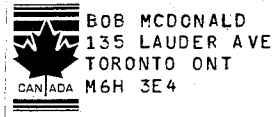


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Dear Dr. Meselson,

My efforts to meet you when I was in Cambridge recently were unsuccessful, mainly because it was a spur of the moment decision based on an article I spotted in Science News. Allow me to introduce myself and my purpose.

I am a science writer presently preparing a series of radio documentaries for the CBC. Each evening at 8:00 PM, a program called 'IDEAS' is broadcast across Canada. Each one hour program uses interviews, narration, music and sound effects to cover topics in social science, political science, and science science.

For the past four years, I have been writing the hard science programs, with this years series on the theme of the biology of the very small. Generally, the four programs will be about insects, microbes, the cell, and DNA respectively. Part of the show on microbes will deal with biological warfare, about which I believe you have some expertise.

Sometime early in September I will be returning to Cambridge to interview Dr. John Beckwith about recombinant DNA, and if you are interested, I would like to meet with you at the same time. As Dr. Beckwith is on holidays, I have not yet confirmed a date, but when one has been set, I will contact you by phone.

If you have any inquiries, or will be unavailable, please contact me at the above address. Looking forward to meeting you, I remain,

Sincerely,



Bob McDonald, IDEAS