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PROFESSOR HANS BETHE OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY WROTE TO THE PHYSICISTS AT THE TRIESTE MEETING, DEFENDING HIS JASON FRIENDS FROM WHAT HE FELT WERE SOME INACCURATE STATEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN CIRCULATED ABOUT JASON'S WORK FOR THE VIETNAM WAR. THE FOLLOWING REPLY WAS WRITTEN BY THE YOUNG FRENCH PHYSICIST, DANIEL SCHIFF, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS LABORATORY AT ORSAY.

Dear Professor Bethe,

I have read your letter addressed to Bruno Vitale, and distributed to all the participants to the Symposium at Trieste, and after reading it I was wondering whether we are not progressively losing any sense of reality: imagine a discussion on the chemists who advised the Nazis as to which gas to use in the gas-chambers, and people starting to distinguish between those who worked on "cyclon A" and those who worked on "cyclon B"...

It seems that, concerning the overwhelming atrocity of the sufferings imposed on the Vietnamese by the US bombs, we are no longer horrified: it may be that we have been given so many figures, so many technical details that we can no longer think about the human beings on which all these bombs fall. Or is it, as Chomsky puts it in "American Power and the New Mandarins", that we have become totally immune to the sufferings of others?

You inform Vitale that Jason has never worked on plastic fragmentation bombs. Is this really relevant? Should one not rather be appalled by scientists recommending that be dropped on the Vietnamese: "10000 SADEYE-BLU-26B clusters" (i.e. steel fragmentation bombs) per month (Pentagon Papers, Gravel edition, vol.IV, page 122)?

To quote Chomsky again: "By entering into the area of argument and counterargument, of technical feasibility and tactics, of footnotes and citations, by accepting the presumption of legitimacy of debate on certain issues, one has already lost one's humanity." Perhaps moral statements of that kind can awaken us, could have helped awaken the physicists at Trieste, more than the technical informations contained in your letter.

Sincerely yours, *Daniel Schiff*
Daniel SCHIFF

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