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Dear Matt:

I keep mulling over your decision not to write "one more time" on yellow rain. While I understand how weary you must be of the entire subject, I wish to raise a point and have you reconsider. I read Peter Pringle's article on the subject in the Atlantic Monthly and then proceeded to read his book, The Nuclear Barons. It struck me that there was precious little protecting the public from what former President Eisenhower had referred to as the military-industrial complex. That small barrier resides in people like yourself and Peter Pringle who are not afraid to speak up and point out that perhaps the emperor has no clothes. It is extremely important that a voice such as yours be heard in a journal such as NBC Defense that will be read primarily by members of that military-industrial complex.

I can only plead with you to go one more time into the trenches to be heard. We must have some voices of sanity raised.

In the hope that you will reconsider, I have taken the presumptuous action of enclosing a contract for a 10 to 15 page typewritten, double spaced, article, the length to include any pictures you deem desirable. Should you wish to enlist the aid of any colleagues, it would be most welcome.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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