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Dear Professor Meselson:

I have received several advance copies of the Pugwash papers for the CW session. Most are fairly standard stuff. I've enclosed two: the Japanese because it calls for a verification system quite similar to the scheme we developed at MRI. And, Kaplan's paper because I like what he suggests, i.e., a practice visit to stockpile destruction sites. If something like this could be agreed to by the U.S., it would at worst provide propoganda points and at best prod the Soviets to open up, too.

I can see no vital security interests which would be compromised by an international team visiting Rocky. Environmental impact statements have been issued which describe the layout and procedure, further disclosures have been made at congressional hearings, and we, MRI, have an unclassified contract to monitor the effluents from the destruction chamber.

This would be a tangible step forward. If you agree with my assessment of its value, I wish you would push for it. I'm sending copies of the paper to several other people.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Enclosures

*a pleasure to learn that
you are my financial benefactor.
Thanks so much, I was beginning
to panic. I owe you.
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