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Dr. Matthew Meselson
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Dear Dr. Meselson:

I am really very sorry indeed that, owing to some lapse in communication, we got the word that you had to cancel your meeting with the Austin Committee the evening of May 12. As I explained to your secretary, I telephoned the Secretary of the Austin Committee but he was leaving for Europe within a few hours and the two persons who might, under other circumstances, have been able to take care of rearranging the cancelled meeting are out of town.

However, the St. Louis Committee will be looking forward to hearing you the evening of May 13. I assume you have received a letter from the Committee Secretary, William H. Curran, informing you that the meeting will take place at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in West End St. Louis, beginning with a reception at 6:30, to be followed by dinner at 7:00 and adjournment promptly at 9:30 p.m. Dress is informal. A double room has been reserved for you at the same hotel for that night.

As I may have explained on the telephone when I invited you to meet with the Committee, each of these Committees is made up of men who are leaders in the local community in such fields such as business and banking, the law, education, journalism, etc. Because of the chemical industry in St. Louis, I imagine your talk will be of particular interest to this group. Committee meetings are off-the-record and attendance is purposely limited to about 25 to 30 men in order to facilitate a frank exchange of ideas.

Another reason for my regret regarding the cancellation of the Austin Committee meeting is the question of funding the trip. Under these circumstances, I would propose to cover your flight from New York (if you plan to leave from here) to St. Louis and back to New York or Boston, plus incidentals such as limousine service and taxis and \$100.00 honorarium.

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Dr. Matthew Meselson

If all the changes in plans mean that your wife will not accompany you, perhaps you would let Mr. Curran know so that he can revise the hotel reservation.

We are glad that, in spite of everything, the St. Louis Committee will have the benefit and pleasure of hearing you, and appreciate your willingness to make the trip for this purpose.

Sincerely,



Rolland Bushner

P.S. Mr. Curran's phone numbers, which I gave your secretary, are repeated below.

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