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Ms. Anne Cahn
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Dear Anne,

The article you sent me by Admiral Davies is well-written, crisp and clear. Also, I believe his arguments are sound up until the idea of immunization is introduced. Immunization is biologically highly specific. In other words, immunization against one or more nerve agents would not provide protection against other conceivable chemical warfare agents. This doesn't mean that research on such immunization should be abandoned. However, I feel that if the article is intended as a counter to the arguments of those favoring resumption of chemical warfare production by this session of Congress, it could be counterproductive.

For your interest I enclose two articles you may be interested in.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Matthew Meselson

Enclosure

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