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Dear Matt,

This is to confirm my recent conversation with ^{Barbara}~~Judy~~ Ring that I hope to see you in Cambridge (yours, not mine) on 21 May and am planning my US travels accordingly. I will also be in Boston the 22nd if there is anyone else I should see. I have so far only written to Jessica Stearn, though I'm not sure she is still there.

I enclose an outline of the work I am engaged in and look forward to talking with you, especially about the material in the Chapter on Iran-Iraq and CW utility. I would also appreciate a chance to look at any of your resource material which you consider relevant. I expect to have the work published by PRIO-Oslo in the autumn and distributed about the time the CWC is, hopefully, concluded.

Could you please ask ^{Barbara}~~Judy~~ Ring if she can write me with the name of a modest hotel in the Cambridge area or if possible book me in for nites of 20, 21 and 22 May and let me know where to go? That would be a great help as I don't know the area at all.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Best regards,



Peter Herby

P.S. If you need it my phone is (44 223) 323 884 and fax (44 223) 335 667.

The CWC and Middle East Security

Research Outline

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1. INTRODUCTION

- the CWC as a vehicle for Middle East arms control
- brief description of the CWC
- the importance of Middle East adherence
- recent use and proliferation dangers
- linkage to nuclear and political issues
- goals of the study

2. THE ROLE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

- * introduction and background to regional use
- * issues related to the military utility of CW
- * instances of regional CW use and effect on outcomes
 - by Egypt in Yemen
 - Iran-Iraq War
 - non-use in the war over Kuwait
- * commentary

3. POLICIES AND PERCEPTIONS OF KEY MIDDLE EAST STATES

(Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Syria)

State by State review of the following:

- * state of CW capabilities
- * policy on CW disarmament and role of CW
- * official/unofficial accounts of security perceptions vis-a-vis CW

4. A MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE-ZONE

- * origins of the proposal
- * response from within and outside the region
- * commentary

5. A MIDDLE EAST ZONE FREE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

- * origins of the proposal
- * response from within and outside the region
- * note of ME chemical-weapon free zone proposal
- * commentary

6. THE CWC AND MIDDLE EAST SECURITY

- * key provisions of the CWC
- * benefits and risks of a CWC in the region
- * alternatives to regional CWC participation (deterrence, trade restrictions, diminishing value of CW)
- * the CWC as a vehicle for promoting regional confidence, security and disarmament

7. TOWARDS REGIONAL ADHERENCE TO A CWC

- a. the political-diplomatic context
 - * the CWC and "track two" of the ME peace process
 - * engagement in a regional process towards CWC as a CBM
 - * the need for CBMs on nuclear and other current security
 - * modalities for regional consultation on CWC adherence
 - * from signature to adherence and implementation: phased involvement in the CWC by Middle East states (domestic and regional CBMs)

- b. declaratory measures
 - * review of existing declarations
 - * military stocks and capabilities
 - * civilian industrial capabilities
 - * doctrines of use or non-use
 - * conditions of CWC adherence
 - * site visits

- c. transparency-promoting measures
 - * national trial inspections (self-inspections and multilaterals)
 - * visits to confirm military and/or civilian capabilities
 - by non-regional states
 - by regional states
 - by intergovernmental or non-governmental bodies
 - * regular exchange of data
 - * defensive capabilities and research programs

- d. regional verification of a CWC
 - * specific sensitivities
 - * selection of inspectors
 - * supplemental regional arrangements

- e. security assurances
 - * guarantees by non-regional states
 - * security assurances by the UN Security Council

- f. assistance
 - * defensive measures * response to use/threat of use

8. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CWC AND A REGIONAL PROCESS OF CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY BUILDING

- * conventional and nuclear arms control
- * the CWC's place in a regional arms control process
- * the CWC as a prototype for further measures
- * arms control and the peace process

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS