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Dear Matt:

I am most ashamed that it has taken me until now to reply to your letter of August 26.

The fact is that I don't know any Polanyi who works in the field of birth defects, nor do I know F. Clark Fraser at McGill. I had intended to find out from some biochemical or (more hopeful) medical friend about Fraser and his suitability as a member of the herbicide study committee. However, I am afraid that I never did that bit of research.

I am planning to give a further poke to our Minister of Defense very shortly. Somewhat in desperation I am also trying to get the shadow foreign minister in the Opposition to prodé the government by asking questions in the House. It is appalling how great the inertia is. Of course, behind the governmental inertia lies the lack of almost any informed public interest in this country. I have also tried to get the Globe and Mail to write an editorial on the topic of Canada's interpretation of the Geneva Protocol, but here again I have failed. I shall try to ginger up all three of these areas.

With all good wishes and my apologies for being so slow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John", which is the first name of J.C. Polanyi.

J.C. Polanyi