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Dear Robert,

Martin Kaplan has told me that you have been ill. I very much hope you are feeling well again.

I enclose a list of rather hastily written comments on the Draft Report of the Secretary-General. I assume that you too have noticed that the draft as it now stands could be used to justify the use in war of lachrymatory gases and certain other "non-lethal" agents. Most of the flaws in the draft that allow of such an interpretation are technical rather than political. Therefore, I should imagine that a fairly strong case might be made for revising the draft appropriately.

In addition to the long list of comments on the draft report, I include a copy of a letter to Ivan Bennett, dealing only with some of the most substantial defects in the draft.

For your possible interest, I further include a table showing the production of lachrymatory and other gases by Germany in the two World Wars.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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