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Dear Professor Meselson:

I am sorry that you were unable to arrange your schedule in order to participate in the October 7 meeting of the American Society of International Law on "Applying the International Law of War and Individual Responsibility in the Indo-China Conflict."

Thank you for sending the materials which were enclosed with your August 25 letter. They are being made available to the persons who will be writing papers for the session on "The Impact of New Weapons and Technology."

Perhaps you would be willing to play a role in the October 7 meeting similar to the one which Ambassador Robert Komer, whom I understand you know and may see in France during your vacation, has agreed to undertake. Ambassador Komer said that he cannot be with us on October 7, but that he would provide us with written comments before October on the papers for the session in which he was invited to serve as a commentator. Such written comments would be distributed to participants in the October 7 meeting and would hopefully be revised on the basis of comments in the minutes of the October 7 meeting for inclusion in our final publication.

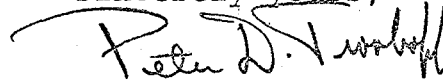
If you are able to prepare written comments for the papers prepared for the session on weapons and technology, as soon as they become available, I will send you such papers. Even if you are unable to be with us on October 7, we would

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very much benefit from your written comments based on your obvious expertise with respect to certain weapons which have been used in Southeast Asia. Please let me know if you are able to play this role in our October 7 meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and thank you for making available the materials enclosed with your August 25 letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter D. Trooboff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P".

Peter D. Trooboff

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