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Office of the Military Attache
German Embassy
4645 Reservoir Road., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Sirs:

I am a student at Harvard University, doing legal research into the propriety under international law of American combat use of CS tear gas in Indo-china.

As you may know, many nations consider the use of tear gas weapons to be illegal under the Geneva Protocol of 1925. I believe your nation is one that adheres to this view. This is indicated in a book by Henri Meyrowitz, Les Armes Biologiques et le Droit International, 1955. At page 55 of this book he states:

L'instruction ZDv 15/10 du ministre de la Defense de la Republique Federale d'Allemagne observe que le Protocole prohibe "l'emploi de tous mo ens de guerre chimiques".

In a footnote to this passage he refers to paragraph 78 of the regulation, which states: "Dadurch ist die Anwendung aller chemischen Kampfmittel verboten."

I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the German military regulations Meyrowitz cites which govern your army's use of gaz de combat at the current time. I would also find helpful any other manuals or military rule books that bear on your country's use of chemical and biological weapons today.

Your help on this matter would be very much appreciated, as the information is very important to my work. I hope you are not greatly inconvenienced by my request. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jerome M. Garchik

P.S.: Attached is a copy of the passage in the Meyrowitz book I refer to above.