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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Rockefeller University 1230 York Avenue New York, New York 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I enjoyed meeting you at the BENS Advisory Group meeting in New York on March 7. I also wanted to thank you for your suggestions and ideas about our push for ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

Things are moving ahead quite quickly on the CWC, and, as expected, Senator Helms and his staff are playing hardball. For your information, I have enclosed portions of a Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff report on the CWC. As you can see, it contains a number of distortions which we hope to address when our Business Alliance for the CWC testifies before the Committee on March 21. I've also enclosed a recent Washington Post oped which you may already have seen.

I will certainly keep you posted on our progress, and, if you have questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working together. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Erik R. Pages Deputy Vice President

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