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Dear Matt:

It was great to talk with you this afternoon. I'm glad that the FAS is going to do this project on the chemical weapons convention. I will begin to think about how the Washington end of things might be handled.

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Enclosed are the two articles from the Independent, and my draft for Strategic Survey. Also enclosed is a draft of the proposal I will be sending to John Steinbruner at Brookings. If you could send John a letter of reference, I would be most grateful. He seems rather positive about having someone in-house who knows about CBW issues, and I'd really like to finish my thesis and try to turn it into a book during the year I would be at Brookings.

I will see if I can dig up some money for a flight to Boston in April. I would really love to hear the Soviet physicians, but I'm not optimistic about RUSI paying for the trip. If the AAAS could pay for my airfare, I would be happy to write up a note on the meetings. By the way, you might want to think about including Walt Slocombe in the Washington meeting with the Soviets. It apparently was his idea to have a paper on Sverdlovsk and yellow rain for the Aspen Berlin meeting two years ago, and I have the impression that he is rather interested in these issues. He is very well respected in Washington, and could be a useful ally when the CWC is brought before the Senate.

I had an interesting visit to Porton last month. Graham Pearson spent three hours talking with me. I'd like to tell you more about it in person, because it may be possible to follow up on a few things later this spring.

Hope that you and Jeanne and the girls are all well. Ivo sends his regards.

All the best---

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