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Dear Matt,

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your testimony and that of Mr. George McBundy before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. I was very interested to read the comments which you had obtained from soldiers and commanders in the field about the diminishing usefulness of CS. Maybe if you harp on the theme of enlightened self interest for long enough you will win your battle--I do hope so.

I am engaged in correspondence with Mr. J.M. Hay of our own Foreign Office Disarmament Section on the question of whether "open espionage" by microbiologists and other scientists could or could not be a useful contribution towards verification once a treaty to ban biological weapons has been agreed. I shall be going to see him one of these days, and I will take your testimony with me.

As you probably know, Peter Medawar has gone to the Clinical Research Centre to do full-time research and writing. I am, therefore, temporarily saddled with the job of Acting Director again, but in September next we shall have a new Director, namely Arnold Burgen.

With best regards.

Yours ever,

D. Finberg
p.p. J. H. Humphrey.