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Dear Prof. Meselson:

We meet again through a highly likely source-- George Berdes. As you will recall, I interviewed you some years ago in connection with my dissertation research on U.S. chemical and biological warfare policies. I worked with George for the Foreign Affairs Committee for two and a half years and have recently joined the staff of Rep. John B. Anderson as his defense and foreign policy (mostly defense) adviser.

I generally liked the paper and have made a few marginal comments, particularly on the defense side.

I am distressed by the continuing and virtually exclusive focus both both opponents and proponents of CW on the NATO-Warsaw Pact scenario. My own judgment is that such a confrontation is the least likely of all those in which CW will be used. More likely situations would be the case of Laos today, and perhaps Southern Africa tomorrow.

Proponents of CW, binary or nonbinary have to be made to make the case for CW in terms of our world-wide responsibilities, not just Europe, before I will suggest to Rep. Anderson that as President he should spend billions revitalizing our CW capabilities.

Opponents could be especially useful in this regard by pointing out how a retaliatory capability does not deter Vietnam from using CW in Laos, and probably wouldn't stop the crazies in Sub-Sahara Africa either.

Hope my comments are somewhat helpful. Enclosed is a new card to help you find me in the future.

Sincerely yours, 