

April 23, 1963

Professor Otto Feinstein
Executive Secretary
Universities Committee on the
Problems of War and Peace
Wayne State University
Monteith College
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Professor Feinstein:

Thank you for your letter of April 5 inviting me to join the Universities Committee on the Problems of War and Peace. I prefer at the present time, however, not to join the Committee because in general I try not to affiliate with groups in which I cannot find the time to play an active role. Unfortunately because of many academic and outside commitments, I would not be able to devote any time at all to the work of the Committee and, therefore, must decline your kind invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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Professor Matthew Meselson
Associate Professor of Biology
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Meselson:

The Universities Committee on The Problems of War and Peace would like to invite you to be a sponsor of this group. The purpose of the Committee is to organize faculty groups from campuses throughout the country in an effort to educate the academic community, as well as the general public, with the hope of thereby avoiding a nuclear disaster. The attached material gives a more detailed description of the purpose of the Committee and includes a statement of principles and objectives.

As a sponsor of this Committee, you, along with other academicians with national reputations in their respective fields, will be represented on the letter-head stationery of the Universities Committee. A list of those who have already agreed to be sponsors is attached.

If you are interested in changing the climate of opinion surrounding the question of nuclear disarmament and feel that the academic communities have a vital role to fulfill in bringing this question to the forefront of public attention, we would urge you to join in this effort. All that you need to do at this time is to sign the statement attached (Attachment I) and return it to us in the self-addressed envelope provided. Martin Orans suggested we write you as he thought you would want to participate in this endeavor.

A monthly newsletter will be published and sent to you to keep you informed of the Committee's activities, and letting you know of additional sponsors and campus groups as they join us. Any suggestions you may have as to possible prospects (either sponsors or groups) will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Feinstein, Executive Secretary
Universities Committee on the
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Attachments