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Dear Matthew,

Thank you very much for sending me a reprint of your "Yellow Rain" article in the Scientific American. The evidence seems to me very convincing that "Yellow Rain" is a natural phenomenon. I remember with great pleasure your wonderful lecture in Björkliden last year, which already convinced me.

One thing keeps troubling my mind: it is not a frivolity that makes the population of whole vilages to emigrate to other parts and to uproot their society. The same kind of "attack" by the Asia honeybees as you and your group experienced must have gone on for the last thousand years one would presume and this must be rather well known by the population. But this problem probably will never be solved.

Congratulation on a beautiful job. Hope to see you in Stockholm in October.

Kind regards, yours



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