

# PEACE

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Dear Professor Meselson,

I am writing to invite you to visit Australia as a guest of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University.

The Centre has been active in researching chemical weapons issues, particularly the Johnston Atoll controversy and issues related to the Geneva negotiations. We are fully funded by and cooperate closely with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, who as you will know, have been themselves very active in the chemical disarmament field. In view of the forthcoming BW Convention Review Conference both we and the Department are turning our attention to the biological weapons issue.

We were therefore wondering if you would be able to spare the time between now and September to visit Canberra as our guest and participate in a workshop on the issues likely to arise at the Review Conference. You would not need to prepare a written paper, although if you could circulate something that you may have written for other purposes, that would be helpful. Those attending the workshop would be government officials, academics and scientists. You would be styled the 1991 Elizabeth Poppleton Visiting Fellow during your visit.

Dr Shirley Freeman, whom I believe you know, was our 1990 Poppleton Fellow and would be one of the participants. The New Zealand Government is also interested in having you visit. There is also a possibility that the new Indian Ocean Peace Studies Centre in Perth would welcome you as well.

Taking into account travelling time you would probably need to allocate 10 days to the exercise. We would of course pay for your airfare and accommodation, although it is not University policy to

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provide lecture fees. We are flexible as to the timing, although we would not wish to get too close to the actual Review Conference dates.

We would be delighted if you could accept our invitation and look forward to receiving a reply as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,



Trevor Findlay  
Acting Head