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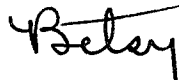
Mr. Michael McGrath
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Dear Michael:

I hope the enclosed is clear and will meet with Dr. Meselson's approval. The footnote asterisk will go in following the reference to the U.K. in the third paragraph of your revised report.

My old friend Frances Robb at Phi Beta Kappa is looking forward to working with you and Dr. Meselson in the Visiting Scholar program. I remain grateful indeed to you for your prompt and astute attentions to the varied questions and needs of the Forum.

Sincerely yours,



Betsy S. Turvene

Enclosure

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Mr. Edward C. Glover
Second Secretary
British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Glover:

I am enclosing a statement excerpted from your letter of June 21 concerning the position of Her Majesty's Government in regard to recombinant DNA techniques. This will be used as a footnote to Dr. Meselson's workshop report, a copy of which is also enclosed.

Thank you for your interest in the Academy Forum.

Sincerely yours,

B. Saunders Turvene
Editor

Enclosures

* Statement from Edward C. Glover, Second Secretary, British Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

"In the view of Her Majesty's Government the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention's prohibition of the production 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 reproduced by recombinant DNA techniques. It should also be noted that the UK Biological Weapons Act of 1974 makes it an offence for any person or group to develop, produce, stockpile or retain any biological warfare agents for hostile purposes."