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Dear General Burns,

I apologize for taking so long to thank you for your letter of March 19. I greatly appreciate your contacting Dr. Ivan Head with regard to the CBW question which we discussed on the occasion of your visit to MIT.

I am enclosing two items which may be of some interest. If you think that it would be useful, please feel free to show them to Dr. Head. They are, first, a paper on the legal aspects of the Geneva Protocol by R. R. Baxter and Thomas Buergenthal. Baxter, now a professor at Harvard, was formerly chief of the International Law Office in the office of the Army Judge Advocate. The second item is a paper of mine on riot control agents and United States ratification of the Geneva Protocol. I also enclose a reprint of an article of mine that appeared last May in Scientific American Magazine.

I believe that President Nixon will soon send the Geneva Protocol to the Senate for its Advice and Consent to ratification. Senate hearings will probably not get under way until the New Year. The problems of tear gas and anti-plant chemicals are still unresolved. Indeed whatever view the Administration takes before the Senate, the Senate itself may have the final say.

Sincerely yours,

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