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Dear Ben:

I have asked Matthew Meselson of the Biological Laboratories of Harvard University to send you a copy of the proceedings of the Conference on Chemical Warfare and Biological Warfare which was held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston last summer.

The subject matter of this conference is getting to be of increasing news value due to events at Geneva and to the position that Laird has taken here.

My own chief interest in it was in the suspension of biological warfare. This country, it seems to me, ought to take the lead and simply unilaterally renounce this whole idea and suspend its own operations in the field. This view I expressed at the conference. There is, it seems to me, a lot of interesting material in the proceedings and I should think it would be worth picking up a great deal of it as an Outlook piece.

I suggested a copy of it be sent to George Wilson, but I don't know whether that has been done. In any case, I hope that you will glance at this yourself and then consult with your colleagues about the feasibility of printing some excerpts from it. The Atlantic Monthly had planned to use it and had about one-fourth set, but decided that events were overtaking the subject matter too rapidly for them to get into print and still be timely in their December issue.

Sincerely,

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