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Dear Professor Meselson,

I appreciated the opportunity to talk with you for a few moments at the AAAS meeting. As you suggested, I also spoke with Professor Doty. I am sending him today a short resume. In the next few days he should also be receiving transcripts from Hamline and M.I.T. and a letter of recommendation from Professor Swain. A copy of the resume is enclosed for your information.

Also enclosed is a copy of a patent which strongly suggests that o-chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile (CS) may have significant herbicidal activity. The patent indicates that the closely related benzylidenemalononitrile is an effective plant growth inhibitor at concentrations of 100 ppm or below.

Sincerely yours,

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