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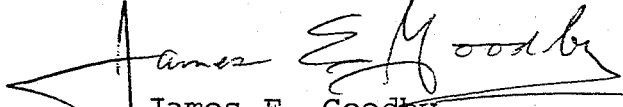
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Professor Matthew Meselson  
American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
165 Allandale Street  
Jamaica Plain Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02130

Dear Professor Meselson:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the conference on chemical weapons and chemical arms control. I regret that I cannot join you although I wish very much that it were possible for me to be there. The topic is certainly timely and important. Unfortunately, I am having out of town guests during that period and I will be unable to leave town. I would be very glad to be of any assistance I can to you in preparing for the conference, or in any follow up to it.

Sincerely yours,

  
James E. Goodby  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Politico-  
Military Affairs