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Dear Dr. Meselson:

I was very interested in your theory of "yellow rain" and would like to add my own experience to support this theory. I refer to the recent Nova program.

On a beach in Northern California last fall, my husband and I were attacked by yellow jackets which apparently had produced a bumper crop up and down the coast. A yellow-jacket landed on a sandwich I was holding. He held a crumb between his 'paws' and I stared into his eyes. We eyeballed each other for a second, then he took off dropping a yellow powder on my hand and wrist. This caused immediate swelling and redness over a wide area. It took a couple of hours before it subsided -- maybe longer. My husband said, "That's the yellow rain of Southeast Asia." Whatever it was, it was a highly potent substance.

I hope this is helpful.

Best wishes,

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