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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you very much for your letter, and I am reassured that you are in agreement with me in the main thrust of the piece I wrote about the present German situation.

I do not believe, however, that you correctly understood my point about the US-USSR accord on nuclear disarmament. Perhaps I did not make myself sufficiently clear.

I did not mean to imply that an agreement upon arms control must depend on mutual trust and confidence about the other's intentions and motives; rather I thought I said that it depended on serving mutual interest. This is a horse of a different color.

In any event, I thank you for writing as you did.

Sincerely yours,

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