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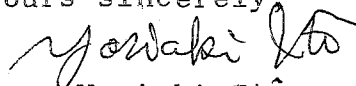
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Prof. M. S. Meselson,  
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Dear Prof. M. S. Meselson:

We are now planning to have a meeting on the illegal war in Vietnam and the role of Japanese government in it on July 8 and 9 of this summer at Gakusi-Kaikan, Hitotubasi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Many scientists are attending to make success this meeting. Destruction of Vietnamese forests with herbicides and bulldozers is one of the important theme. We received most of papers concerning the ecological side of the defoliation wrote by Westing, Pfeiffer and Galston. Professor Pfeiffer sent me a reprint of the most recent article appeared on the recent issue of the Scientific American. However, we have no information on the results of analysis of mother's milk and some other samples collected by you in Vietnam (Constable and Meselson, Sierra Club Bulletin, April 1971: p. 9). Also we don't know the estimated number of stillbirth and malformed children in the south Vietnam. As I don't know address of Prof. J. D. Constable, if you would ask him to send me informations on the effects of herbicides on Vietnamese health, I would be much oblidge to you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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