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Dear Matt,

Our Embassy in Paris reports the following accessions to the Geneva Protocol since the 1967 accession of Iceland (the last one listed in George's article):

Nigeria	October 15, 1968
Mongolia	December 6, 1968
Syria	December 17, 1968
Israel	February 20, 1969
Lebanon	April 17, 1969
Nepal	May 9, 1969
Argentina	May 12, 1969

The first four states acceded with reservations, the texts of which I am awaiting but assume to be similar to those of the early adherents in view of the absence of protests by the other parties. The new total is 69 parties. Needless to say, this recent activity is encouraging, especially when one considers the general failure to implement arms restraints in the Mideast.

The very limited Senate amendments were nevertheless encouraging. I hope the momentum can be maintained in September despite the 3-week recess. Laird now calls BW "biological research." Whether this is merely a cosmetic change or augurs well for the Executive Branch review and the UK draft treaty cannot be determined yet.

What has happened to the plans formulated at the July 25 conference? Please keep me informed. At this time I believe

I can get a separate tear gas paper considered in the review and would appreciate your comments, etc.

Best regards,



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