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Dear Professor Meselson:

A request has been received by us from Professor Carl-Goran Heden of the Karolinska Institutet for a residency at the Foundation's study and conference center at the Villa Serbelloni on Lake Como in Italy. Professor Heden will be working on a study entitled "Chemical and Biological Warfare and Human Ecology: A Test-case for Disarmament Through Deployment."

In approving these residencies, it is mandatory within the provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 for this organization as a private foundation to have a number of independent opinions of the merit of the work and the competence of the individual involved in order to establish its objectivity. Therefore we must call on persons outside our immediate group of officers for the endorsement of such requests which come to us. We shall appreciate any comment you care to give us which, of course, will be confidential.

Sincerely yours,



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