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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Following our telephone conversation this morning I am enclosing a number of items that reflect the current status of consideration of the ratification of the 1925 Geneva Protocol. They are as follows:

1. Statement of McGeorge Bundy before the Foreign Relations Committee.
2. Statement of Matthew Meselson before the Foreign Relations Committee.
3. Washington Post editorial of March 20.
4. New York Times editorial of March 26.
5. Christian Science Monitor editorial of May 15.
6. Senate Foreign Relations Committee news release of June 8 containing a letter from President Nixon dated April 15.

I think that very few persons, even within the arms control community, realize that the ratification of the Geneva Protocol is at an impasse and that expressions of public concern may well be the only way that the impasse can be broken. Reading the above items will give you the facts and background of the problem. You may wish to publish excerpts of some of these items or to prepare an altogether new article for the Bulletin. The transcript of the Senate Foreign Relations Hearings should be available very soon. I am sure that the Committee would be glad to send you a copy if you write or telephone them.

I think that a major effort by the Bulletin to bring this matter to public attention just might do the trick.

With best wishes,

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Enclosures

Matthew Meselson