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Dear Kath,

Both Kim and myself thank you warmly for the books you send us - indeed fascinating reading! I hope your trip to Russia - and Sweden - gave you some new and useful insights. We both enjoyed your 700 word stay with us and hope that when you plan your summer trip? to Europe you and your wife come to stay with us. The talks on CW are slowing down somewhat. It appears that the administration in Washington is not able to get it out together this year. I feel however that things still are moving forward. The support we have from Genscher is essential to overcome the reluctance of German industry.

We have a proposal from the Bonn Govern-  
ment with regard to some inspection  
("spot check" or "action inspection") which should  
cover industry which is not producing any  
of the "recognized" chemicals on Schedules 1-3.  
Even if this is not what I think healthy -  
a routine system of declared "Schedule" 4  
(super-toxic lethal chemicals production) - it is a  
recognition of the problem.

I also feel that it should be possible to sort  
out the challenge problem even if India and  
especially China have some concerns.

But any delay may be seriously counter-  
productive. The pressure is now on for  
proliferation and the dam may break  
if we don't soon conclude the negotia-  
tions. I have a feeling that people in  
Washington are so taken up with their  
parochial infighting and obsession with the  
Russians, that they do not see what  
is developing in the world. If we do  
not conclude the convention soon,  
we may never have one.

Dear Matt, it was not my intention  
to end this letter with a lamentation.  
However, I am going to N.Y. in a few days  
time to participate in the General Assembly on  
Disarmament with the firm ambition to achieve  
a world wide commitment to a complete ban on CW's.  
If you travel through N.Y. before the end of June -  
get in touch with me (Beekman Tower hotel or Sweden's UN Mission).  
Many warm greetings, also from Kim, Yours Rolf.