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Dear Matt:

I can't seem to find the name of the woman at the American Academy to whom my expenses should be sent. I trust it will not be too much of an imposition to ask you to turn them over to the appropriate person.

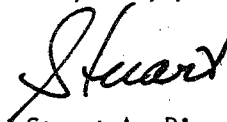
I am sorry that I had to leave the meeting just when individual opinions were being expressed. My own feelings are the following:

- 1) I would like to try to get Mr. Wiggin's suggestion on the unilateral decision to give up the research and production of biological weapons put into effect. During the day I commented to several people that perhaps an irrational approach had some merit. I believe there would be very great popular support for this unilateral decision. In fact, I think it would be interesting to know what a poll would show. I suspect that most people believe the United States has signed antichemical warfare treaties.
- 2) I would like to continue working on building the opposition to chemical warfare, to obtain a decision in the Senate to ratify the Geneva Protocol, and to go further as was suggested and include tear gas in the prohibition.
- 3) I like the tactical idea of post-dating the treaty to provide a mechanism for face-saving.

While listening to the comments of the various people, I was struck by the unanimity of opinion and the willingness to explore and exploit many avenues of approach. Please feel free to call upon me to help in any way that you think that I might. Let me make that stronger - I would very much like to help in any way that I might.

With best regards.

Very truly yours,



Stuart A. Rice
Professor of Chemistry

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