

7-28-71

DR. MATTHEW MESELSON
BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

AUG 01 1971

DEAR DR. MESELSON

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND SOME CORRECTIONS TO THE "DEFOLIATION IN VIETNAM" PAPER I FORWARDED TO YOU IN LATE MAY - EARLY JUNE. THE CHANGES ARE THOSE YOU ADVISED ME TO MAKE. I'M SORRY IT HAS TAKEN ME SO LONG TO SEND THEM TO YOU. I WAS HOPING DAVID BROWN WOULD HAVE SENT ME HIS OWN OPINIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THIS, BUT HE DID NOT. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT HE APPROVED OF THE THESIS IN ITS ENTIRETY BUT I IMAGINE HE WAS SIMPLY TOO BUSY TO ADD HIS COMMENTS.

I AM NOT MAKING ANY FILLER PAGES WITH THE CORRECTIONS AS YOU ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BECAUSE MY TYPEWRITER IS IN STORAGE ON THE EAST COAST THIS SUMMER. HOPEFULLY I WILL HAVE TIME TO DO SAME BEFORE ALL OF THE DATA BECOMES OBSOLETE.

ONCE AGAIN MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE DURING THE RESEARCH STAGE OF THE PAPER. I HOPE THESE CHANGES MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

Stephen Nelson

13939 LANARK ST
PANORAMA CITY, CALIF.

P.S. ALL OF THE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THOSE WITH COPIES.

Additions & Deletions for "Defoliation in Vietnam" paper:

Page 17, Footnote 30

This is not to imply there actually are residues following all applications. The reference here is to some mountainous rice fields. Dr. Meselson also inspected delta rice areas, but found no such residues.

Page 18, Footnote 37

The footnote should be attributed to the Midwest Research Institute Report and not the interview with Dr. Meselson.

Page 90, Footnote 245

The footnoted sentence reading "The incidents appear to have been fairly infrequent since then, as rough estimates place the present damage to trees at 10%," should be eliminated. I mistakenly generalized Dr. Meselson's statement regarding one particular plantation to one covering all of the plantations.

Page 141, Footnote 363

The sentence in question should be changed to read:
"...two high ranking officials in Saigon who described the use of herbicides along roadsides as 'a total failure.'

The examples cited in the body of the paper are, of course, only part of a large spectrum of opinions within the military regarding utility.

Pages 150-151, Footnote 392

The footnoted sentence should be changed to read
"Three classified studies became manifest during the AAAS's trip to Vietnam which compiled information on the effects on civilians."

The reference should be to the following:
Boffey, Philip "Herbicides in Vietnam," Science Vol. 17, Jan. 8, 1971; p. 45; Washington Post, Jan. 2, 1971.

Page 163, Footnote 422

The footnote should read: Interview with Dr. Meselson, 2-5-71. The remainder of the footnote should be eliminated.