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Dear Matthew Meselson,

**Re: NO GAS LUNCH**

Sorry for the delay but I was only able to speak to Graham Cooper today. He said that the idea of a lunch around mid March would be a suitable time. They are unlikely to have reached the discussion on definitions and in any case he would probably be able to ensure that the non-lethal item was after the proposed lunch.

I therefore suggest that if possible, we have the lunch on the Wednesday 11th March at 1.15pm. I'm afraid that I will be flying to England that evening so from the dates Julian mentioned only the 10 and 11th would be possible. Given the importance of the US for any such lunch, I had intended to speak to the US delegation today, but meetings have delayed me. I will follow that up early next week. From your experience of the issue I would be grateful for any other opposers or doubters who I should try to encourage. When I spoke to Graham Cooper he felt it was still very much the US standing alone. I would also welcome your view on whether you would like me to extend the invitation to our wide list of delegations we often invite to lunches, or a narrower group of key CD states.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

David Maggs