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Dear Matt:

Based on a few audience comments following your Oregon talk I would guess that it was well received. Congratulations. Since I had talked to my genetic class on Friday about DNA and the Meselson-Stahl experiment, it seemed appropriate to tell them on Monday about yellow rain. So the yellow rain fell on another 400 ears.

Two questions and one favor.

1. When will the yellow rain story appear on Nova?
2. I couldn't find "Voyage to Arcturus" referenced anywhere in Books in Print under any related title. Can you supply an author or verify the title?
3. Can you supply me with 5x7 black and white prints of 2 slides from your talk? One slide was an E.M. scan of random pollen showing their diversity. The other was an E.M. scan of pollen from various yellow rain samples showing a unique pollen grain characteristic of plant X? in Southeast Asia. I'd like to use them in a revision of my genetics book (assuming there is a second edition) to show how science can affect politics.

Thanks for the help. There's no rush on any of this.

Healthfully yours,

Gordon Edlin  
Professor of Genetics

P.S. Could the MacArthur Foundation be run by aliens?