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Dear Joshua:

I am considerably behind in our correspondence, and I am anxious to get off at least a partial reply to some of your notes before you leave California.

The New York Times text of the BW Convention is accurate. I suspect the final result will look very much the same, although we are now negotiating primarily with the non-aligned concerning some changes they would like to make. These changes do not involve the central prohibitions, but relate to the tying-in of further work on chemical weapons and to verification. The British are still interested in getting in some prohibition on use, but I think there is relatively little chance that any form of use prohibition can be part of the operative section of the treaty. We are quite optimistic that the negotiation can be wound up this summer in Geneva and that a draft treaty can be passed through the General Assembly this fall.

I appreciate your tip about the Library of Congress print on Global Armed Issues. We will get hold of a copy, since the general question will no doubt be relevant to our work in the future.

One of the reasons I have held off replying is that I have had difficulty locating the right people for you to be in touch with about command and control. I will produce a name in due course, but it will not be much help to you until after your return.

I have asked our library to get for me the book you referred to by Vagts and will read the chapter on preventive war.

The idea of an analogous publication in the arms control field to the Science Citation Index is an intriguing one

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which I have passed along to our research branch in ACDA -- Dr. Robert W. Lambert. I am not certain, however, that the utility would be broad enough to provide the financial wherewithal for what must be quite a complex operation.

I hope you have a pleasant trip. I would think Jerusalem would be particularly interesting at this point in time, in addition to the factors which make it of timeless interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. R. Day', written over a horizontal line.

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