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Dear Prof. Meselson,

Akiko and I arrived here in Vienna late October and have been settling down. We are living near vineyards at the foot of Vienna Forest. We could enjoy the last part of autumn foliage and are looking forward to enjoying the spring in Vienna.

As ambassador to the international organizations in Vienna I have started attending meetings of such organizations as IAEA, UNIDO, CTBTO and UNDCP. My office also looks after such non-proliferation regimes as the NSG and the Wassenaar Arrangement. When I ran a questionnaire on those acronyms on university students in Tokyo last spring, I was much disappointed to find out that except for the IAEA few students knew what they meant. You need not feel offended, therefore, even if I spell them out below.

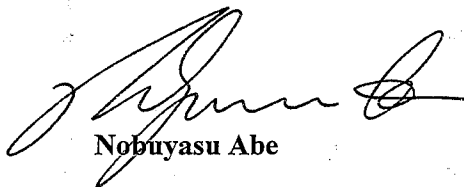
My wife, Akiko is very happy to be in Vienna where she has a wonderful chance to appreciate music, art, architecture, antiques and other treasures in and around Vienna.

Our sons are staying in Tokyo as they did when we were in Boston and New York last time. Osamu is now finishing his third year in a bank in Tokyo. He also ran in a community marathon recently. Jiro is in the last year of the Law Department of Keio University.

Vienna has many attractions almost throughout the year. Please find an opportunity to visit us while we are here.

Akiko joins me in sending our best wishes for the Happy New Year of Dragon, the Happy New Century and the Happy New Millennium.

Sincerely yours,



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IAEA; International Atomic Energy Agency
UNIDO; United Nations Industrial Development Organization
CTBTO; Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization
UNDCP; United Nations International Drug Control Programme
NSG; Nuclear Suppliers Group

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