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Distinguished Professor and Dr Matthew Meselson:

While visiting Salt Lake City in April of this year I saw an article in the April 10, 1984 issue of THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE which gave an account of the lecture you gave at the University of Utah in which you positively claimed yellow rain is actually feces dropped by bees.

I have no reason to dispute you at all. Quite the contrary, I do believe. What bothers me is that not many others do. The official position of our government is not in accordance with what you say. I am 70 years old, retired, and non-credentialed, but I have become real intersted in all the stuff that our governments tells us and yellow rain is one of them. I got a copy sometime ago from the United Nations giving their version on yellow rain and other American made accusations of Russia using chemical weapons. The United Nations report was inconclusive in most respects and as it pertained to yellow rain they were very inconclusive.

In the Winter 1983-84 issued of FOREIGN POLICY there was an article by Paul M. Kattenburg, professor at the University of South Carolina. His article was entitled "Living With Hanoi". In it he says as it pertains to yellow rain after naming you as a skeptic "Yet Vietnam's refusal to permit U.N. observers or foreign journalists to conduct investigations inside Laos or Kampuchea lends credence to these charges, suggesting that Hanoi indeed has something to hide." Also in some recent Television program some woman scientist somewhere was debating an issue with a representative of our Department of State. The subject of yellow rain got into the conversation. The Department of State said their evidence is irrefutable when the lady questioned it. All military people, active and retired, follow the party line. I visited a retired Colonel near Grand Junction, Colorado. He has a weekly radio show and his topic a few weeks hence was on yellow rain and other chemicals. He took the position that all ~~was~~ true that the Defense establishment had furnished him. I warned him to take it easy on yellow rain. He brushed me aside as not knowing. I told him about you and I guess he more or less stated you were paid to make such remarks. You could not argue with the guy and here he is feeding this crap to all who will listen to his radio show. Talk about the Russians doing brainwashing. We seem to be doing a bit of our own. This all adds up to what do I have to do to get a copy of your report and how much do I pay? Trying to be a conscientious American citizen these days is rough. No wonder so many don't even try.

Sincerely,

  
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