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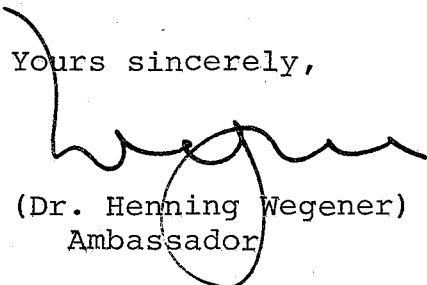
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Dear Professor Meselson,

I should like to thank you for your letter of 26 August. I have studied the enclosed article on "Yellow Rain" with great interest. The findings of your studies, that the origin of the alleged chemical is a phenomenon of nature, will have to be seriously considered in any discussion on the use of chemical weapons in South East Asia and in Afghanistan. However, you admit yourself, that it cannot be proven that some kind of chemical warfare has not taken place. I hope that you can share my view that the reports on chemical warfare in South East Asia and in Afghanistan deserve careful attention. It would help to clarify the matter if international inspection teams were allowed to examine the sights in question.

Yours sincerely,


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Ambassador