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Professor M. Meselson,
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Dear Matt,

It is a while since we were in touch. Apparently I just missed you when you were in the UK - I was giving evidence in a trial for some Monsanto workers in Charleston, W.Va. at the time.

Could I ask you for a favour? Would you send me any recent material you have on Yellow rain/bee shit. I need to do a new article on the subject and would like to have an up-to-date file. Our CBW book is also going to be published in the US, France and Japan this spring and we want to include the latest evidence on CW allegations in an updated preface.

We are organising a public conference on chemical warfare in London on 22 April 1985 - the 70th anniversary of the use of chlorine gas in France - and we wondered if you would be willing to come and give a talk. We shall hold a number of workshops in the afternoon on BW, CW, key negotiations on CW etc., and in the evening we will have the main session. Dorothy Hodgkin has agreed to give an opening talk but she wants to restrict it to a very brief review of developments over the last 15-20 years. We will be trying to locate a good speaker with a military background who is knowledgeable about CW. Our fourth speaker will probably be someone with intimate knowledge of developments in Geneva, but we have yet to finalise this.

Would you ^{be} prepared to talk about allegations, of the use of chemical warfare agents? yellow rain being the recent, wonderful example. If you would refer to other allegations that would be helpful.

I would be grateful if you would let me know if you could give a talk. The meeting would be for the public so we would be aiming to explain the complexity of the problem to a lay audience. We will pay your expenses, of course. The meeting is being jointly organised by our Working Committee on Chemical Weapons (see enclosed sheet for members), the United Nations Association and the World Disarmament Campaign.

I hope you can come.