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Dear Julian

Blumenfeld worked at RAND. You perhaps recall the even more detailed report by Howard. Here in nyc i have only iPhone for email.

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RE: RCAs

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To: Matthew Meselson <msmeselson@gmail.com>

Dear Matt,

Thanks! Might I ever have met Blumenfeld, do you think? Probably not, as I was working for SIPRI at that time in Sweden.

The Howard report of 1973 has been on my mind recently because it was done for Deseret Test Center, which as I understand things was established in 1961 for the particular and possibly sole purpose of advancing Secretary McNamara's Project 112. I can't immediately find my copy of Howard, but when I do I shall look to see whether it displays any 112 origins. It is high time, I think, that someone produced a decent history of the project and what its achievements were; one of my grumbles about the Moon MS is that it does not do so.

I now have more to report on how the Blumenfeld draft found its way into Chalfont's orbit. That second copy of the paper was from a file (FO 66/314) of FO Disarmament Department papers entitled "Views of United States of America on Chemical and Biological Warfare". In the midst of its struggle with the MoD about the status of CS under the Geneva Protocol, the Department was at that time nervous that the USG would change its position on the value of CS in Vietnam as abruptly as it had just done on chemical herbicides. The draft paper is attached to a minute from Timms to Summerhayes dated 1 January 1971 that contains this: "Some time ago, Sir Solly Zuckerman told us that he had seen an interesting draft document produced, I think, by Dr Kissinger's office assessing the ways in which CS had been used in Vietnam. We have now managed to get hold of a copy of this document by way of our

