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Subject: Re: 07/09/03 letter R.L. Garwin to M.S. Meselson. (fwd)

Dear Julian,

For you only.

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Dear Dick,

If you are in Woods Hole on the afternoon of Friday August 8, Jeanne and I hope you can come, with Lois and Laura if they will be in WH, to our annual summertime party, 4:00 to 6:00 PM, at our house at 341 Woods Hole Road (508-540-0086).

I have been thinking more about your invitation to contribute materials to the Non-lethal Weapon Task Force Panel and my offer to do so. Not without misgivings, have decided that I should qualify whatever help I can give. Let me explain:

On the list of panel members you sent, at least 16 of the total of 27 are active duty or retired USMC officers, employees of companies with a business interest in the subject, and/or members of the Joint Non-lethal Weapons Project, of which the Executive Officer is an active duty USMC general. I admire the USMC, but the Corps is not charged with responsibility for long-term policy and overall security planning in the CBW disarmament area.

I do not see the names of anyone I know to believe that the fire-break provided by the present US guidelines is more important to long-term US security than is the possible utility of departing from those guidelines.

My concern is that important parts of the Administration are failing to appreciate the menace to the long-term safety of American citizens, and to US security generally, inherent in relaxing the present guidelines. I am therefore reluctant to have my name associated with the panel report, lest some of its audience conclude that the basis for such concern was adequately weighed in the deliberations of the panel.

So, despite my great affection and admiration for you, I ask that I not be cited anywhere in the panel report as having been consulted or having contributed in any manner. If that is acceptable, I would of course be delighted to provide written materials and to spend as long as you wish

discussing the subject in Woods Hole on August 8 or any other convenient time and place.

All good wishes,

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