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Dear Friend:

Many thanks for your intriguing idea.

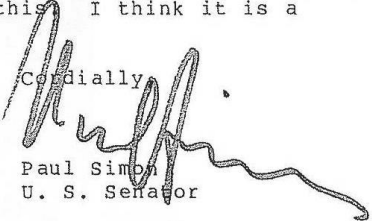
It has appeal for a variety of reasons that I think make a great deal of sense.

What we would want to know is that the Soviet Union would be willing to consider something like this.

I have no idea whether that would be the case or not, but I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter, together with a copy of your letter, to Ambassador Dubinin.

If the Soviet Ambassador responds favorably, then I think we should explore the possibility, though obviously I can make no guarantees at this point from my side that we can be successful in securing appropriations for this. I think it is a possibility, though.

Cordially,


Paul Simon
U. S. Senator

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cc: Ambassador Yuri Dubinin

*I have discussed with the counsel
of their embassy this idea, and a possible
Soviet institute ones here on the arts
and language -*

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