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Dear Dr. Meselson,

Thank you for your letter of 3 July and the very interesting documentation on chemical and biological warfare. The hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 30 April was most informative; the memorandum on the position of various nations regarding the use in war of tear gas filled in one or two gaps in our records; and the note on the use of CS gas in Vietnam brought us up to date on the military aspects.

I expect that by now you will have seen the Secretary-General's report on the effects of the use of chemical and biological weapons. This was placed before the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee in Geneva on 8 July and was generally welcomed as an important contribution to discussion of the problem.

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I am enclosing the texts of the United Kingdom draft Convention for the Prohibition of Biological Methods of Warfare, with the associated draft Security Council Resolution, as tabled in the E.N.D.C. on 10 July, and a copy of the speech Mr. Mulley made on this occasion. I
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have sent the same material to Dr. Humphrey.

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