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Dear Professor Meselson:

I am most grateful for your prompt acceptance of our invitation to initiate a discussion on March 11th on the problem of chemical weapons. Your title sounds excellent, and we are extremely pleased that we will have an opportunity to listen to you and to have you initiate a discussion for the members.

The format of the meeting is rather simple. We would like to have you come at about 5:15 o'clock to have a cup of tea with the group which will assemble, followed by your presentation from 5:30 o'clock to about 6:00 o'clock. And, the last half an hour will be devoted to discussion (*from 6 to 6:30*)

I intend to invite a relatively small group of people - between 15 and 25 - which is our usual format for the discussion programs, and have you - of course - conduct the discussion in any way that you want. As soon as we will select a chairman of your meeting, we will, of course, notify you who it is going to be. As to the composition of the group, I am not sure and I won't know until almost the last minute who will come and who will accept our invitations. Usually it's not firm until the day of the meeting. People sign up and do not necessarily show up. We usually lose about one-third of the people who indicate an interest in coming. If you have, therefore, no objections, a list of participants will be ready for you when you arrive - but I would hesitate to send it in advance, knowing that there is always a fairly high mortality rate among the invitees.

I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to send me your latest curriculum vitae so that in my invitation I can mention some of the highlights of your scientific and academic career. With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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