

To. Brac

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Dear Dr. Brac,

I am delighted to know that a person with your background and interest is seeking to conduct a scholarly analysis of the status of biological weapons and the implications of developing technology. You ask whether the necessary information can be obtained in the open literature. I believe you are right to think that there is enough information that is available fully to justify a study such as you propose. Certainly, there are studies of conventional and nuclear weapons conducted completely without access to confidential materials which have nevertheless been extremely useful. The same applies to biological weapons.

I wish you success in your enterprise.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biochemistry
and Molecular Biology