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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Professor Matthew Meselson  
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Dear Matt,

I am writing to offer you an appointment to the Committee on International Security and Arms Control (CISAC) for a two-year term that would expire on May 15, 1996. We value your service on the CISAC Working Group on Biological Weapons Control and hope that you will be willing to serve on the parent committee as well.

CISAC is one of the most demanding and productive committees in the Academy. In the last several years the committee has clearly worked hard to adapt to the continuing changes in the international system that have followed the end of the Cold War and the U.S.-Soviet nuclear confrontation. A key question for the future will be the balance that the committee wants to strike between its traditional international activities, which have made a significant contribution to advancing communication and cooperation among scientists on problems of international security, and the policy studies it has undertaken in recent years with such success. CISAC's recent study of plutonium disposition is having a substantial impact on policies to address this critical problem in the United States and overseas.

As with other Academy activities, your participation on this working group will be strictly as an individual and not as a representative of any organization. Members of Academy committees serve voluntarily and without compensation. The Academy will reimburse you for transportation and other allowable expenses incidental to travel and itemized subsistence and accommodation costs. I am enclosing the standard statement, entitled "On Potential Sources of Bias," and ask that the form be returned to my office with your letter of acceptance of appointment.

If you have any questions about your appointment or other matters relating to the committee, I suggest that you contact Dr. E. William Colglazier, Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs; his number is 202-334-2800.

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I hope you will agree to expand your service to the Academy in an area of importance to all of us. I am confident that you will continue to find it an interesting and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce".

Bruce Alberts  
President

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