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Dear Matt:

Thank you for the news clippings on CS and toxins. This morning the BBC broadcast a story which indicated that Hope-Jones was about to resign as a result of the CS decision. So far, the issue hasn't been very prominent here at the CCD, although Chalfont did speak out in defense of the UK decision at Wednesday's meeting. It's too early to know whether this UK action will undercut support for the Convention, but I am hopeful that we can attract significant support for the BW Convention over the next two months.

I am enclosing a copy of Kissinger's backgrounder on toxins. You will note that it is replete with misinformation, but at the same time contains some promising statements as to the Administration's position on tear gas.

It was very thoughtful of you and Sarah to call last Saturday. I trust that we will be in touch between now and May.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'IRW'.

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