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Dr. Magomedov,

I am pleased to inform you that the visit to Moscow Oblast by Dr Williams and myself to study the Emerald Ash Borer was very successful and we were able to gather much information that will help us re-define and improve the Pest Risk Analysis for this important forest pest. We were able to identify how far the EAB has spread from Moscow towards the European countries and we observed interesting variation in its ability to attack different species of ash.

Our trip would not have been successful without the hospitality and support provided by yourself and staff at the All-Russian Center of Plant Quarantine, and for this we are extremely grateful. It would not have been possible for us to travel to EAB sites outside Moscow without the practical assistance provided by your Center, and the help we received from Dr Kulinich throughout the visit was invaluable.

It was also very useful for us to visit the All-Russian Centre of Plant Quarantine at the beginning of our visit. This gave us a good overview of the range of pest and disease problems present in the Moscow region and the systems that are in place to deal with them. I hope that our presentations on tree pest issues in the United Kingdom were also of interest to your scientists.

We should like to thank-you for granting us permission to make this trip, and we look forward to maintaining our contacts with the All-Russian Centre of Plant Quarantine in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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