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Dear Professor Meselson,

I don't know that we have met. During the years that you were at Caltech, I seldom visited Pasadena; I was finishing my degree at Harvard Medical School, then in a residency in Honolulu, then setting up a practice in psychiatry there. My father spoke frequently of you, and my late brother Peter was a great admirer of yours.

I am writing to ask you to accept the Linus Pauling Award for Science, Peace or Health, to be conferred during or near the first week of May, 2004 at Oregon State University (OSU), Corvallis, Oregon. I originated the Award "established in the year 2001 in honor of Linus Pauling (1901-1994) and dedicated to recognition of outstanding achievement by an individual or organization in a subject of interest to Linus Pauling" with the help of a distinguished Select Advisory Committee (see attached).

The first Award was presented to Daisaku Ikeda, President of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), "for his indefatigable efforts on behalf of peace among the peoples and nations of the world and for the establishment of cultural and educational institutions to inform and educate people of all ages of the necessity for peace and the abolition of violence as a solution for conflict". SGI is providing most of the funding for the major exhibition 'Linus Pauling and the 20th Century' which has shown in 7 cities in the USA, 5 in Japan and, so far, 4 in Europe (including at UNESCO in Paris and the European UN headquarters building in Geneva). Perhaps you saw it at the Boston Science Museum in 2001.

The second Award was presented to Sir Joseph Rotblat, whom you probably know, "for groundbreaking research in nuclear medicine; for courageous efforts to educate the people of the world of the perils of nuclear war and the imperative need to achieve nuclear disarmament and to organize and stimulate the scientists of the world to recognize their responsibilities created by technological achievement and to assist in the development of mechanisms for reduction of nuclear threat and elimination of nuclear arms and war". Sir Joseph and my father were very much involved with the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.

I was managing my father's institute in Palo Alto towards the end of his life and later arranged to have it taken over by OSU where it is doing extremely well under the leadership of Balz Frei. I also helped expand the holdings of the Linus and Ava Helen Pauling Papers of OSU's Valley Library Special Collections. Since I have reached a point in life where I can't do a proper job of mounting the Award, I have joined with Special Collections in the hope that the Award can be carried forward into the future while at the same time benefiting OSU.

This being the first presentation by OSU, the Award will be conferred in Corvallis. It is hoped that subsequent ceremonies will be in Portland. The

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Award consists of a bronze medal, a certificate and a small cash prize, as well as covering transportation and housing costs. I believe that OSU will expect a short popular talk by you.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will accept. It will definitely be a pleasure for me to meet you.

Sincerely,

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