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Dear Matt:

I thought you might like a copy of the enclosed letter from Abraham Joffe for your file on Yellow Rain. Inspired by my piece on yellow rain in Arizona, he wrote to say that Mirocha doesn't know what he's talking about. It is perhaps a little unfair to Mirocha in that he said these things in a conversation with me rather than in a formal scientific paper. But the comments were typical of him and his views. I've noted a couple of things that Joffe didn't get quite right about the Arizona case, *pencilled in on his letter.*

I may write about all of this again because — ~~mirabile dictu~~ — the Senate has voted to express confidence in the Administration's line on yellow rain. I haven't seen the document yet, but a Foreign Relations staffer called yesterday to let me know that this happened, by voice vote, on 9 February, just as people were packing for ~~the~~ the Washington's birthday break. It's called S. Res. 201.

regards,



Eliot Marshall

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