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Dear Tom,

Here is the conference manuscript. It needs some further editorial attention, but not very much. There is one thing on the substantive side that still troubles me. The discussion beginning with Leonard on page 128 and ending before Christie's intervention on page 134 could be placed elsewhere. At present it is in the section entitled "Soviet Assimilation of Chemical Weapons." However, the particular discussion here might fit better under the subsequent heading "The Utility of a NATO Chemical Capability." You might want to try your hand at some rearrangement and we could talk about it later.

Doty, Feld, and I feel that the general discussion entitled "Protection Against Chemical Weapons" is valuable where it is and should remain there rather than be placed in an appendix.

The identifying institutions, organizations, and positions accompanying the names of the participants could be expanded somewhat and made more consistent. You should deal directly with the participants in this regard.

There are some passages in the papers by Robinson and Mikulak which are either unclear or repetitive. You and your editor may wish to contact the authors directly if you feel strongly enough on any such points.

I will be away from Cambridge until 29 June. I will try to have the introduction finished by then. Do you think we should try to obtain a forward by someone who is well known or well regarded?

At some point closer to publication we ought to have some form of release announcement, possibly a press conference. We should talk about this later on.

The immediate next step after you have finished with the manuscript is for us to look it over once more up here. I had earlier suggested that this might be done during the weeks of 19 and 25 June but since I am a week late in sending you the manuscript, you may need a little more time. I would hope to receive it and mail it back to you by 11 July.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

cc: Patricia Flaherty

Enclosure