

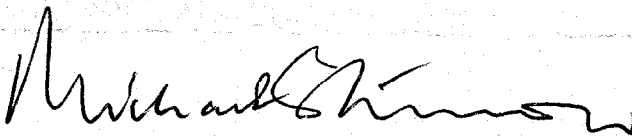
The work on the study was completed by April 1999. The 500-page report (listing Dr. Sutyagin among the co-authors) was then unveiled at a meeting at Carleton University in Ottawa, where Prof. von Riekhoff and two other project researchers shared their findings with diplomats from the countries studied, including Russia. Praeger Publishers expressed an interest in publishing the study, and a contract was signed to the effect in the summer of 1999. The 2-volume book is scheduled to come out later this year.

Having reviewed the history of the project and Dr. Sutyagin's role in it, I cannot believe that anyone, especially law enforcement officials, might consider such work as espionage or treason. I deeply regret the fact that of the 12 countries studied in this project, Russia is the only one where some officials seem to have found a Canadian study of civil-military relations to be a threat to national security. In all the others, project researchers received full cooperation and support from governmental agencies, which regarded this Canadian endeavour as a welcome and valuable form of assistance to the ongoing reform efforts in those countries.

Obviously, the controversy that has arisen with regard to Dr. Sutyagin's work for a Canadian research project introduces a note of apprehension and distrust into the sphere of Canadian-Russian scientific cooperation. Canadian (and, possibly, other Western) researchers engaged in or considering collaborative work with Russian colleagues will have to ask themselves whether such work will not create unacceptable risks for their Russian counterparts. I would like to hope that the Sutyagin controversy reflects someone's gross error of judgement, rather than a new approach of the Russian Government to the established practice of international academic cooperation.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could clarify the circumstances of this matter for me and my colleagues.

Sincerely yours,



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