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Mr. Francis T. McNamara  
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Dear Mr. McNamara:

I greatly appreciate having your letter of November 16. I showed it to my colleague, John Constable, which led us both to reminisce on the pleasant evening we shared with you at Henry Cushing's house in Quang Ngai. How far away that seems as I sit here in Cambridge on a cold day-before-Thanksgiving!

After we returned to the States we tried to put together the various pieces of information we had accumulated regarding the chemical crop destruction program. The overall picture we came up with seemed important enough to justify bringing the matter to the attention of officials at a high level. We prepared a report for Ambassador Bunker with copies for General Abrams and for Secretary Rogers.

Perhaps by now you have received a copy of the written part of our report, but you probably have not had the opportunity to see the accompanying photographs. I am therefore enclosing a copy of the report and also of the three photographs and map which go with it. Also enclosed are copies of our letters to Secretary Rogers and to General Abrams. The latter I send because I think the added note on Montagnards which it contains may interest you. However, since it is a somewhat informal letter, I ask that you not circulate it.

There has been some stirring of interest in Washington in a broad review of the herbicide program, but I am not sure how far it may have gone.

We are still in the midst of writing our final report which will be presented at the annual meeting of the AAAS at the end of

December. We will send a copy of it to you as soon as it is completed.

Again, thank you for your good letter. It was a pleasure to meet with you and talk with you last August.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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Enclosures