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Dear Matt,

Thanks for having sent me those articles way back last January. I did read them, and it's always fun keeping track of what you're up to. I still don't believe the "bee" theory though.

Meanwhile, what did you think about the Mideast conflict? What's your hypothesis as to why the chemicals weren't used?

For a variety of reasons, among them being that they were afraid of becoming a terrorist target, TRW wouldn't let me get at all involved in discussing all that. Too bad. I always enjoy saying what I think.

Now there's the whole issue of what's going to happen to the Chemical Corps again -- Ft. McClellan is on the base-closure list and the Chemical Corps is supposed to get moved to Ft. Leonard Wood and merged with the Engineers and merged with someone else, and they are all supposed to be a combat support specialty, covering all the above and more. I don't think it will work. Engineers and Chemical Officers don't do the same sorts of things at all, for example.

In any event, I haven't written anything public lately, so there is nothing to reciprocate with. But some other day we will catch up with each other again.

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I'm currently working on nuclear waste. TRW won a big contract to be the operations and management contractor for DOE's high-level nuclear waste management system. And we created a subsidiary called TRW Environmental Safety Systems Inc. to do that work, and I'm helping it get started. But I want to get back to defense stuff soon -- despite everyone else wanting to get out of the business I continue to think it's still important enough to spend my life at.

Keep in touch.

My best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amie".

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