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Dear Martin,

We were surprised to find that your 25 November communication to members of the Pugwash Study Group on Chemical Warfare contained a personal judgment on the "yellow rain" issue. In our view it is highly inappropriate for you to include your personal conclusions on a controversial treaty compliance issue in an official Pugwash memorandum. It is doubly unfortunate that the judgment is phrased in a very general way which can easily be read to imply a conclusion by the Study Group itself on the entire "CW use" question. This statement will certainly raise further questions here about the utility of the Study Group and Pugwash itself as an objective forum for discussions.

We request that you set the record straight in the next communication to members of the Study Group by making clear that it was a personal judgment, that it applied only to the question of what has caused yellow spots on leaves (assuming that is what you meant, and not to other aspects of the CW use issue), and that members of the Study Group hold differing views.

Sincerely,

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