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Dear Dr. Meselson:

I read the volume on "Chemical Weapons and Chemical Arms Control", edited by you, with keen interest. I agree with you and your colleagues that the time is ripe for an arms control agreement based on the following measures:

- (1) Both sides would agree not to produce chemical weapons.
- (2) Both sides would undertake to dispose of all chemical weapon stocks and to dismantle or convert all chemical weapons production facilities within a specified number of years.
- (3) The destruction of stocks would be observed by the other side.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that Article IX of the "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction" (signed on April 10, 1972) "affirms the recognized objective of effective prohibition of chemical weapons and to this end, undertakes to continue negotiations in good faith, with a view to reaching early agreement on effective measures for the prohibition of their development, production and stockpiling, and for their destruction.....".

You should be congratulated for doing your utmost to persuade all the parties concerned to reach a new agreement on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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