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By KKW NARA, Date 5/13/04

TELCON
Secretary Laird
Mr. Kissinger
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[Omitted here is discussion unrelated to toxins]



By KML NARA, Date 5/13/04

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L said next item regarding the hearings going on in the House of Representatives on Geneva Convention. L said I think they are making a big issue up there about toxins. L said the Committee said they could care less but it continues to be brought up. I told Clem we are not producing any of those and have not since last delivery from an order placed some time ago. L said I don't think we should go out and make a big denouncement now. They are trying to get them into the bacteriological field. L said I don't think we should spill all of our guts before we get into this tear gas thing. K said when you called me the other day about toxins, I thought you were talking about contingency plan. I have tracked down what happened. McCarthy called Richardson. Richardson told him this was being studied in the NSC system. Someone from McCarthy's office must have leaked it. K said I did not know anything was being done on it until you called me. L said I don't see any point unless you think I should come out and announce that we are not producing them right now. K said no, Mel, I think we should study it. L said then we can give a little on something like that. We are not being pressed in this area right now and at some future date we might need it. K said you are not being pressed from here and I am having a staff paper prepared for me so that I will understand it. L said very good. I will not announce it.

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