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Dear Matt.

I'm writing this in case I don't get you on the phone.

Gordon Burch showed me his draft of the CW bulletin and your edited version of the first half. I'm sorry to say I'm not taken with either one. My comments:

① - More background information is needed. For those recipients who don't know much about the CW convention the one page ^{Guest editorial} summary is far too skimpy. ^{in #2?} For those moderately well acquainted with the subject the newsletter doesn't provide much in the way of a deeper understanding. They could learn more from the current issue of the "Economist" - leaving aside the gloomy assessment.

- Your list of outstanding issues is incomplete and I think, gives an impression that the problems are less daunting than in fact they are. Add _____ which issues?

- In the chronological record there are some items of slight consequence, e.g. Nagarkin's consultations in ^{Vienna} and ^{Bonn}.
Vienna → ^{Sept}

Some of the major developments that are included in the chronology need further explanation, e.g. the Soviet declaration that their CW stockpile totals 50,000 tons - tons of what? Filled munitions or total agent? This lack of precision is important and should be noted. ^{USSR} ~~See~~ ³⁶ ~~Apr~~ ¹⁹⁶⁸ ~~CD~~

^{all agents: Bulk plus munitions}
Considering my disagreement with both the form and substance of the ~~new~~ bulletin, as it is shaping up, and my other commitments between now and October 1, which will limit the amount of assistance I can offer, I would like my name not to appear as an adviser.

This negative reaction does not mean that I think the project is unimportant. Quite the contrary. Nor does it mean that I am backing down on my promise to help. But I just thought I ought to let you know straight away about the things that trouble me.

Best regards,
Chuck