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Dear Mr. Simon:

In response to your letter of April 17 I have three recommendations for possible membership of a NRC Committee to consider defensive aspects of chemical and biological warfare. All three will be well-known to you, Frank Westheimer, Norton Zinder and John Sheehan. All three will bring highly relevant, although different technical knowledge, and each of them is already familiar with many of the problems.

As you know, I have a strong interest in chemical and biological warfare and have some thoughts which might be worth following up. However, I am about to join the council of the National Academy of Sciences and am not sure to what degree it would be appropriate for me to take part in the activities of a special NRC Committee. After I learn more about this at the Woods Hole meeting in August, I would like to talk with you about this matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely

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