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Dear Matt:

Please forgive the informality of my remarks. I'm rushing to get away on leave and wanted to get my few comments on to you. Also, I realize you may have already considered and discarded some of these points but for whatever they are worth here are my more immediate reactions:

p. 2d would you consider changing will to should? And following go ahead... add and if congressional approval can be obtained, begin...

p. 3 my impression is that an appropriate dose through the skin can be quite rapid. suggest you consider whether you want to retain the use of the word or as indicated.

p. 3 bottom. I have noted that a lot of the literature is using the term respirator rather than gas mask since in the strictest sense some of these agents enter the respiratory tract in non-gaseous form. You shift between gas mask and respirator yourself within the article.

top of p. 4 hundreds of?

p.5 nerve gases is rather loose. would nerve agents be better since they do not always function as a gas?

p. 5 I think the U.S. CW inventory includes CR, a lacrimator in the M35 dispenser? You might want to check this point.

middle of p. 6. I got just a little confused when you started talking about nerve agent being about 30% of total ammo on hand in Europe. I know what you mean after reading it the second time, casual reader might misinterpret what you mean in a casual reading.

bottom of p. 6 . In view of current concern about possible use of chemicals in Cambodia, would you consider being more specific about what you mean when you say Asian forward areas? I assume you mean the ~~the~~ Sino-Soviet frontier?

p. 7-- some readers might interpret this to mean that the FROG and the SCUD are only chemical weapons. I don't believe they are-- aren't they weapons which can carry conventional munitions as well as being fitted out for chemical?

p. 8 I've heard that the mask is not that good? For example, some analysts have pointed out that cheeking a rifle against the mask could break the seal. Would you consider modifying the term indefinitely to something less ~~firm~~ *positive?*

bottom of page 8. -- would you want to caveat this somewhat to suggest that wearing the clothing in a tank might be less comfortable?

page 15-- ~~no~~ no comments on what you've said but there have been some rather strange reports about abandoned materials and possible mustard availability?

p. 19 as I understand it, August 1979 terminated the tenth? round next session is Jan 1980 and we aren't very far along. More details now available in a summary report \_\_ jointly -- prepared from ACDA.

bottom of page 21. -- is this the place to point out that if something isn't done soon third world countries may move into area and we will lose all control? ~~xxx~~ i.e. India, etc.

I enjoyed reading your article and look forward to seeing it in SA

Hurriedly,

*Jim*  
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