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Dear Colonel Koho:

I wonder whether I could, on the basis of our having met at the meeting of experts at the United Nations on "Respect for Human Rights and Armed Conflicts," put to you a question about the use of tear gas (CS or CN) by United Nations forces.

A colleague of mine here at Harvard, Professor Meselson, asked General Burns whether he knew of any occasions on which tear gas had been used by United Nations forces. General Burns replied that he knew of only one such instance: he had been responsible for one use of tear gas in the Gaza Strip, he said.

It would be very helpful if you could let me know whether to your knowledge there have been any other instances of the use of this weapon by United Nations forces. I do not wish to put you to a lot of trouble in connection with this inquiry, but I did think that you were the one person to whom I could write for an authoritative response.

I still very much hope that it may be possible for me to see you on one of my infrequent trips to New York. On 1 July, I am to take leave from Harvard for one year in order to serve as Counselor on International Law in the Office of

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the Legal Adviser, Department of State Whether this means that I shall see more or less of the United Nations Secretariat remains to be seen.

With kind regards and many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

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