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Dear Michael,

Rather than try to compose a joint statement, let me suggest that when you receive the transcript of your remarks for editing and correction, you check it for accuracy in regard to the way it portrays my own testimony, particularly the last full paragraph on page 4 (enclosed).

For your interest, I also enclose a copy of the March CWCB in which we describe a graded spectrum of provisions that might be considered in designing a solution to the problem of "less than lethal" anti-personnel chemicals.

Whatever the eventual solution, it should be kept in mind, as I said in my testimony, that the US has hardly ever resorted to any of the uses of riot-control agents that are authorized in Executive Order 11850. The suggestion is that much of the value of these options assumed by some commentators may be illusory.

It was encouraging to note that Ambassador Ledogar departed from his prepared statement to comment that the blanket exemption that has been US policy since CD/500, against which a major part of my testimony was directed, has encountered strong opposition in Geneva and that US policy on this issue is being reviewed.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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