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Dear Dr. Meselson:

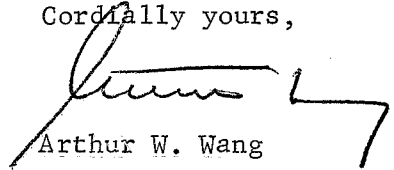
Enclosed is a modest check which I hope expresses my very considerable gratitude for your careful reading of John Powell's book on biological warfare.

I shall read the manuscript once again with very great care and try to determine the extent of the editorial/interpretive problems in it. If, after this reading we decide we want to ask the author to proceed, I shall send him a long and detailed memorandum about the problems, to see if he wishes to, or if he can, make the necessary changes. We do not wish to publish the book unless its accuracy is beyond question, and we face the further question that, if it is to be greatly modified to make that accuracy certain, whether the book then is one that you think we can sell. In order to sell well, (we are not greedy but practical, I hope), it has to have real news value and contribute to our knowledge. At any rate, whatever we and the author decide, I shall certainly let you know, for you have expressed considerable interest in the book.

I hope to be in Cambridge possibly late in September or early October. I usually spend three or four days in Cambridge each year, seeing writers who we might publish and to learn what's going on in the world. When I know precise plans, I will be in touch to see if we can meet.

Many thanks and good luck.

Cordially yours,


Arthur W. Wang

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