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Mr. Zygmunt Nagorski
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Dear Mr. Nagorski:

Thank you for your letter of January 8 inviting me to participate in one of your meetings dealing with the relationship between technology and American foreign policy. I would be glad to come down to New York on the afternoon of March 11 to discuss chemical weapons and their implications for the future. If it would serve the purpose of the meeting, I would present a brief description of the present state of chemical weaponry and its possible development. I would go on to outline the main policy considerations bearing on whether or not the United States should have particular kinds of chemical warfare capability. I would discuss the role of lethal chemical weapons in European defense and I would also discuss the employment and implications of harassing gas and anti-plant chemicals such as those used in Vietnam. If you need a definite title, I might suggest "Chemical Weapons, What Are They, Which Ones Do We Need, and Where Should We Draw the Line?"

Sometime in the next few weeks, I would appreciate learning something more about the format of the meeting and the number and identity of the other participants.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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