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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

The Council on Foreign Relations and the Milbank Memorial Fund are exploring the feasibility of a project that would seek to increase the priority accorded to global health issues in U.S. foreign policy.

In the post Cold War world, the forces of globalization are making countries increasingly interdependent and issues like global health, vanishing resources, and environmental degradation which have not traditionally been very central to U.S. foreign policy will become more important. In the future, global health threats may pose dangers to national and human security, economics, and human development and they should begin to receive greater emphasis as a critical foreign policy issue.

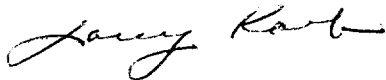
As a leader in the field of health and /or foreign policy, we would appreciate it very much if you might agree to an interview to enrich our thinking about this rather complex undertaking—its relevance, timeliness, and what the priorities for further analysis should be. The issues we would like to discuss with you include:

1. What do you believe are the critical ways (if any) in which health issues impact on U.S. national security, economic development and /or human development?
2. How do you assess the current visibility/importance of global health issues in U.S. foreign policy making?
3. How are existing U.S. government institutions with a health mandate interacting with each other and the foreign policy agencies and community in promoting a global health policy agenda?
4. If you think this is important, what leverage points can be utilized to increase the priority given to health issues in U.S. foreign policy making?

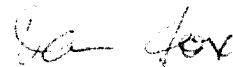
5. If you think this is important, who do you think are the critical policy makers that must be engaged in this discussion: how can they be best approached and by whom?
6. What other individuals or organizations should be consulted about this initiative and on what specific issues?

We thank you for your consideration of this request. Jordan Kassalow, an Adjunct Senior Fellow for Global Health Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations will be calling your office shortly to see if you are able to meet with him in order to assist in this important effort.

Sincerely,



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