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The Washington Post has recently made my column available without extra charge to all the subscribers on its wire news service. In Stockholm this would be Expressen (which is perhaps the best likely to make any use of it.) But if you should notice it there, would you let me know? It is a little odd to have no idea of the potential audience of contemporary writers.

Sincerely

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I have not said much lately about SW. I did have a good talk with Senator Nelson about it.

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blems of war and poverty and are particularly provoked by the inertia that moves a project like the antiballistic missile, as if we lived in a dream world that could ignore the anxieties and adaptations of the Russians and the Chinese to our moves.

I CAN understand the anger that leads to protest. But I would also charge my students and colleagues that they have a precious asset more valuable than their rising voices: the skills, training and temperament to analyze difficult problems with scientific objectivity. Our scattered ideas on how to achieve world security have never reached the level of consensus easily won by good science; problems as difficult as this are postponed by prudent scientists, if they can. Our political establishment may be incredibly wise about seeming common sense on some issues. Nevertheless, I doubt that edited scientists in any country would face insuperable obstacles in funding innovative research even if it were directly aimed at world peace.

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... always operating to distract a scientist from thinking; I would rather resolve to work a little harder that day. Such a pious vow would attract few headlines.

... the R. & D. budget, medical research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health being the preponderant item, at a level somewhat over a thousandth of the gross national product.

The anger and frustration that drive students and researchers even to think about a research strike are not really directed to the science policy of the Government, which has been shoddy—except that it is also the most enlightened the world has ever seen. They are directed to the failure of our political institutions.

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