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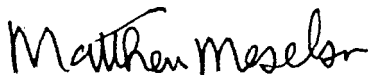
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Mr. Thomas Pettit
Executive Vice President
NBC News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10020

Dear Mr. Pettit,

It has been a long time since we last talked but I remember that when you were based in California one of your particular interests was chemical warfare. I thought, therefore, that you might like to see the enclosed advanced copy of an article about the alleged chemical warfare agent "Yellow Rain" for Scientific American. Our conclusion is that the Yellow Rain is a phenomenon of nature, not of man.

Sincerely,



Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biochemistry
and Molecular Biology

Enclosure

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