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Dear Robin,

I regret that our visit to London was so hectic that we had no chance to see you. Next time we meet, perhaps we can have a belated celebration of the wise decisions recently announced by the President. I believe that your articles and your book, coming at a time when there was very little available in print, played an important role.

It is important to note that the President did not specifically report a position on harassing gas and anti-plant chemicals. I believe there is still considerable flexibility in this regard. As the Protocol moves through the Senate, policy for these weapons will become more clearly defined. One of the most important factors that will determine the final outcome will be the position of other governments, especially our allies, and especially Great Britain. If Great Britain holds strongly to its traditional view that the Protocol prohibits harassing gas, and believe there is a good chance that the United States will ultimately find a way to adopt the same policy. If Britain does not take a clear position on harassing gases, the likelihood is that they will come into general possession and use.

For your interest, I enclose a copy of the speech I gave to the WILPF in London. My presentation was rather badly reported in the press. I would be particularly glad if my talk could be published in Britain. Do

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you think it would be appropriate for "New Scientist"? I realize the President's announcements have changed the situation profoundly. However, the talk gives an outline of some of the major considerations that bear on his decisions.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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