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Dear Matt:

Many thanks for sending me the copy of your statement before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. I am sure you know that I agreed with it, particularly as to ratification of the Geneva Protocol under the cloud of the "understanding" stated by the Nixon administration. I think you clearly point out the risks of doing this, both in running counter to the general opinion of mankind and in risking escalation, for instance from tear gas of a relatively mild kind to more toxic agents.

Your clarity of expression matched the reasoning.

Sincerely,



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