

May 26, 1971

Senator George D. Aiken  
U. S. Senate  
SOB-358  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Aiken:

I enclose for your possible interest an editorial I have written for the Christian Science Monitor on the subject of the Geneva Protocol of 1925.

It was a great pleasure to testify before you and the Foreign Relations Committee during your hearings on the Protocol in March. As you know I greatly admire what President Nixon has accomplished thus far in bringing order to our previously rather thoughtless chemical and biological warfare policies. However, I believe that the culmination and lasting implementation of the President's policies require that we bring our interpretation of the Geneva Protocol into agreement with with that of the great majority of other nations and then proceed to ratify it.

My specific reason for writing to you is to ask if there is anything you can do as a trusted advisor of the Administration to bring these considerations to the attention of the President before election fever hits us?

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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Enclosure