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Dear Matt,

We have at SIPRI recently decided to produce a report on the uses and effects of napalm and incendiary weapons. The project will be co-ordinated by a SIPRI research staff member, Dr. Malvern Lumsden, who will produce a review of the literature. It is hoped to have a first report ready by the early autumn on the basis of working papers submitted by invited specialists, together with the results of a working group of such specialists meeting in Stockholm at the end of August. It is not intended that the report will have the same scope as SIPRI's CBW study, though it is hoped that it will attain the same scientific standard.

The urgency of the report results from the ongoing discussions of the subject at the International Red Cross and at the United Nations. It was felt that this was an appropriate time at which to produce an independent study.

There are two particular questions which you might be able to help us with. In order to produce a report by the autumn (in time for the General Assembly) we are working against time. Can you suggest names of any US (or other) specialists who might be able to contribute working papers ?

Secondly, do you have any data yourself on the use of napalm, white phosphorus, etc. in Indochina ? For example, some reports

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refer to the use of these weapons as an alternative, or in conjunction with, herbicides, to destroy the forest canopy and crops. Is this to be covered in the AAAS Assessment Commission report ?

Hope you can help us ,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Frank Barnaby', written in black ink.

Frank Barnaby