

Congress of the United States

Committee on Foreign Affairs

House of Representatives

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Dear Matt,

God bless the U.S. postal service: your ms. arrived at noon today. Under the circumstances of my pending departure for the Mideast which I explained on the phone, I have not been as thorough and complete as I would have liked. To compensate for that in large measure, I have shared your request for a reading/reaction with Forrest Frank, a colleague whom I believe you know and who I respect highly. In many respect, in fact, Forrest will be able to apply a technical expertise (which I lack in abundance) as well as a political filter. He and I have worked on the CW question together, including some recent field trips to ~~Rio Vista~~ Tex. and other places.

My comments, meager as they are, are in pencil. I've asked Forrest to do his in ink and then return the ms. to you directly.

I regret the unavoidable shortchanging of my efforts; it's not my usual way but the press of getting ready to leave tomorrow left me no alternative. I was flattered to have been asked to do the reading. Overall, it's a good piece clearly intended for its audience; my own general preference is for a more popularized approach. Why don't you two guys aim your next one at the N.Y. Times Magazine.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Best regards,".