

COOK

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Dear Dr. Meselson,

Here is version III of the tear gas story. I hope it approaches specification. I've toned down the language a bit and introduced some new information. I think this draft is approaching about as close as possible the ascertainable truth in the matter. This is probably for the best because my life is about to be plunged into its second year of graduate study which includes a radically altered approach and, consequently, radically new courses (one is in the Law School and is a seminar concerning Yale's investments). I am also reaching a temporary saturation point on this specific problem. I will send you in a day or two a list of questions and specific references that it might be judicious to locate and check if possible. I doubt that they will cast any striking light on the problem because they have all been read by previous commentators, and one would think their words probably covered the matter. I did not take the time to include my references on this draft, though I perhaps should have. This could be easily done, though it would primarily consist of Foulkes, Hanslian, Auld, the Haber biography, Prentiss, West, and the newspapers. I do not know what your plans are concerning possible publication or whether this would be judicious at this time. I plan to show the manuscript to friends (Galston, Hutchinson) and see what they think of it. I'm not sure when the next time will come for me to be in Boston; my schedule is very up in the air right now and it may take a week or two for it to settle into place. I am going to write to Ann and Mr. Tweeter to find out what kind of progress they are making. I hope you will show the manuscript to any interested friends and communicate their advice on it. Also please suggest some of your own comments. I hope to hear from you soon about it; but I shall, nevertheless, be in Cambridge before too long to speak with you and perhaps chart out a new project.

Sincerely yours,

Bob

P.S. I was happy to read Nixon's UN statement. I guess he has everybody wondering. I hope you can help him decide.

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