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Dear Dr. Meselson:

It is my pleasure to invite your participation in a study group on chemical warfare policy issues currently being organized by CSIS. Senator William Cohen (R-Me) and Congressman John Spratt (D-SC) will be cochairing this study group, and join with me in extending this invitation.

Our purpose is to bring together a diverse and bipartisan group of policy analysts and policy practitioners from the arms control, defense, foreign affairs, and Congressional communities to discuss these issues. As the enclosed tentative agenda suggests, we intend to step back from the binary production issue to examine chemical policy issues in their broader context. We hope to foster a more comprehensive and integrated understanding of the challenges to and opportunities for U.S. policy.

Beginning Wednesday, April 23, the group will meet every other Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Capitol Hill. A continental breakfast will be served. Discussions will be off the record. Brief opening presentations on the subject of the day will be made by members of the group. There is no presumption at this point that the group is working towards a publication such as produced by other CSIS study groups; but we remain open to that possibility should the group so wish. The tentative agenda is flexible, and we will be willing to continue discussions in a subsequent session and shift the schedule. The first cycle of meetings will conclude in mid-July, though we expect that the group will reconvene sometime after the election.

Bill Cohen, John Spratt, and I very much hope you will be able to contribute to this effort. CSIS Research Fellow Brad Roberts will be in charge of this project, and you can direct any questions you might have to him at 775-3202. Please respond to his office by Monday, April 14, indicating whether you can accept membership in the group and, if so, whether you will be able to participate in the first meeting.

Sincerely,

Amos A. Jordan
President