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Dear Matt,

The Annual General Meeting of the BSSRS is to be on November 15th, and because of the general concern over the position of the harassing agents both with respect to their use in quelling civil disorder and under the Geneva Protocol we have decided to devote an afternoon public session to a discussion of the agents, their effects and legal position. I understand that you are likely to be around in London at about that time as you are to talk at the WILP meeting the following weekend (for your sins, no doubt !) . We wondered if there would be any chance of you being able to talk at the BSSRS meeting as well. We couldn't pay anything, but if it meant staying over extra in London we could probably arrange accomodation. If you could come we would like you to talk for about 20-30 minutes on the position of the harassing agents vis-a-vis the disarmament talks, etc. The proceedings won't be published as such; there isn't a repeat of last year's exercise here, but we would hope to use your comments in conjunction with a detailed study of the harassing agents which the Society has commissioned, of which more when we see you. Other speakers include Pfeiffer and hopefully Neilands, Kahn, Maclean the Bogside doctor, Hilary Rose on the Bogside survey and Bob Smith on toxicology. We are also inviting Harold Himsworth (MRC) and Gadsby (CDEE).

I liked your New Scientist piece. Did you see Bob Smith's and mine ? I also enclose a clipping of the Bogside survey from New Society.

Best wishes,

Steven Rose

