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Dear Matt,

It was very good news hearing that you will be free during the first week in August to attend our CW symposium. Here are some details.

Enclosed is an outline which sets out those aspects of CW on which we aim to concentrate at the meeting. As you will see, we are looking for fairly specific information, rather than a general survey of the whole subject. Nonetheless, the specific topics mentioned are intended more as guides than an actual agenda, and we are not necessarily planning to restrict ourselves to them. We have the following participation:

Subsection 11: I am at present preparing a background paper on this topic from my own sources and from material supplied by Dr Tammelin of the chemical section of the Swedish Research Institute for National Defence (FOA 1). This will be checked through and revised as necessary by FOA 1

Mr Alan Pittaway of Booz-Allen Applied Research Inc, who, as you know, has done a lot of CW-related work under contract both with ACDA and Edgewood Arsenal, is preparing a paper on topics 111 and 112. Although much of the work done by Booz-Allen is closely related to topic 113, it is doubtful whether Pittaway would be able to obtain clearance for a paper covering it too. The firm has a number of contracts for work on mathematical techniques for predicting weapons-system effectiveness and for comparing different classes of weapons-systems - biological, chemical, fragmentation, etc., and most of their reports still have a security classification.

Besides Mr Pittaway, we are also hoping for papers within this subsection from Dr Moravec, a Czechoslovak chemical defence worker, and from a French chemical defence worker to be found for us by

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M. Gandilhon. The position over the latter is rather uncertain at the moment: Gandilhon, who is now President of the Compagnie Générale de Systèmes et de Projets Avancés, has been locked out of his office by strikers. It is likely also that we shall get the participation of at least one FOA 1 representative.

Subsection 12: We are searching for a German military historian to cover topic 121. John Cohen, the Professor of Psychology at Manchester University (UK) is doing topic 122, and will be covering some of the broader psycho-social issues of CW. Colonel David Smiley, a retired British military man with many years experience in the Middle East, is to speak on Yemen CW.

Section 2: I enclose a background paper written for this section. Mr Pittaway is preparing a paper covering topics 213, 214, and 215. We have approached the WEU Armaments Control Agency about topic 22.

Section 3: The International Committee of the Red Cross is sending a representative to speak on topics 31 and 32. Martin Kaplan, as I mentioned, has prepared a brief paper on topic 32, and I enclose a copy of this herewith.

Section 4: This aspect of the subject is being dealt with by consultants, and we have not yet made any arrangements to cover it at the meeting itself.

In addition to these participants, we have a number of others lined up. Next week, Academician Dubinin and Dr Chapurnov from the Soviet Union will be visiting us for a few days discussions. We are forced into this compromise by their inability to come at any other time. A report of our talks will be agreed upon before they leave, and will be circulated before the main meeting.

Professor Koelle from the University of Pennsylvania has been invited to speak on possible future CW agents. As yet we have had no reply from him.

The nascent Finnish Pugwash group is supposed to be finding us a suitable chemist.

We hope that a representative of the British Foreign Office's ACDRU will be able to participate; Deryck Viney will probably be coming.

Professor R. B. Fisher of the University of Edinburgh Medical School has been recommended to us by the British Ministry of Defence. As he holds at least one prominent advisory post in the British military set-up (he is a scientific adviser to the CDEE at Porton), a useful weight can be attached to whatever he may say.

We have not yet given up hope of getting a US DoD man: it would be

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splendid if you could indeed do something for us in this connection. Ideally we would like him to cover topic 125 (for which our alternative would be a French military attaché from Viet Nam).

The meeting will be a cross between a symposium and a study group. On the one hand, we want to do something more than merely give people a chance to air their views or to listen to those of others, yet, on the other hand, we don't want to constrain the discussions by demanding some sort of agreed text: we are after as much information as we can get. For this reason, we hope that everyone who does participate will prepare a paper on an agreed topic, and we are offering a small commission to those who can: \$250 for 2,500 words or so.

If you can find the time to prepare us a paper, I would think that the most valuable one from our point of view would come within section 3: how best to deal with allegations of use of C-weapons, complementing Kaplan's paper (which he very obligingly prepared at short notice in case the meeting were indeed held in June).

Provisionally, the meeting is planned for the week beginning 5th August, lasting 3 - 4 days. SIPRI will pay travelling expenses, hotel bills and a small per diem allowance.

Please let me know if there is anything more you need to know. In the meantime, we look forward to having your views on the meeting.

Yours,



Julian Perry Robinson.

Encls: Outline of 1st April
Section 2 background paper
Dr Kaplan's paper