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Mr. Derik Viney  
BBC  
Bush House  
London, W.C.2  
England

Dear Derik,

This is to introduce you to Mr. Richard Brooks, a friend of mine and a distinguished film director and producer. Brooks is making a film in which toxic warfare plays a major role. He needs advice and since he will be in England soon, I have taken the liberty of giving him your name. If he should call on you, I hope you will be able to find a little time to help him.

I enclose a paper about the toxin question which may be of some interest to you. In places, it may give the impression that I am enthusiastic about nerve gas as a tactical weapon. Of course I am not. However, I have tried to show that toxins are in no important sense preferable to nerve agents and that their development and proliferation would pose a major threat to us all. I would value your comments.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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