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April 22, 1969

Professor Matthew Meselson  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

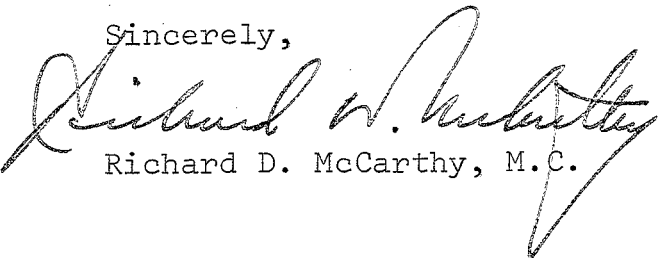
Dear Professor Meselson:

I thought you'd be interested in seeing this material  
on chemical and biological warfare.

Should we be able to set up a Ad Hoc Committee of  
Inquiry, I would hope that you would be able to testify  
on matters with which you are knowledgeable and that  
are of interest to the group.

I appreciated your assistance in pursuing this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard D. McCarthy, M.C.

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JUN 30 1969

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 25, 1969

Dr. Dael Wolfle  
AAAS  
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Dr. Wolfle:

We have introduced a resolution calling for the establishment of a multi-national commission to examine into the ecological effects of the use of herbicides and defoliants, a form of warfare in Vietnam. We are enclosing a copy of the resolution with statements which we made at the time of its introduction.

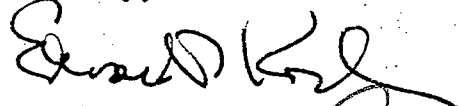
Many bills and resolutions are offered in Congress, but few even receive a hearing let alone move on to final passage. In order to get a hearing and ultimately to pass, it is necessary to indicate to the satisfaction of the chairman and the members of the committee to which a resolution has been assigned that there is widespread support for the resolution in the community.

We are attempting to enlist such support in the scientific community and that is why we write to you. It is our intention to introduce into the Congressional Record supporting letters.

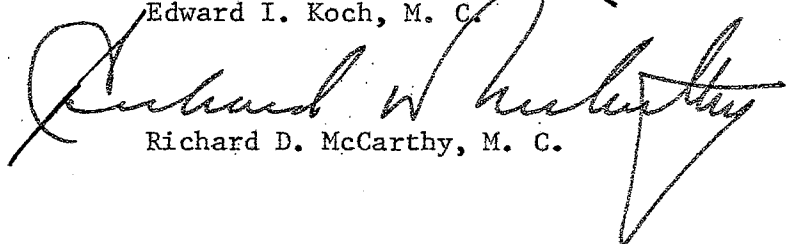
If you would like to support this resolution, it would be most helpful if you wrote a letter to us in which you state your concerns and support of the resolution, if in fact that is your position. It would also be very helpful, if you have the opportunity, to draw attention to this resolution in any publications so as to alert other members of the scientific community to its existence.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Edward I. Koch, M. C.



Richard D. McCarthy, M. C.

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ON CHEMICAL WARFARE IN  
VIETNAM

(Mr. KOCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, to revise and extend his remarks, and include extraneous matter.)

Mr. KOCH. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, Congressman RICHARD D. MCCARTHY, brought to the attention of this House on April 21, 1969, facts, and just as important, unanswered questions concerning the use of chemical agents by our Armed Forces in Vietnam. Many of us had always believed that it was the established policy of our country that, as President Roosevelt said:

We shall under no circumstances resort to the use of such weapons (chemical/biological warfare) unless they are first used by our enemy.

We must scrutinize the policy of our Government in the testing and use of chemical and biological agents and in addition examine now in Vietnam the ecological changes which have occurred in the environment as a result of our use of chemical agents. Surely, the potential dangers involved not only to those on the battleground in Vietnam but to those of use here at home were dramatically established when at the Dugway proving grounds in Utah more than 6,000 sheep in nearby Skull Valley were killed when nerve gas was carried from the testing grounds onto the pastures. While the Army has refused to confirm that the sheep died of nerve gas, they did in fact pay \$498,000 to the farmer who owned the sheep that died. There are a large number of similar illustrations which Congressman MCCARTHY sets forth in his speech which chill the blood when one thinks that it could have been people and not sheep in the way of the wind that bore that nerve gas.

Other illustrations to which our colleague referred relate to infections caused to men on the base where testing occurs in our own country and the possibility that chemical and biological agents moved by rail or air transport provide a situation fraught with danger.

In light of the danger of storage and transport of chemical and biological agents, I am pleased to note that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is undertaking an investigation in this matter.

I am today introducing with my colleague, RICHARD D. MCCARTHY, a resolution which calls for the establishment of a joint commission involving the participation of the United States, the Republic of South Vietnam, and the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam for the purpose of studying the use and effects of anticrop sprays and chemical defoliants in Vietnam. The investigation by a multinational commission will enhance the credibility of its report and should be preferred to a unilateral examination by us of our own acts.

While this resolution is intended to deal solely with the ecological effects of chemical warfare, there is another issue not covered by this resolution which must be answered; namely, the immorality of our using chemical agents not in retaliation but as a part of our offensive tactics in Vietnam.

July 7, 1969

Mr. Wendell Pigman  
Office of Congressman Richard McCarthy  
United States Congress  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Wendell,

I enclose a somewhat improved version of my memorandum on the use of CS in Viet Nam. Please discard the earlier draft.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

MM:las  
Encl.

August 26, 1969

Congressman Richard D. McCarthy  
Room 238  
The House of Representatives  
Washington D.C.

Dear Ma~~ss~~

It was good to see you and Gail on Saturday. Here is a copy of the New Scientist article I mentioned while we stood before that dazzling blue sea.

More thoughts on the Great Phosgene Hoax: A jar initially at room temperature could be filled with liquid phosgene. Some would quickly boil away cooling the jar to a temperature below the boiling point. From then on it would evaporate at a rate determined by the flow of heat into the liquid from the outside. Quite probably, it would boil at least slightly around the fingers of a warm hand holding the jar. When poured on the ground on a summer day, the liquid would very quickly boil off, although it might appear that some of it had sunk into the ground. In spite of these details, the television viewers got hoaxed.

With warm personal regards,

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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11 September 1969

Professor Matthew Meselson  
Harvard University  
The Biological Laboratories  
16 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

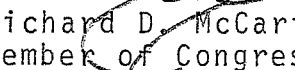
Dear Matt:

I read with great interest your article in the New Scientist. Your point about the reduction of the psychological barriers to the use of chemical warfare is particularly pertinent.

I also appreciated your further remarks about phosgene gas. They will be used to good effect.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Richard D. McCarthy  
Member of Congress

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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29 November 1969

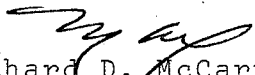
Dear Matt:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent advice and for your work in bringing about President Nixon's decision last Tuesday to ban biological weapons and to resubmit the Geneva Protocol.

You certainly deserve a large measure of the credit for the decision announced on Tuesday.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Richard D. McCarthy  
Member of Congress

Professor Matthew Meselson  
Department of Biology  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

January 5, 1970

Congressman Richard D. McCarthy  
House of Representatives  
New Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max,

I thought you might like to see my review of your book as it appeared in Book Week for January 4.

In case you do not already have a copy, I enclose the resolution passed December 30 by the council of the AAAS urging the Defense Department to cease the use of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T in Vietnam. The vote was 114-51. I also include a copy of the AAAS press release announcing the study of the effects of anti-plant warfare that I shall attempt to design in coming months. I hope that in less than nine months we can design a set of alternate studies with different degrees of completeness and different price tags. Then it will be up to the AAAS or some other body to conduct the study. I interpret the work "ecological" in the press release as including effects on plants, animals, the land and human beings. When we next meet, I'd like to get your advice on a number of points.

Sarah and I had a great time seeing you here last week and regret only that Gayle could not come.

With warm regards,

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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Encl.2



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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39TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

6 January 1970

Dear Sarah and Matt:

Just a brief note to thank you for your gracious hospitality during the Christmas holiday. I immensely enjoyed my visit at your home and look forward to having you both come to Washington some time soon.

Best regards for the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. McCarthy", written in a cursive style.

Richard D. McCarthy  
Member of Congress

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Professor and Mrs. Matthew Meselson  
58 Washington Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

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19 January 1970

Professor Matthew Meselson  
The Biological Laboratories  
Harvard University  
16 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Matt:

Many thanks for your overly generous review as it appeared in "Book Week" and for the resolutions on 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T and the announcement of your study team.

Sorry I missed you Saturday. Hope to be talking with you very soon.

Fondest regards to Sarah.

Sincerely,

  
Richard D. McCarthy, M.C.

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2 February 1970


Professor Matthew Meselson  
Harvard University  
The Biological Laboratories  
16 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Matt:

Many thanks for sending me the copy of "Health Aspects of  
Chemical and Biological Weapons". I appreciate your  
courtesy.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
Richard D. McCarthy, M.C.

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June 11, 1970

Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Meselson  
c/o The Biological Laboratories  
Harvard University  
16 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Sarah and Matt:

Thanks very much for your generous contribution to my campaign. I'm turning the check over to my Campaign Committee and you can be sure it'll be put to good use.

I'm still battling hard but am encouraged by the response I've received during my tours of the State.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Max McCarthy, M.C.

RDMcC:mam

July 7, 1969

Mr. Wendell Pigman  
Office of Congressman Richard McCarthy  
United States Congress  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Wendell,

I enclose a somewhat improved version of my memorandum on the use of CS in Viet Nam. Please discard the earlier draft.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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Encl.

*McCarthy*

November 30, 1970

Congressman Richard McCarthy  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Max:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed accusations regarding Portugese use of chemical herbicides against Angolan food crops. Although the enclosed, in itself, is not proof of the accusations can assure you privately that they are true and that no knowledgeable person in the U.S. government would be likely to contradict them.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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Enclosure

*copy of  
"MPLA" -- comuncado  
on chem. defoliants  
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3 December 1970

Dr. Matthew Meselson  
Harvard University  
The Biological Laboratories  
16 Divinity Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Matt:

Thank you for the MPLA Communication on spraying of herbicides by the Portugese. Wendell and I are considering how to use this to good effect. Perhaps I can bring it up in Chicago.

Thanks too for the extraordinary groundwork you have laid for me at the Kennedy School. They have asked me to come up there on the 14th. I expect to arrive on the 13th and will try to reach Sarah and you by telephone.

With warmest personal regards to you both and affectionate feelings for the baby from Gail and myself, I am

Yours sincerely,

  
Richard D. McCarthy, M.C.

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Aug. 15

Dear Matthew:

My secretary  
this week came across some  
mail that was misplaced  
when we were moving into this  
office a year ago.

Your most welcome  
letter was among the  
year-old letters.

I'm terribly sorry  
to have taken a year to  
reply to your letter of  
Aug. 28, 1985. But I can

assure you that it was a  
pleasure and a delight to  
hear from you and get  
caught up on what you've  
been up to. I'm glad you  
are still fighting against  
the excesses of the CBW  
program. It does seem  
to take on new life all the  
time.

As you may have heard,  
I spent two years at our  
Embassy in Iran, came back to  
work at the White House  
under Carter and have been  
in this job - which I enjoy  
enormously - since July 1998.

Would love to take you to lunch  
at the Press Club when you're in town.  
Sincerely,  
[Signature]

Max McCarthy  
Bureau Chief

BUFFALO EVENING NEWS

McCarthy

Jan. 22, 1989

Dear Matt: Many thanks for sending me a copy of your excellent op-ed piece that appeared in the Sunday Boston Globe of Jan. 8. I've read it carefully twice and it is informative and hopeful. I am hope you can pull it off. However, in my travels around my seat: White House, Pentagon, State Department I have heard that some of the most senior

People at DoD are adamantly  
opposed to the proposed  
treaty banning the manu-  
facture, possession and  
transfer of chemical weapons  
subject to on-site inter-  
national verification. I  
understand their objection  
is that the treaty could  
not be fully verified  
since many thousands of  
facilities would have to  
be subject to inspection.  
Maybe George Bush  
himself can overcome  
this cabal but I doubt it.  
Hope I'm wrong. Best of  
luck and kindest regards,  
Max H. Clardy