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COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY

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Dr. Matthew Meselson  
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Dear Dr. Meselson:

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution Senator Packwood introduced in the Senate. The measure has been referred to the Armed Services Committee, unfortunately. At this writing, three Senators have joined as co-sponsors--Hatfield, Magnuson, and Stevens. We hope more Senators will take an interest so we can get the Resolution out of Committee.

I sincerely appreciate your assistance and counseling. Your knowledge has been of great service to the Senator.

If you have any further suggestions, please let me know.

Cordially,

*Bill Alberger*

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Senator Bob Packwood

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## RESOLUTION

A Senate Resolution relating to the detoxification and destruction of chemical warfare weapons introduced on January 21, 1970, by Senator Bob Packwood.

RESOLVED, That it is hereby declared to be the sense of the Senate that the National Academy of Sciences should and is hereby requested to (1) promptly appoint a select committee of eminently qualified persons to develop a general plan for the detoxification and destruction of all stockpiles of chemical warfare weapons owned by the United States and to develop a special plan for the detoxification and destruction of those supplies of GB, VX, and HD chemicals planned for shipment by the Department of the Army from Okinawa to Umatilla Army Depot, Hermiston, Oregon, and (2) fully consider and discuss the plans developed by such select committee and submit to the President at the earliest practicable date, but not later than June 30, 1970, a written report on the feasibility, cost, and time required to carry out such plans together with such comments and recommendations as it deems advisable.

SEC. 2. It is further declared to be the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of the Army should delay the planned shipment of any toxic chemicals from Okinawa to Umatilla Army Depot, Hermiston, Oregon, until after the National Academy of Sciences has submitted a report to the President regarding a plan for the detoxification and destruction of such chemicals, and the Secretary is hereby requested to delay such planned shipment until after such report has been submitted to the President.