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Professor Matthew Meselsohn
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Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Professor Meselsohn:

You may remember that several weeks ago I called you when I was in Cambridge. We spent a few minutes on the phone talking about the Portuguese use of herbicides in Angola. I believe you said at that time that you had been in discussion with the Africa Research Group. I know you must now have additional information from them. We of course have also been in touch with the A.R.G. and have passed on some of our information to them. I don't know if any additional information has come your way and whether there is any possible tie-up between the Portuguese use of herbicides and defoliants in Angola and assistance from the United States.

Perhaps you have seen the enclosure which came through MPLA Medical Assistance Service. However, I will enclose a copy of it. If you have any reaction to this or any comment on the chemicals which they have identified as having been used, we would appreciate it.

Perhaps we could get together sometime to discuss this whole question. This could be done in New York if you were here sometime, or in Cambridge, or in Washington. I believe our Washington representative, Charles Hightower, may have been in touch with you recently.

Sincerely yours,

George M. Houser
Executive Director

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