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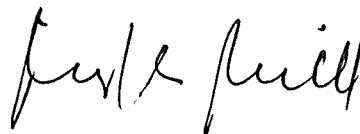
Dear Dr. Meselson:

On behalf of the National Academies, I would like to thank you for your service on the NRC Committee to Review Research Proposals from Former Soviet Biological Weapons Institutes.

With your valuable assistance since your term of service began in 1999, the committee has reviewed proposals for dozens of projects, the funding of which has contributed to the transparency of Former Soviet Union biological weapons institutes. As you know, the committee is extremely important in ensuring the scientific validity of these projects, and we have relied on your wise counsel to identify the top priority projects from among the many proposals received.

Although your membership on this committee ended on April 30, 2007, we hope that we can continue to draw on your expertise on other projects in the future. Please accept our best wishes for further success in all your professional endeavors.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Bissell  
Executive Director

cc: Glenn Schweitzer