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Dear Professor Meselson:

Thank you very much for mailing me your articles. Due to the situation I have received it only a week ago. During the past month I have been interviewed in the media several times. Regarding the SSMs, I have estimated they would be employed, estimated correctly their damage, correctly the number of wounded, but thought the fatalities would be higher. The accuracy and rate of fire were similar to what I knew on the basis of 1988, Teheran. The early warning proved to be important. Two missiles landed 500 meter from my home, and I was curious and went to an on site inspection to all sites in the greater Te Aviv area. Regarding chemical weapons, I expressed opinions in line with what you have written. So far the chemical weapons have not been used, but I think it can happen. We have one reason to worry: After 16 missile attacks, (37 missiles so far) people think of the Scud/al-Husseing as having a HE warhead. Many people no longer use the gas masks, or after they hear the explosion of the Scud they take off the masks. I will send you seperately our book The Middle East Military Balance 1989-90. I am one of the authors.

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