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Dear Professor Ho:

I understand from Professor Westing that it may be possible for you, Professors Constable, Ashton and me to visit some of the herbicide sprayed forests in Vietnam this January. It would be most interesting and a great pleasure to do this and an even greater pleasure to see you again.

Professor Westing has asked me to determine the area of greatest interest. I have made an approximate determination on the basis of maps and records which I have. You will find it described in the enclosed copy of my letter of November 16 to Professor Westing. I wonder if you would agree that this is a good choice of general area. What do you think? It was heavily forested at one time and contains regions which were sprayed once, and others which were sprayed more than once, as well as regions not sprayed. I have here in Cambridge and will be able to bring, detailed maps, aerial photographs, herbicide records and other information about the area. Later this month I will select some small study areas within the large rectangle. The success of our efforts would of course depend on our ability to reach these areas and to spend time in them. It would be important before we embark for Vietnam to know your opinion as to whether it will be possible to enter and examine suitable study areas. Please let me know what you think in this regard. We hope to arrive in Ho Chi Minh Ville on Thursday, January 6 and to remain until Wednesday, January 12 when we travel on to Hanoi.

I very much look forward to seeing you. Please give my regards to your wife and family.

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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