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Dear Professor Meselson:

It was with great pleasure that I had the opportunity and privilege of making your acquaintance and sitting down to discuss with you informally your outlook and thoughts regarding chemical warfare. I have taken the liberty of copying a page out of a book by Colonel Vedder, entitled "The Medical Aspects of Chemical Warfare". This page substantiates the small point I made that Professor Haber did indeed have chlorine cylinders placed one per meter over a six kilometer front. Also attached is a recent article from The Economist dated March 28, 1981. I thought that you might appreciate seeing the commentary entitled "War of Nerves".

I discussed with an old colleague, Colonel J. Tanzer the current Army doctrine as regards capabilities of Soviet artillery battalions and their organization for the attack. Colonel Tanzer brought by the other day a copy of "Soviet Army Operations". I think this will be of some benefit for you in your continued analysis in the future to have an update appreciation of Soviet capabilities.

Needless to say, I will be very privileged to have you return to us here at Natick and visit with Dr. Goldman at a mutually convenient time in the future. I believe that by a frank interchange of ideas that the real problems in the world can be at least addressed, if not solutions attempted.

Sincerely,

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