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Dear Marc,

It is good to hear from you.

What is the authority to which you refer for the belief that Soviets have provided nerve gas to Ethiopians? I am skeptical. So far as I know, the Soviet offensive chemical weapons build-up ended the same year ours did, 1969. Moreover, I am unconvinced by allegations of the use of Soviet poison gas in Afghanistan and Laos. In addition, I know of no solid evidence against the Soviet explanation of what happened in Sverdlovsk. I have looked into these matters as much as I can without high clearances. If you have any special information, I would like to know it. In any case, call me on the telephone if you want to talk about the subject.

I hope you are well and thriving. Best regards.

Sincerely Yours,

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biochemistry