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Mr. Wendell Pigman
Office of Senator Church
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Wendell,

When I saw you last, I thought I would be able to come by earlier this month but, as it turned out, I couldn't. Would it be alright if several more weeks go by before I see you again?

You have probably seen the announcement that Agent Orange will be returned to the U.S. There is still a substantial stockpile of Agents White and Blue which is being sprayed on forests and canals by the Vietnamese. This is in sharp contrast to the authorized uses of herbicide by U.S. forces which are limited to base maintenance only. Undoubtedly this will let the Administration in for the criticism that we are trying to have our cake and eat it too.

The other, and probably more important, development that might affect the Protocol debate is last week's announcement by Canada of its renunciation of first use of riot gas and herbicides in war. I enclose a copy of George Ignatieff's statement in this regard.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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