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Dear Eugene and Tatyana,

Our term is now thoroughly under way ,as I am sure yours is at AESC: we have the pleasure of welcoming some new physicists to our staff ,(as well as 140 new students!) We are all well , as we trust you are: we hear of some of the political and economic complexities of life in Russia and hope that this is not affecting you too much.

Since I wrote to you in the Summer, we have tried out the new means of advertising our joint activities to our students. This appears to have met with considerable success! We already have enquiries from about 40 students, so if the usual sort of statistics operate we could reasonably expect that 15-20 could be actually taking part in 1999. I am sure that you will be much encouraged, as we are, by this level of interest.

To avoid difficulties due to unneccessary haste, I am sure we would all like to continue to make our arrangements early, so I wonder whether you could clarify the following:

- 1. Do you and your colleagues feel you can operate an exchange this year, in the present circumstances?
- 2. Is there a maximum number with which you wish to work?
  (Does this include any Novgorod involvement, or is that best left until we can discuss the matter in person then save doing it for a subsequent year?)
- 3. Are the dates I mentioned in my last letter suitable to you? (Roughly 11-20 February and 15-24 July)
- 4. Do you have a preference for Russia or England in the Winter part of the exchange?

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