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Dear Matt:

You were kind to send me a reprint of the Scientific American article. I found it waiting on my desk when I returned from a breather in the country; hence, my delay in writing. The article is extremely interesting and the project was exceedingly thorough in all respects. It certainly confirms your original suggestion that Yellow Rain is a Red Herring in terms of the S.E. Asia controversy over chemical agents. What a pity that preoccupation with bee dung so slanted those who interviewed, saw victims, and collected specimens during the active phases of the investigations.

I hope to see you one of these days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ivan".

Ivan L. Bennett, Jr., M.D.  
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