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Dear Jeremy:

I have had no Government briefing regarding the possible use of gas in Afghanistan. On the basis of what I know I am unable to reach a conclusion either way. I enclose a copy of an article from the TIMES, reflecting skepticism. Neither am I convinced of the State Department's interpretation of the evidence from Southeast Asia. I will be in Europe for the next two weeks, writing an article for SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN on "Chemical War in Europe" with Julian Perry Robinson. If I can be of any help after that, let me know.

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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