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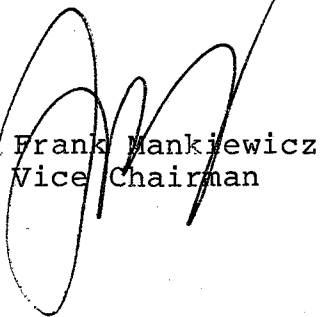
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Dear Bud,

Thanks from both of us for your congratulations, however belated, and we certainly look forward to your visits this coming semester.

I enjoyed your article in the Globe about poison gas and the chemical warfare treaty possibilities, and I thought you were remarkably restrained in not observing that the U.S. maintains substantial poison gas manufacturing facilities while suggesting that Libya's should be "taken out." For that matter, I have a sense that the only country to use napalm on civilians (with the possible exception of Israel), as well as Agent Orange, ought to be somewhat muted in its criticism of others who might begin the production of less lethal weapons. Maybe George Bush will now begin to work his passage home, considering it was his tie-breaker vote (twice, as I recall) that kept the U.S. in the nerve gas business.

Fondly,

  
Frank Mankiewicz  
Vice Chairman