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Congressman Richard D. McCarthy
Room 238
The House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Dear Ma~~ss~~

It was good to see you and Gail on Saturday. Here is a copy of the New Scientist article I mentioned while we stood before that dazzling blue sea.

More thoughts on the Great Phosgene Hoax: A jar initially at room temperature could be filled with liquid phosgene. Some would quickly boil away cooling the jar to a temperature below the boiling point. From then on it would evaporate at a rate determined by the flow of heat into the liquid from the outside. Quite probably, it would boil at least slightly around the fingers of a warm hand holding the jar. When poured on the ground on a summer day, the liquid would very quickly boil off, although it might appear that some of it had sunk into the ground. In spite of these details, the television viewers got hoaxed.

With warm personal regards,

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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