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Dear Mr. Hammer,

I was very glad to receive your kind letter of October 23rd which, as you surmised, crossed with mine in the mail.

I enclose for your possible interest an interview from US-News & World Report and a recent letter to The New York Times, both of which reflect my assessment of the current drift in US chemical weapons policies. Because of the smallness of the initial expenditures, it is not generally realized that the total cost to replace our present stockpile of nerve gas weapons with the proposed binary weapons is likely to be approximately 10 billion dollars, about a third of the presently estimated cost for the MX/racetrack missile system.

With warm regards.

Sincerely Yours,

Matthew Meselson