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THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Matthew S. Meselson
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Dear Dr. Meselson:

It has been a good many years that I have regretted the failure of the United States to ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925. The stockpiling of materials for biological warfare has caused me further anguish. I have to admit I had become discouraged and was very close to classifying people who are still trying to alter these situations as "visionaries". I was wrong. All has now changed. You are one who has done much work on this issue recently, and I want you to know it is appreciated.

I know you join me in the hope that the Senate, when it proceeds to ratify the Protocol, will include tear gas and defoliant chemicals.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Read

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