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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR-

## *Microwave Radiation at the Embassy in Moscow*

As a government employee soon to embark for an overseas assignment, I was less than enraptured to learn that, for all the government cares, I may yet literally be stewing in my juices while on the job. News that the Russians have turned down the microwave radiation aimed at the Moscow embassy a bit may assuage some sensibilities an ocean away, but to me begs the question of whether humans are better rendered merely toasted rather than frankly grilled.

Unless I am mistaken, the ambassador and his staff were invited to Moscow as guests of state. Is this any way to treat one's guests? That such malevolence was authorized in the first place is loathsome enough; that it continues to be tolerated at all in the absence of unequivocal demand for cessation is only slightly less a disgrace. What kind of employer knowingly subjects his workers to hazardous job conditions without even the courtesy of a warning? And what kind of commander fails to take every step to guard the safety of his men? One need not be a physician to appreciate the significance of disproportionate incidence of leukemia and other forms of cancer among past members of the Moscow embassy staff. Perhaps the Surgeon General should require foreign service schools and recruiting stations to post the warning.

"It Has Been Determined That U.S. Government Service Is Dangerous To Your Health."

Let us hope that if the present administration cannot more forcefully address itself to this hazard, the next will join the Moscow embassy staff and the rest of us in doing a "slow burn" over this affront to "hospitality."

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