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Dear Matt:

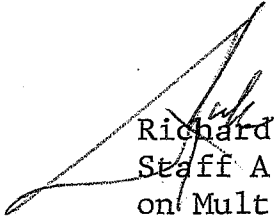
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Just a quick note to let you know that I noticed that once again you're steeped in the middle of a political controversy. I read the NYT and Washington Post's stories on the Academy report. The Post built up the controversy more than the Times, but what I gleaned from the two is that there was fundamental disagreement on the extent of the damage to the forests and to the people.

What significance will all this have on the Protocol? As I see it, it could work both ways. The fact that the report concludes that there was serious damage would give impetus to the necessity for ratifying the Protocol. On the other hand, the Administration might feel defensive as is its wont and stick to its present interpretations.

Enlighten me.

Best regards,


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