oceanography, sea ice physics, meteorology, and marine biology. Together we have built an ice camp, where we have everything required to live for several months, and to carry out our scientific programs. Now we are busy conducting our research, to better understand the role of this region in global climate and ocean circulation.

We are now very far from our countries and families, but the cold Antarctic is binding us together. As she gradually reveals her secrets to us, she is also helping us to understand each other. We believe that this joint project not only helps the US and Russian scientists in their professional interests, but also helps people from our two countries to enlarge their international contacts and their understanding of each other.

We are the first people to live on the drifting Antarctic ice without constant support from shore bases or ships. It is always difficult for the pioneers, but we have a great deal of experience in Polar research and scientific cooperation between us. Our countries have always been leaders in Polar science, both in the Arctic Ocean and at bases on the Antarctic continent. We also know that Americans and Russians have taken the first joint steps in space research, and have demonstrated that people from our two countries could successfully work and learn about our world together. With this confidence we are carrying out our joint program in the Weddell Sea.

We believe that our cooperative effort in Antarctica will be successful and valuable for our two countries, and we trust that our project will serve as a model for future cooperation between nations.

Thank you.


Valery Lukin
[Chief of Ice Station Weddell-1]
Laurence Padman
[US Research Coordinator]