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Ms. Lorna Brennan
Council on Foreign Relations
58 E68th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Ms. Brennan,

I wish to join in nominating Norton David Zinder for regular membership in the Council on Foreign Relations. Zinder, currently a professor at Rockefeller University, is a distinguished pioneer in the development of modern molecular biology. In his professional field of molecular genetics Zinder has long had close contacts with the scientific community abroad, particularly in Japan.

In recent years he has become increasingly concerned with the application and misapplication of biotechnology to problems of society, including national defense. He serves on the Board on Army Science and Technology of the National Research Council and chaired its Committee on Demilitarizing Obsolete Chemical Munitions. As a scientist knowledgeable in these matters, Zinder is sensitive to both the security needs and the potential excesses and hazards involved. I know that he wants to establish better communication with individuals concerned with these matters outside purely technical circles. As a resident of New York City, membership in the Council would serve both him and the Council in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Meselson".

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biochemistry
and Molecular Biology

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