

PRESIDENT'S CHEMICAL WARFARE REVIEW COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Professor Matthew Meselson
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Dear Dr. Meselson:

The President's Chemical Warfare Review Commission was established by Executive Order on 28 January 1985. The Commission's mission is to assess this Nation's chemical warfare posture and evaluate the adequacy of our chemical warfare deterrence by conducting a sequential examination of three basic issues.

The first task will be to determine whether the United States should continue to have a chemical retaliatory capability. If the Commission concludes that we should have a retaliatory capability, their second task will be to determine whether the current US chemical stockpile is sufficient for that purpose. Finally, if the Commission finds that the current stockpile is, or is soon to become inadequate, they will examine alternatives and recommend a suitable course to reach the desired goal developed in the first two phases of the study.

On behalf of the Commission chairman, Ambassador Walter Stoessel, Jr., I wish to extend an invitation to you to present a segment of information on chemical warfare to the Commission. Based upon your acknowledged expertise in this area we ask that you provide a 30 minute presentation on Policy Implications of Alternative US Force Postures and National Policies.

My staff has prepared the attached administrative guide for your use.

The issues to be addressed by the Commission are vitally important to the United States and deserve the most thoughtful and balanced review. To that end, the list of speakers is extensive. I believe the perspective you can share with the Commission members is central to their deliberations.

I realize that this is short notice. However, I hope that your schedule allows you to participate in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



THOMAS J. WELCH
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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**ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE FOR PRESENTERS TO THE
PRESIDENT'S CHEMICAL WARFARE REVIEW COMMISSION**

- As a speaker before the President's Chemical Warfare Review Commission, you are being asked to present a discrete segment of information concerning the subject charged to the Commission. Because of critical time constraints, that information will be provided to the Commission only during the presentation you are being asked to provide. In order to allow administrative continuity of the many presentations the Commission will receive, the following guidance is provided for your use.
- Your presentation is scheduled for 1000 A.M. on March 14, 1985. The presentation should be 30 minutes long, including questions and answers and should not be classified.
- The presentation will be made at the MATOMIC Building, 1717 H St., NW, Room 751, Washington, DC. Please plan to be at the presentation site not earlier than 1 hour prior to your presentation and not later than 15 minutes before you are scheduled to appear.
- The following administrative information applies to all presenters:
 - Please bring a photo-ready copy of your script with you.
 - Please provide a biography for introduction purposes.
 - If you wish, generic questions may be submitted for the use of the Commission members.
 - Along with the above information, please indicate any equipment you may have.
 - If you have any other unique requirements, please contact Joe Northrop, Office of the Executive Secretariat, at (202) 653-0145.