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Dr. Matthew Meselson
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Dear Dr. Meselson:

Yesterday I read your article in Scientific American; I came away convinced that you had solved the dilemma of the yellow rain. I was also convinced that the Russians are correct in scoffing at our own government's claims about the use of chemical warfare agents in southeast Asia and Afghanistan.

Today I read the article by William Kucewicz in the Wall Street Journal. From the information presented by Kucewicz, it appears to me that you deliberately slanted your Scientific American article to prove a preconceived idea. When I was a graduate student at Harvard (Ph.D., 1963), I was taught that I must not omit contradictory data from my publications (even if the space is limited). I now wonder what your real motives and objectives may be.

Good luck in reclaiming your credibility. Perhaps you should simply start over, in a completely objective fashion.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald D. Runnells".

Donald D. Runnells
Professor