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Dear Professor Meselson:

I was introduced to you via a letter sent to ^{you} on 25 June 1971 by Gen. E.L.M. Burns. At that time, I was working for General Burns as a research assistant. He had asked if you might offer me information at some time in relation to my doctoral dissertation which involves a study of the possible proliferation of chemical or biological weapons in international subsystems. Since you suggested by return letter that you would be willing to provide me with information, I am taking the liberty of writing to you in this regard.

It was in England until the end of June 1972 and was in contact with Julian Perry Robinson. He was very helpful to me but I was unfortunately unable to get down to Sussex to examine data which he put at my disposal. Consequently, I am hoping that you may help me. At present, I am concerned with researching a chapter in which I hope to provide a brief description of production techniques for both chemical and biological weapons with some idea of the costs involved. I have a reasonable amount of material on chemical weapons in this vein but little on biological weapons. Is there anything which you might provide me with or are there any sources which you might suggest which I could go to? This does not mean that I am not still interested in data on chemical weapons in the above context but biological armaments seem to be more difficult to get information about.

I have most of the general sources on both C and B weapons and I am depending largely on vol. V of the SIPRI CBW Study for my information on biological weapons production. I include this to let you know what I have available just now.

I hope that my request does not sound excessively vague and that you can suggest possible sources of data to me. I wish to thank you for your attention to my letter and I hope to hear from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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