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Dear Professor Rothman:

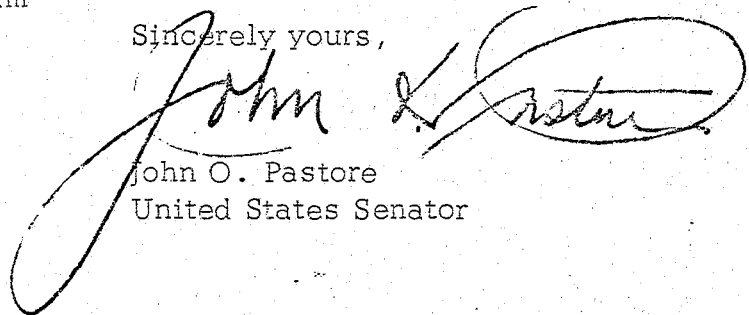
I received your letter of July 19 and I read with deep interest your comments on the Geneva Protocol of 1925 submitted to the Senate by President Nixon with the restrictive interpretation that the Protocol does not preclude the use of tear gas and chemical herbicides.

I value your judgment in opposition to this reservation because I respect your expertise as a bio-chemist. As a lawyer with no specialized training whatsoever in this field, I share also your concern that these weapons can destroy mankind.

You honor me by suggesting that I might influence the President to withdraw this restrictive interpretation. I assure you that I will confer with Senator Fulbright on this question and make a determination as to what action I might take to improve this Protocol to protect humanity.

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful advice on this serious problem and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



John O. Pastore
United States Senator

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