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Dear Dr. Meselson:

Your letter of January 23rd to Dr. Alan Nixon was finally transmitted to me for response.

I am glad to know that you are pleased with the stand that the ACS adopted last Summer urging United States ratification without qualification of the Geneva Protocol of 1925.

I like your suggestion that we should do more than just communicate the ACS's position to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Our Department on Government and Public Affairs has informed me that the Protocol is a continuing concern of our Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs and of the Society. This department is now developing a statement of the Society to be presented in connection with SR 48, and copies will be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of State. I can report that the sentiment of the Officers and Directors of the ACS are all practically unanimously in favor of the stand we are taking. Thank you for writing.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Alan Nixon, President
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Dear Dr. Nixon:

Although it comes late, please accept my congratulations for the excellent stand the ACS adopted last summer urging U.S. ratification without qualification of the Geneva Protocol of 1925.

The newspapers reported that you communicated the ACS position to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. I assume that the ACS also communicated directly with the White House and the Secretary of State. However, just in case this was not done, permit me to suggest that you send letters directly to the President and Secretary of State. These enter the official machinery and, considering the inevitable competition among issues for attention, they could be more effective than newspaper coverage alone.

I assume you saw the statement of Secretary Kissinger last September that the Administration would "soon" come up with a position very soon." on the Protocol. I enclose a copy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biology

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