

Personal Memo from  
JOSHUA LEDERBERG

CBC  
Matt Meselson

Dear Matt;

4/6/82

Your March 22 festuring  
was very well stated. Thank you for  
sending it.

I think there is much to be said on  
behalf of bombs in preference to shells  
in view of the deployment / release pro-  
cedure of CW.

My reflexes are for very great restraint;  
I have to steel them against the possi-  
bility that we will be caught pants-down  
against an adversary who is determined to  
show no restraint whatsoever. How "idealistic"  
will our "restraint" appear from that  
retrospective?

However I certainly will be amused with  
your critical questions in my own further  
views.

What analysis do you have of  
collateral damage beyond your Saigon  
page?

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More urgently than ever, I feel the need is to find some way to reestablish mutual trust with the USSR on A/C verification issues. The checkmate of the "UK investigation" of 'yellow rain' was a serious step backward.

Can you suggest any positive steps? (I don't believe giving them the benefit of every conceivable doubt is in that category. It just reinforces their stonewalling paradigm. -- Our own Secy. isn't always that helpful either!)

Is it really to the USSR's advantage to see us escalate C&V? (Or do they believe that they will always have the freedom of initiative for first-use in a direct confrontation?)

No part of what's happening is giving joy to either of us!

Yours,

Joshua