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Dr. John S. Foster  
Director, Defense, Research  
and Engineering  
The Pentagon Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear John,

For something over five years, the Harvard Center and the MIT Center have jointly sponsored and conducted a Faculty Seminar on Arms Control, meeting alternate Monday nights through the academic year. Over the years, the definition of "arms control" has been broadened to include strategic problems, alliance problems, and so forth. Some of your colleagues (John McNaughton, for example) have been members at one time, some of your colleagues (Charles Herzfeld, for example) have been invited speakers on several occasions.

I am writing to ask whether you would authorize one of your people, Dr. Riley Housewright, Scientific Director at Fort Dietrick, to visit the Seminar on February 28 to join the discussion on Arms Control as it may relate to CBR Weapons. Matthew Meselson, Professor of Biology at Harvard, is organizing the session and will be chairman.

These discussions are entirely off the record. Participants are faculty members and occasional visiting Fellows and Research Associates of the two universities, plus a very few people from private companies located in the Boston area. Most but not all of the participants are citizens of the United States. Minutes are usually taken by a junior faculty member and circulated to the members afterwards. Quite a number of the members--I suppose half of them, anyway--are consultants or advisers to some part of the defense establishment.

I should suspect the occasion would be professionally rewarding for Dr. Housewright as well as for the regular members of the Seminar.

Very sincerely,

Thomas C. Schelling