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Dear Matt,

It was a surprise and a pleasure to have your phone call last night. I'm sorry to have missed seeing you and attending the Pugwash meeting. I hope it went well. You have probably heard that the talks at the CD started well but then "ran aground". Perhaps we will do better later in the year.

I enclose a copy of our report (OCD 82/14) on our sample of "yellow rain". Unfortunately the sample was an artifact, so does not help to clarify the issue either way. As you may have heard we also examined an RPG shoulder-launched rocket, which was acquired by a local television channel as being a "chemical weapon". It turned out to be a normal round, of Bulgarian origin and about 1976 vintage. There are obviously some entrepreneurs at work in Asia. This is a pity, as it muddies an already obscure situation.

We should be grateful to have copies of any of your recent publications in this area.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S.E. Freeman".

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