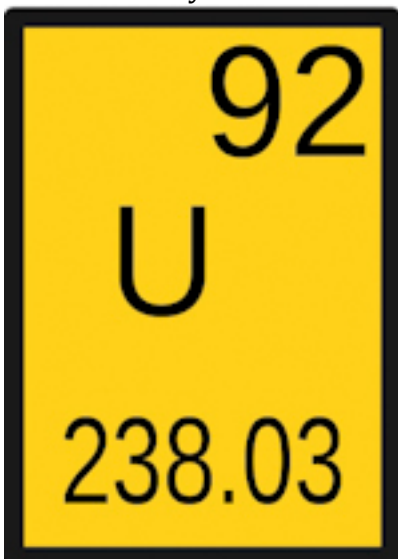
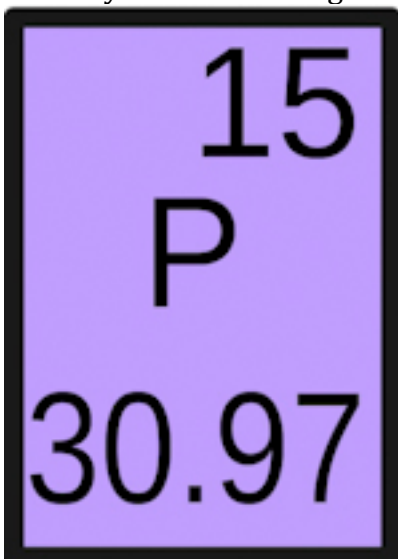


Bad Chemistry: the U.S. and Weapons: An open letter to Mr. Kerry



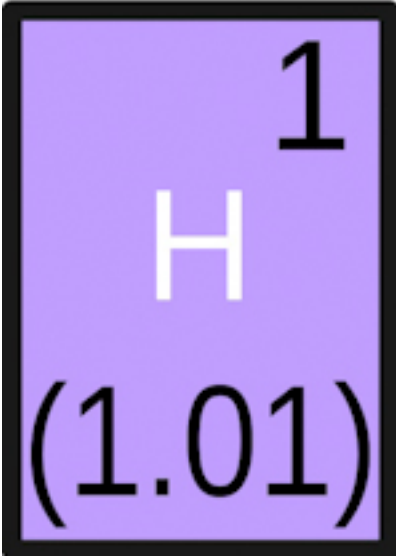
Just heard you saying that "we cannot be spectators to slaughter." Indeed very ironic that the U.S. was a spectator when white phosphorus was used by Israel against the Palestinians in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead at the end of December 2008. Furthermore, the U.S. used white phosphorus during its invasion of Iraq.

"When your house is of glass you do not throw stones at other people's homes."



I should think that you out of all people who were so keen to get the Palestinian Israeli negotiations started so that peace will eventually prevail in the region, will try to deter an attack on Syria and not enflame it. Have not the Syrian people suffered enough without a further strike when you cannot even guarantee where and how it will end? Have you not had enough losses of your young people in Iraq, Afghanistan?

We urge you to forget about your ego as a world police, and step down with dignity. Britain your great ally could be your model since it has clearly broken the leash of being your poodle.



Wise people and smart politicians learn from their mistakes, so we hope wisdom will prevail so as to avoid another human catastrophe.

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