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Dear Professor Meselson,

You will know from Julian Perry Robinson that SIPRI now has a research project entitled Effects of Chemical War to which we are inviting specific contributions from outside specialists in accordance with a general outline. You have already seen a draft of that outline; and, via Robinson, we have benefitted from your comments on it. The contributions we are inviting are intended to fill major gaps in the published literature on which the final SIPRI monograph on the subject will rely. If suitable for individual publication, we may distribute these contributions as separate technical papers. I am writing now to invite you to contribute.

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In general terms, the paper we would wish to have from you would deal with the most likely nature of chemical-warfare operations in Europe, drawing from, for example, whatever unclassified studies of the matter you may be aware of. We would also like your contribution to address the question of possible first-order collateral damage that might be expected from such operations. We would want you to proceed in close consultation--even, if you wished, collaboration--with Robinson.

I can offer you an honorarium of \$1 000, payable upon completion, plus your expenses. The latter would need to be itemized for us before we could cover them. They may include necessary travel within the United States, but if the sum total of expenses looked like exceeding \$500, I would want you to check with me first before incurring any major costs. If the work were done in collaboration with Robinson, we would in addition cover the costs of one economy-class round-trip air-ticket for one or the other of you to cross the Atlantic.

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We would like the work to be completed by ~~May 1983~~. We would reserve the right to publish your contribution, wholly or in part, in accordance with SIPRI's normal practices.

I hope very much that you will be willing to accept this invitation on the terms stated. If so, your signature (dated) in the space provided below on both copies of this letter, one of which you should then return to me, will, I think, provide sufficient record of our agreement. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Frank Blackaby  
Director

cc. J Perry Robinson, SPRU

I accept:

M. S. Meselson  
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2 Nov 83

(Date & place)

Boston, MA.