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The Hon. J.W. Fulbright
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright,

I am very sorry that I had to cancel my appointment with you on Monday the 14th of February. As you probably gathered, I had hopes of finding some way to get the Administration moving on the Geneva Protocol and wanted your advice on a particular approach I had in mind. However, after some preliminary discussion the whole effort has come to a halt, which I hope will be only temporary. In view of that, I thought it would be wasteful of your time for me to keep the appointment. I hope you will be willing to discuss the matter with me if and when the outlook for getting something done looks more hopeful.

I enclose for your possible interest a memo regarding past U.S. policies on tear gas in war. I gave a slightly different draft to your Committee staff last March but it may not have reached you. We were quite surprised upon studying the record to learn that the U.S has opposed the use of tear gas in war from the early twenties until well into the Vietnam War.

With kind regards.

Respectfully yours,

Matthew Meselson
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