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Dear Matt,

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Am enclosing herewith a press release of the Canadian statement at today's meeting on CBW, which also contains a declaration by the Canadian Government renouncing all biological weapons and the use of chemical weapons except in retaliation. On tear gas, the question was left open.

I don't know whether this statement and Government declaration is of any use to you, but here it is for what it's worth.

It took a hell of a lot of pressure from this end to keep the door open on tear gas and not have the Government take a public position along the lines of what the British have done. But at least the matter is not foreclosed and there is time for further consideration and reflection.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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