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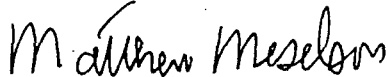
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Mr. Dan Rather
CBS News
524 W. 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Rather,

Because I know that you have been personally interested in the allegations of chemical warfare in South East Asia, I thought you might like to see the enclosed advance 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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