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Ms. Barbara Ring
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Dear Ms. Ring:

On February 28th, Mr. Louis Sutro dropped off at your office materials on hearings to be held on DoD plans to incinerate binary chemical weapons on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific. The Air Force was soliciting public input regarding the Environmental Impact Statement of this incineration.

I wonder whether you or Professor Messelson submitted EIS testimony to the Air Force as part of the public solicitation. If so, could you please send me a copy of your testimony or report.

As you understand, the Pacific part of the world is often overlooked by the media and the environmental community regarding environmental issues such as the planned incineration. This neglect has allowed the superpowers to use the Pacific as a testing and dumping ground for materials not wanted in their own backyard. One clear example of this was the above nuclear testing conducted by France, the United States and Great Britain following World War II. Now the planned incineration of chemical weapons will join the long list of environmental risk brought to the region.

Thank you for the work you and Professor Messelson may have done on this environmental review. I look forward to hearing from you.

sincerely,

Michael Bedford
Director

cc: Louis Sutro

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