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Dear Fred,

I am returning the sample, along with a 35mm slide photograph of it. Joan Nowicke has examined the pollen in a small sub-sample, but has not yet been able to identify the plant families contributing the major pollen types. In gross appearance to the eye, and under low power, the spot resembles the other yellow rain samples and bee feces samples we have examined.

I take it that this spot is from the sample described in the enclosed interview summary. Is that correct? Please let me know. Have you any further information about the sample?

May I feel free to show photographs of the sample and to describe it as coming from the October 1979 collection? I would not, of course, describe the immediate source of the sample.

Here is a copy of our Scientific American article. I would greatly appreciate your appraisal of it, which I would of course keep to myself.

It was good to see you earlier this summer. If you should be in the Boston area, I hope you will drop by.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Matthew Meselson

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