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Dear Professor Meselson:

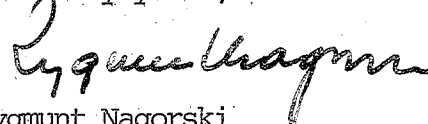
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations, I would like to extend to you an invitation to be our guest of honor at a meeting in connection with a series of meetings which we are organizing under the overall title of: "Development of Science and Technology and the Conduct of American Foreign Policy." While we did have a number of meetings indirectly related to the problem of scientific innovations and their direct or indirect influence on the conduct of foreign policy, we are now embarking on a systematic inquiry into that problem. The series which we have in mind will consist of three meetings and the other two people to whom we are sending invitations are Professor Freeman Dyson and Professor Harrison Brown of U.C.L.A. I do hope that you would be able to be with us for that occasion.

We have of course been aware of the inter-relationship between science and technology in foreign affairs for some time. The role of the scientist as a policy maker, however, has not been extensively explored. Neither have some of the aspects of the rapid progress of science and its implications for American foreign involvement. This relates to both arms control, problems of conducting a war like the one in Viet Nam, a problem in which I understand you are deeply involved, and arms control with all its formidable implications. What I was hoping for, if you would agree, is that you would take a subject related to scientific innovations and their effects on U.S. foreign policy. You may want to talk about the use of chemicals, as in the case of defoliation in Viet Nam, and that you may address yourself to the problem of environmental changes and their effect on the affairs of the State.

We are thinking about our series starting during the last week of February and running through the first two weeks of March. If this would be agreeable to you, I would like to suggest that your meeting be held either on the 10th or 11th of March in the afternoon.

Hoping that you will be able to respond favorably to our invitation.

Sincerely yours,



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