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Dear Martin,

This is to confirm our invitation to participate in a Conference on Policies for Chemical Weapons and Chemical Arms Control to be held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston on January 21-22, 1977. The Conference is sponsored jointly by the American Academy, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Ford Foundation, and the Harvard Program for Science and International Affairs, with the objective of examining the military role of lethal and incapacitating chemical weapons and measures for their control.

The Conference will bring together 15-20 persons with broad experience in defense and arms control, plus a smaller number having specialized knowledge of chemical weapons. We will start at 9:30 Friday morning, and will end shortly after lunch the next day. Accommodation expenses will be borne by the Conference. If you have difficulty locating funds for travel, please let me know so that I can see if anything can be done at this end.

Several analytical papers dealing with policy options will be commissioned by the Organizing Committee and circulated to participants ahead of time, in order to help focus discussion at the Conference. The papers and a transcript of the discussion will be published as a book by the Carnegie Endowment. Each participant will be invited to edit his own contribution to the transcript.

The reason for holding a conference on chemical weapons and arms control at this time is that a number of nations, including the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., are actively reviewing their policies. In accord with the communique from the 1974 Ford-Brezhnev meeting in Vladivostok, the two governments have recently begun a series of consultations on measures for chemical arms control. Also, in August of this year, the U.K. presented to the CCD in Geneva a

draft treaty which opens up some new dimensions for possible international agreement. Against this background of serious governmental interest, there is no generally available analytical discussion of the pros and cons of the principal policy options for the U.S. and its Allies. It is our hope that, coming in this period, the discussions at the Conference and the publication of its proceedings will make a useful contribution to public and official deliberations.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. A reply form and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience.

With warm regards,

Matthew Meselson

Enclosures