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Dear Matt

It was very nice to hear from you. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the article on yellow rain and your very conclusive proof that it is a natural phenomenon. In fact articles on yellow rain have appeared in the National Geographic and Life before and that is how I came to know that you were working on it.

It is a shame that people in the government draw hasty conclusions for political consumption and accuse others falsely but that is to be expected. People like you more than anyone else have the serious responsibility of defending the scientific truth and I am more than happy that you have been able to do so.

It was also good to know that you and your family are doing well. I am involved in a farming system research project in this country and am trying to improve various food crop production by introducing new high yielding varieties from other countries, new technique and often alternate low cost technology all to help farmer produce more. I also work with farmers on the mountain slope where we are starting a watershed management project. This will include forage grass terraces, planting fruit and forest trees, testing new varieties of sorghum, sweet potatoes etc. all to make the slopes more productive and control soil erosion.

I will attend the annual FSR meeting at Manhattan in Kansas next month where I may present a paper if it will be ready by that time.

I will also spend a week at Winrock in Morrilton, Arkansas and The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville before going to Manhattan.

Then I will join my wife in Seattle and leave for Manila and Delhi on our long awaited home leave.

I hope you will find some time to keep in touch in the future.

My best regards to you and Sarah and love to children.

  
Anil