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Dear Mr. Brandt,

I enclose for your possible interest a copy of the article "Chemical Warfare and Chemical Disarmament" written by Julian Robinson and me and published in the April 1980 issue of Scientific American magazine. In the article we have tried to address some of the policy issues for NATO which I had the pleasure of discussing with you in your suite at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel when you were visiting New York in March 1975. I have welcomed the improvements in NATO's anti-chemical measures which have taken place since that time. Indeed, this progress on the defensive side plus the continuing improvements in the effectiveness of high explosive and other conventional weapons has, if anything, strengthened my view that offensive chemical weapons are not a good investment for NATO, both because of the questionable military effectiveness against the well-defended Warsaw Pact forces and because of their special potential for causing civilian casualties.

If any situation should arise in which I might be of assistance to you in regard to the subject of chemical defense, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biochemistry

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