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Dear Dr. Meselson:

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I'm a reporter researching a story on the Medical Volunteer Program conducted at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland between 1958 and 1975. The ~~xxx~~ program exposed about 6,700 soldiers to a wide variety of chemicals, including LSD-25, nerve agents and others.

Enclosed are portions of a study released last year into the possible long-range health effects of the chemical testing program.

The study, which grew out of a series of hearings by a Senate sub-committee in 1975, basically concludes that there is no evidence of any long-term health effects due to the testing of two classes of chemicals, anticholinesterases and anticholinergics.

If you are interested and have the time, I would appreciate it if you would review the enclosed portions of the report.

I am looking for independent views on the NAS study as part of my research into the Medical Volunteer Program. I am also interested in talking with ~~anyone~~ someone who could evaluate the program in light of the Nuremburg and Helsinki guidelines, and medical ethics.

Thank you for your time.

Yours,  
*Doug Birch*  
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