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THE DIRECTOR

Dear Professor Meselson:

I know you to be a thoughtful person who is deeply concerned about our country's national security. For that reason, I would like to invite you to a small, informal roundtable discussion at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency this May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Together with other distinguished citizens, we will discuss the role of arms control and nonproliferation policy in the post-Cold War period.

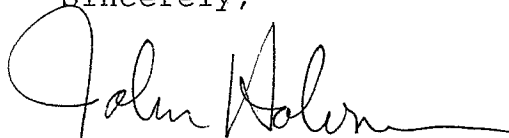
Several weeks ago, President Clinton said that in 1995, "the United States will pursue the most ambitious agenda to dismantle and fight the spread of weapons of mass destruction since the atom was split."

I could not agree more. This month, the fate of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty will be determined in its 25th-year Review and Extension Conference. This year, the U.S. must lead in bringing the Chemical Weapons Convention into force and in concluding the long-sought Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

In 1995, we will intensify a major effort to address nuclear smuggling while fostering safeguards, transparency and irreversibility in the nuclear disarmament of the former Soviet Union. We also have the task of clarifying the ABM Treaty, as to the dividing line between proscribed strategic defenses and permitted theater defenses.

There is much to do. These and many other tasks crowd the nation's arms control agenda. As we embark on this critical year for arms control we would very much like to have your advice and comments. Please call Ms. LaVetta Nicholson at 202-647-1659 to let us know whether you will be able to attend our roundtable. If you are interested in attending but cannot because of a scheduling conflict, please let us know so that we may invite you to a later session. Many thanks.

Sincerely,



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