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Dear Matt,

I've been meaning to write for a long time now, and not only to regret not having been able to visit the States in the spring. This bloody SIPRI CBW-study is still mucking everything up, taking far longer and causing far more ill-feeling than even I imagined it could. I walked out of it at the beginning of the year in disgust at the way Volume 5 was being handled, but have got sucked back into it again, nominally as an overseas consultant, but in fact as the only remaining author to finish it off. So here I am at Sussex, working full time on Volume 2; fortunately there is a lot of overlap between it and my Ford/Harvard project.

I enclose a couple of recent drafts you may find time to look at - one on the way WEU handles its CB weapons controls, and the other on Soviet CBW policy, organisation and capabilities. I would very much welcome any comments or additional material you may have, particularly on the Soviet one. (Incidentally, missing entry no.90 in the bibliography refers to you - a conversation we had in July 1969; I would be enormously grateful if you could give me a quotable reference.) Actually, it's probably too late to make any substantial changes to the WEU draft; it was whisked off to the printers as fast as I could write it.

Have you heard from the Sunday Times? I gave them (or rather their reporter Peter Pringle) your name as being a suitable expert to consult about mounting an expedition to Angola to look into the herbicide allegations. In case Peter didn't send you the latest MPLA handout, I enclose a copy herewith. I also enclose a copy of a rather odd story in the Daily Telegraph, which I should be very interested to learn more about.

Did you hear that Frank Barnaby is to be the new Director of SIPRI? He goes out there next month.

Yours ever,

Julian Perry Robinson

PS. Have you a spare copy of the Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the Geneva Protocol? I'm a bit out of touch with things here.