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Dr. Matthew Meselson
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Dear Doctor Meselson:

I have been informed by a colleague of mine in Chemical Engineering of a forthcoming conference on chemical and biological warfare sponsored by the Salk Institute.

I have for some time been speaking against biological warfare, and in fact, made a statement at the recent session of the ASM meeting in Miami where you presented your address. My approach is somewhat different from that which is emphasized by yourself and Seymour Hirsch--namely that, from a technical point of view, biological warfare research is a boondoggle. While this argument does not carry any moral content, it will, I am sure, be effective with Congress.

I am enclosing a copy of a statement I gave at a recent congressional hearing on National Priorities and Military Spending. I do so in the hope that this approach or argument may find its way into the general protest against chemical and biological warfare.

Sincerely,



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Professor

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