

June 7, 1963

Mr. Eric Stevenson  
1666 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

Although I have been an interested bystander, so far I have done nothing more in the way of research in disarmament than to assist in the drafting of two public statements, one published in the Times and the other in The Saturday Evening Post dealing with questions of nuclear arms strategy and its relationship to disarmament. This summer, however, I will work two months in Washington for the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. At present, I do not know just what research I will be doing during the two months when I shall be at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

If, later in the summer, your inventory is still in progress, I would be glad to attempt an answer to the last question asked in your letter regarding areas in which research is needed. At this time I do not have sufficient acquaintance with the field to have formed an opinion on this question.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson,  
Associate Professor of  
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

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Dear Professor Meselson:

The International Affairs Program of The Ford Foundation is bringing up to date its 1960 inventory of public and private research in arms control, disarmament, and related subjects. It is attempting to study the respective roles of, and cooperation between, government and private research efforts.

I am serving as a consultant for this study. In view of your work in the field, would you be kind enough to write me in Washington, answering the following questions and adding any thoughts or comments on the need for research:

1. On what subject or subjects in arms control, disarmament, or closely related fields have you worked at any time since June 1, 1960, and/or are you now working? Please give the titles of any papers or reports, and a description -- in some detail if possible -- of the problems studied.
2. How was, or is, this research sponsored? If appropriate, please give the nature and amount of financial support. Were, or are there others associated with you? If so, please give their names, and indicate their responsibilities or assignments.
3. Please give the dates of past research, and the expected completion dates of current research. If you plan further research in this field, please describe it.
4. Where can copies of any papers or reports prepared in connection with the research described be obtained?

Finally and most important, please list or describe any research gaps you believe exist in the field of arms control and disarmament and related subjects. Your views on the proper roles for, and the cooperation between, public and private research efforts in this field would be greatly appreciated.

It would be helpful to have an early reply. We are very grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Eric Stevenson  
Consultant