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Congressman Martin Lancaster  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Lancaster,

The accompanying editorial from the current issue of our Bulletin addresses a US position on the definition of chemical weapons that Robinson and I believe could eventually undo the CWC. Certainly it is possible to write the treaty so as to permit the use of certain chemicals for law enforcement without allowing their use in warfare. This is the practice of most nations and of the US before Vietnam. I understand that the issue is presently locked up in the Western Group in Geneva with little or no support for the US position. I would very much value your views and advice on this matter, especially after your forthcoming consultations at the CD, and have arranged with your office in Washington to come by at 2:30 on Thursday February 20.

Sincerely,

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Professor of Biochemistry