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Dear Member of the Media,

I thought you might be interested in interviewing Anthony Robbins, M.D., a professor of public health at Boston University School of Public Health, who just returned from a visit to the Soviet Union, where he was the first foreigner to appear before a committee of the Supreme Soviet.

Dr. Robbins gave a 40 minute presentation before a committee of the Supreme Soviet on the health and environmental consequences of 40 years of nuclear weapons production. Dr. Robbins was trying to persuade the Soviet government to release data on nuclear weapons production. According to Dr. Robbins, it is clear that the use of nuclear weapons poses a tremendous danger, but it is not clear whether building them presents a hazard as well. Currently, little data exists on the exposure of workers who build nuclear weapons and people who live around the plants, or on the consequences of releases of radioactivity into the environment.

Robbins is the chairman of an international commission created by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War to investigate these matters. Over the next three years, this Commission will gather as much data as possible about every nuclear weapons production site in the world. It will challenge all governments producing nuclear weapons to make more information public. Robbins says it is possible that the Soviet Union may make this information available before the United States does.

If you would like to speak with Dr. Robbins about his trip or would like a copy of his presentation, give me a call at (617) 638-8491 or you may contact him directly at 638-4620.

Sincerely,

Betty Russell
Director, Media Relations