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Dear Matt,

Many thanks for sending the reprint of your Scientific American article. It truly deserves the adjective: scientific. You know, the problem with the bee feces hypothesis is that, on the face of it, it sounds too bizzare. But your presentation of the evidence is so convincing that, upon reading the article, the feces hypothesis no longer has that Rod Serling quality. The unfortunate part of the policy problem is that most of the consumers of such data in the government do not have training in the scientific method and thus do not undersand why your conclusions are compelling.

Having said that, I must remark on the door you left open at the end of the article. Is it not conceivable that chemical warfare is indeed being practiced, but the the U.S. Government was in error in focusing on these yellow spots as evidence? Perhaps the USG inadvertently deceived itself. The reports from the field may be accurate, but the linkage to these yellow spots have moved investigations in the wrong direction.

In any case, your study is a real service--but you don't need me to tell you that.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve", written over a horizontal line.

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