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TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 09/02/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING TO ASK FOR DR. BROMLEY'S ASSISTANCE IN
DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
THE U.S. SPACE VLBI SCIENTISTS AND THE U.S OFFICIALS
WHO ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. IN THE
FORTHCOMING G-7 DISCUSSIONS THIS FALL CONCERNING

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ASSIGNED: PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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ACTION:

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September 2, 1992

Dr. Allan Bromley
Science Advisor to the President
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 358
Washington, DC 20506

MAIL ROOM

Dear Dr. Bromley:

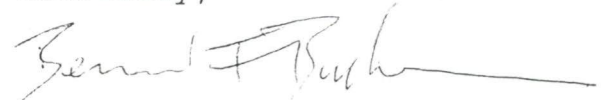
In this time of great difficulty for our scientific colleagues in the Former Soviet Union, it is important to seek ways to sustain collaborations, thus giving them support and encouragement. It is in our national interest that FSU scientists, particularly those engaged in space science and in fields closely related to nuclear technology, should continue working in their home institutions, and that our scientific contacts and collaborations should be maintained.

In this light, I call your attention to the space Very-Long-Baseline (VLB) Interferometry project known as RADIOASTRON, which was one of a number of major scientific projects submitted to the G-7 members under the title "MegaScience". A meeting of G-7 technical experts was held in Paris on 6 July 1992, at which the "MegaScience" projects were presented by Dr. I. Bortnik of Russia.

The RADIOASTRON collaboration has a noteworthy connection to the interests of the US science community. On 8 March 1990, shortly after Andrei Sakharov's death, the Vice President, in his capacity as Chairman of the National Space Council, announced that the US would participate in the project. In his remarks, the Vice President noted that the collaboration would be an effective way of honoring the memory of Dr. Sakharov, who was known to be keenly interested in the RADIOASTRON project.

I ask, therefore, for your good offices in developing effective lines of communication between the US space VLBI scientists and the US officials who are acting on behalf of the US in the forthcoming G-7 discussions this fall, concerning "MegaScience", the large scientific projects in the Former Soviet Union.

Sincerely,


Bernard F. Burke

BFB/wh

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1992


Dear Professor Burke:

Thank you for your letter of September 2nd expressing interest in developing effective lines of communication between U.S. space VLBI scientists and the U.S. representatives preparing for the upcoming G-7 discussions this fall concerning megascience in the Former Soviet Union. We share your interest in enhancing communication in this important area.

The United States has taken the lead in establishing a Megascience Forum at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to address the issue of communication. The Forum's objective is to influence the approach of both governments and scientists toward the consideration, management and funding of megaprojects in the sciences, including those in the Former Soviet Union. Specifically, we believe the Forum will be a success if these decisions in the future are made in an international rather than national context, and if the international considerations are initiated at an early conceptual stage. Through expert preparatory meetings, the Forum will serve as an important vehicle for scientists to participate in our efforts to enhance international cooperation in science and technology.

Sincerely yours,



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The Assistant to the President
for
Science and Technology

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