

Bee Feces Theory Of Yellow Rain Is Reasserted

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WASHINGTON — Five scientists have asserted again that what is called yellow rain is actually "the feces of honeybees."

They say it not a residue of Soviet weapons using mycotoxins, as the U.S. government has described it.

The group, organized by Matthew S. Meselson, a biochemist at Harvard University, made its report in the September issue of *Scientific American*, released Sunday.

The theory that yellow rain poisons are produced in nature by fungi that grow on the feces of bees was put forth by Mr. Meselson two years ago.

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Dear Matthew

Many thanks for your note and article. I did not go up to Boston finally but I do hope you'll come to Paris one of these days. You were on a cruise again, said your secretary. Hope it was great. I took my daughters to Spain (at least one. The other went to Norway) with a little side trip to Granada (lovely) Seville and Cordoba (less so). I saw Françoise Monier of L'Express today. She got your article and wants to do a piece (finally) but is trying to include in it an interview

of the Frenchman who also said, or who first said in
France, that is was not a chemical agent.

If I can manage it, I will take
the girls to India at Xmas.

Any suggestions for that country?

Ben Karin