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Dear Professor Meselson,

Further to our telephone conversation, I confirm that in the view of HMG 1972 Biological Warfare Convention's prohibition on the production, etc of "any microbial or other biological agents of types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or any peaceful purpose" includes those which might be produced by recombinant DNA techniques.

I also draw your attention to the UK Biological Weapons Act of February 1974 which makes it an offence for any person or group to develop, produce, stockpile or retain any
... biological warfare agents for hostile purposes. I enclose a copy of the Act.

I look forward to receiving a transcript of the panel discussion and to meeting you when you are next in Washington.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to Bob Mikulak in ACDA.

Yours sincerely
Edward Glover

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