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Dear John:

I recently received a letter from an American Quaker saying that the Laotian Minister of Health, Dr. Vannareth, wishes to attend a conference or other form of meeting where he could participate in a discussion of the yellow rain phenomenon with western scientists. My friend, Dr. John Constable here in Boston has met Vannareth and has a good opinion of him.

It may be that something could be done rather soon, privately and on a small scale, to engage Vannareth, and through him the Lao, in initial discussions. Vannareth can be reached by cable addressed to Dr. Vannareth Rajpho, Ministry of Health, Vientienne, Peoples Democratic Republic of Laos. Do let me know if you are committed to having a conference on the yellow rain problem and if so what timing you have in mind.

I told Joan Nowicke that she and I would be receiving a letter from Nature regarding the cover of the yellow rain issue. That, plus the perspective brought by passage of time will help a lot.

I will be away from Cambridge until July 27, but from about July 15 will be in Brighton with Julian Robinson.

Horace and I greatly enjoyed your kind hospitality in London. I look forward to seeing you before too long.

As ever,

Matthew Meselson