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Dear Matt:

The American public and civilization owe you a vote of thanks for the task you performed in making it possible for the Administration to move away from biological and tighten controls on chemical warfare. It was a great contribution on your part, probably greater than anything you have accomplished or are yet to accomplish in science. And this is said recognizing your contribution to the scientific literature.

Few of us get the opportunity to perform both an intellectual and a public service. You are blessed. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



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