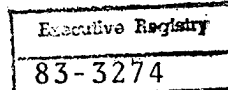


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The Honorable William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

Over the last month several articles and editorials have appeared in major papers that cast extreme doubt on the United States allegations that the Soviet Union and its client states, Vietnam and Laos, are using chemical and toxin weapons in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Laos.

The alleged use of these weapons is as of great a concern to me as they are to you. Recently, I drafted a Senate Resolution which would condemn the Soviet Union and its allies for using or condoning the use of these weapons. It also states the Senate's support for the President's efforts to negotiate, at the 40 nation Committee on Disarmament, a comprehensive and effectively verifiable multilateral treaty which bans the development, production, stockpiling or transfer of chemical weapons. Because of the most recent controversy that has erupted, I have decided to delay introducing it.

I am not satisfied that the administration has a cohesive and coordinated approach to this problem. If it does, it is presently failing. The momentum on the issue seems to have slowed, if not swung to the other side.

A number of government officials are paying lip service to the use of these weapons, yet I don't see anyone of sufficient authority overseeing the United States efforts on a day to day basis, or being the point man. No one has taken charge to insure that information is released in a timely fashion. I know that as of today, the latest biological samples tested for mycotoxins, which were found to have positive traces, have yet to be released. This information was made available to the intelligence community and the State Department over a month ago.

It is imperative that the United States make the most compelling case possible to the world that chemical and toxin weapons are being used in violation of arms control treaties, international law and basic human rights. At this time our allegations are being attacked and we are having difficulty responding with conviction.



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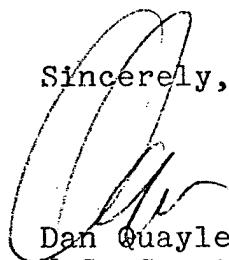
I am convinced that these weapons are being used, but I am not convinced we are doing a thorough enough job gathering intelligence, analyzing it and then disseminating it in a timely fashion.

I would like to know how many people the Agency has here and in the field investigating and analyzing the present use and the potential use of chemical and toxin weapons by the Soviet Union and other governments. I would like to know if they are working full or part time on this issue, and if part time, what percentage of their time is devoted to this area. Also, I would like to know their educational background, their area of expertise, their assignment, and their grade, rank or the equivalent. Finally, what is the degree of coordination with other agencies working on this problem, especially the State Department, Defense Department, National Security Council and ACDA.

Please provide this information for not only this current year, but also for the last two years and for next year. I would like your response to these questions at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you and to working with you on what I believe is an extremely important issue. The credibility of a number of people and departments is tied up with these allegations.

Sincerely,



Dan Quayle
U.S. Senator

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