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Mr. Howard Simons
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Dear Howard,

Here is the Scientific American article, to appear in about ten days. Whether the Soviet chemical threat is very large as claimed by some or rather modest, I do not think that U.S. chemical weapons are an effective counter. Sometime in the spring or early summer I would like to come down and talk with your people about U.S. chemical weapons policy, if that would be desirable.

Amy and Zoe are now eight and nine years old and, just as you predicted, their parents' greatest joy. It was thoughtful of you to ask about them. I look forward to seeing you again before too long.

as ever,

Matthew Meselson