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Dear Mr. Richardson,

It was a great pleasure to meet you last Thursday and most kind of you to take time away from writing.

Your longer letter was placed in the Committee hearing record at the end of the session yesterday. Here are the statements of Fred Ikle and Dick Baxter.

The approach indicated in your letter and in the testimony of Baxter has, I believe, persuaded several Senators on the Committee. But there aren't enough votes to carry it off in the face of Administration opposition to broadening their understanding of the scope of the Protocol. What emerges will probably be another standoff, with the Protocol remaining in Committee and the Biological Convention, regarding which there are no problems, being ratified this year.

Whatever evolves, let me again express my gratitude for your advice and help.