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Dear Phillip,

Here for your possible interest is a copy of a letter I recently sent to William Ruckelshaus concerning the status of 2,4,5-T.

I note on page 312 of the July 23rd issue of Science that I am said to have 'endorsed' the 2,4,5-T critique organized by the Committee for Environmental Information. Although I believe the CEI is performing a public service, I specifically told Miss Aaronson of Environment magazine I did not wish to be one of the endorsers of their statement. At least in the form sent to me, I found their statement to be rather confusing and not accurate at several points. Instead of endorsing this statement I sent Harrison Wellford a copy of my letter to Mr. Ruckelshaus along with a statement that I believe that he and his colleagues are performing an important public service by stimulating open discussion of the problem before the EPA makes its final decision.

This is not a 'letter to the editor', just a letter to you and for the record, whatever that is.

Warm regards,

Matthew Meselson