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Dear Ambassador Myrdal:

I enclose for your interest a copy of a 1930 British memorandum regarding the status of tear gas under the Geneva Protocol of 1925. The position of Great Britain in 1930, as well as that of France and a number of other nations, was that tear gas is prohibited under the terms of the Geneva Protocol of 1925.

I also include a short summary of discussions at the League of Nations Disarmament Conference concerning the prohibition of the use of tear gas in war. You will notice that the United States Delegate accepted the principle that the use of tear gas in war should be prohibited.

I hope that these items will be of some use.

Very sincerely yours,

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