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we seem to be equating *liking* and *respect*, or rather, to be making the latter dependent upon the former. It is particularly important that we recognize that different social and cultural and political systems must be at least tolerated, if not fully respected, regardless of whether or not we *like* all the existing systems. It is also important that we appreciate the rapidly changing nature of today's economic and political systems—the Russians' as well as our own. Differences, where they exist, need not be denied, but at the same time the areas of similarity, which are probably increasing as certain of our political leaders have suggested, must also be recognized.

Finally, it is of course perfectly true, as Tullock points out, that we do not automatically like everything with which we become better acquainted. Familiarity may certainly breed contempt. But it is even more certain that ignorance breeds suspicion and distrust. Thus, while there would be some risk incurred in opening up the channels of communication with Soviet Russia, I think there will be infinitely greater risk in continuing our recent course.

In conclusion, I do not see how Tullock's argument negates, or in any way modifies, the fundamental contention of my previous letter. Scientists have a unique opportunity to take the lead in breaking through encrusted political prejudices on both sides, thereby helping to produce both kinds of "understanding."

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An Atypical Occurrence

May an outside observer add something to D. N. Misra's letter in a recent issue of *Science* [136, 199 (1962)]. Anyone who knows Indian laboratories knows that such things are as rare there as in American or British laboratories and that if they should occur, they are treated equally seriously. What everyone may not know, however, is that such an event was also wholly out of keeping with the admirable establishment where it chanced to happen, a laboratory which is worthily living up to a 70-year tradition of fine scientific work and achievement.

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