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Dear Matt:

It was kind of you to return my call, in the midst of such a busy day.

As I probably told you, I was in Toronto between two trips (I am on Sabbatical this year) and wanted to write something quickly on the basis of the material that you had sent to me. I enclose the draft article that I produced.

I sent this manuscript to the Globe & Mail; they publish this sort of thing on the page facing their editorials. The Globe is the nearest thing that we have to a national newspaper.

The response that I got was that this article used much the same arguments that I used in my earlier piece -- which is true. They felt that they could publish it if I could hang it on some topical peg. They suggested the publication of the report of the Committee as being such an occasion. When the report comes out I shall have to redraft the article to make it hinge on that event, and also abbreviate the whole thing, since it exceeds the word limit.

Considering the amount of press coverage that these questions are getting in this country, I am likely to overlook the publication of the report! I wonder if I heard you rightly on the phone (you were just being dragged away by someone) when it seemed that you said that the report would be out on May 1?

My heart bleeds for you with the news that the Secretary of State has set in motion a further lengthy study of both harrassing agents and herbicides; you will no doubt be their prime witness and source of data.

I wish you luck.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "J.C. Polanyi".

J.C. Polanyi

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