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Dear Professor Meselson:

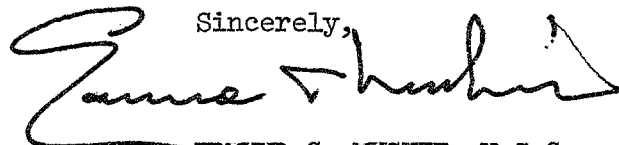
Please excuse the unavoidable delay in responding to your note of January 28, 1970, in which you furnished information on bacterial toxins.

I was able to review your report when received; however, a response was not immediately feasible. This year I have received considerably more correspondence than my limited office and personal staff are able to handle for me in the time available.

Following a busy hearing schedule, the Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution and the Committee on Public Works have been able to complete action on the Resource Recovery Act of 1970 and the National Air Quality Standards Act of 1970. Subcommittee action is anticipated on water pollution legislation this year also. This legislation represents significant additional authority to an existing legislative foundation concerning air pollution, water pollution, solid waste disposal, oil pollution, and environmental quality enhancement (see enclosure). The information you transmitted was helpful in formulating this year's environmental legislation.

Thank you for taking the time to communicate your views to me on this vital issue.

Sincerely,



EDMUND S. MUSKIE, U.S.S.
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Air and Water Pollution

Enclosure