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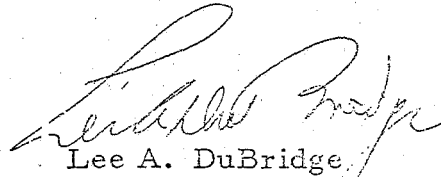
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Exec. Sec.
Dr. Singer

Dear Mr. Singer:

This is to acknowledge your letter to the President of May 20, 1970 bringing to his attention the statement of the Council of the Federation of American Scientists on chemical warfare and US ratification of the Geneva Protocol of 1925. The views expressed in this statement will be given the most careful attention as we consider questions concerning possible reservations or restrictions with respect to US accession to the Geneva Protocol.

The questions you raise concerning the use of riot control agents and herbicides in Vietnam are very difficult ones since they involve not only important long range factors such as the continued effectiveness of the Geneva Protocol, as you suggest, but also the possibility of increased US and South Vietnamese casualties in military operations in Vietnam. I wish to assure you that the President has great concern about both and that the factors mentioned in the FAS statement will be given careful attention as we formulate our detailed policy with respect to the ratification of the Geneva Protocol.

Sincerely,


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