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Professor Matthew Meselson  
Harvard University  
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16 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Meselson:

Thank you for sending me the articles from US News & World Report and The New York Times which I read with interest.

Your assessment of the aggressive drift in the United States chemical warfare policies is one that should be of grave concern to all of us.

I agree with you that we would be wiser, at this time, to improve our anti-chemical protective equipment and training of our military men. As you say, we can then consider the production of our own additional chemical weapons, both defensive and offensive, after a more careful analysis of our needs. We need more accurate intelligence report of Soviet development and stockpiling in both defensive and offensive chemical weapons before we embark on multi-billion dollar expenditures in this regard.

Again, I appreciate your thinking of me.

Sincerely,

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*P.S. President Reagan gave me his word that they are not manufacturing any chemicals for warfare. I believe him.*