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MEMORANDUM

To : Participants in Pugwash Workshops on Chemical Warfare
From : Martin M. Kaplan, Secretary General

In a memo dated 25 November 1983 item 1 reads :

"Enclosed is recent information on "yellow rain". We have reviewed this question in our recent workshops and the evidence now seems conclusive that "yellow rain" as such is a natural phenomenon, i.e., bee excrement containing pollen".

I should like to make it clear that the above statement represents my personal opinion, and does not, of course, necessarily reflect the individual views of other participants in our Chemical Warfare Workshops. They are expert enough to arrive at their own conclusions on the basis of facts made available to them.

I have been supplied with a number of copies of the following documents which will be sent to you on request in the event you do not already have them :

1. Report from Secretary of State, George P. Shultz, "Chemical Warfare in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan: An Update", November 1982, U.S. Department of State, Special Report No. 104.
2. Report to the Congress from Secretary of State, Alexander M. Haig, Jr., "Chemical Warfare in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan", March 22, 1982, U.S. Department of State, Special Report No. 98.