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Dear Matt,

I am afraid I have been a very bad correspondent over the past month, particularly on the matter of the U.S. Administration's new attitude towards CBW. This is all immensely encouraging, and let me add my own words of praise to your part in bringing it about. Two years ago one would never have dreamt that an effective counter-lobby could ever have been deployed against the Chemical Corps.

You have presumably heard the nasty rumours about the British Government's vacillations on the tear gas issue. It is those damned Irish again. We are doing what we can to stop the imminent slide, but the danger is considerable.

Did you know that the Swedish police used tear gas in 1968?

Portugese methods of warfare in Africa are obscure, as Robert Neild remarks in a letter on the Geneva Protocol he has just written to The Times. I enclose a photocopy of a page from our draft CBW study which summarizes all we know about recent Portugese chemical warfare. The literature reference is to the 21st August 1968 issue of Dagens Nyheter, one of the two principal Swedish newspapers.

The first two volumes of our CBW study will be circulating (in a mimeographed provisional edition, alas) by the end of February. Each will be about 100,000 words long. One part will be my history of CBW usage, CBW technology and CBW constraints; the other part will be Goldblat's history of League of Nations and United Nation's CBW activities. An abbreviated version of our verification study may also be ready in time, and possibly also our review of international law relating to CBW. I will send you copies as soon as they are ready. We shall use the interval between the provisional and the printed editions for expert consultations (this will mean you, Fisher, etc.)

I have some queries and requests to put to you.

1) Robert Smith's article in the New York Times of 29th September, 1969, cites a private U.S. Army assessment of the manner in which CS is being used in Vietnam. I take it that the article is an accurate reflection of the "private report", but can you confirm this? Is it so that the report has been presented as evidence to one of the Congressional Committees that have been holding CBW hearings? (Incidentally, are any of these hearings available in printed record yet?)

2) Referring to the latest edition of your CS bibliography - the one you just sent Milton - have you copies of CWLR 2365 and CWLTM 24-50, listed in the addendum, that I could have? And also items nos. 12 and 13?

You might care to add these AD numbers to the bibliography:

- (15) EATR 4072 = AD 808731
- (16) EATR 4071 = AD 808732
- (19) EASP 600-1 = AD 661319
- (21) The IDA study = AD 661041

I enclose a listing of a few more literature references: it was intended to supplement one of your earlier lists, but I see you have now incorporated several of its entries.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



Julian Perry Robinson

Encl.