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Prof. Matthew Meselson
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Dear Professor Meselson,

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and of the Preparatory Commission, I have the pleasure of inviting the representative of the Harvard Sussex Program to participate in the Seminar on National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention to be held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 22-25 April 1996.

The Seminar will be organised by the Iranian National Authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), in co-operation with the Provisional Technical Secretariat, with the aim of providing a forum to States Signatories in the region for an informal exchange of views on the preparations for entry into force of the Convention on the national level and to gain a better understanding of the tasks involved. A one day course for National Authority personnel of the participating states is envisaged on 22 April.

A preliminary draft programme will be forwarded soon. It is expected that participants will arrive on Sunday, 21 April and depart on Friday, 26 April. The working language of the Seminar is English.

You are requested kindly to inform the Secretariat (External Relations Division) of the flight schedule and whether there is need for an entry visa into Iran for the HSP representative. This information, including local contact details, should reach the External Relations Division before 26 March 1996 to enable the Secretariat to make practical arrangements. In the meantime, please advise the External Relations Division of any administrative or other problems that may arise in this regard.

Further details of the arrangements will be forwarded as soon as confirmation of acceptance of invitation is received.

*Sincerely yours,
S. Batsanov*

Serguei Batsanov

*P.S. I've started to draft a fax to you
in relation to the 50th ratification - you
might receive it before the end of March.*