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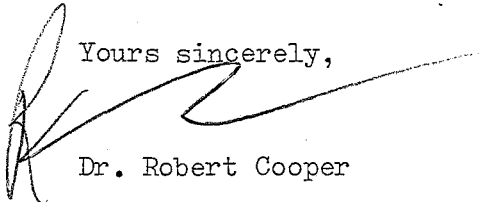
Dear Mr. Meselson,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your article on Yellow Rain (Scientific American, September 1985), which I read with interest.

Not being a chemist, scientist or bee-keeper, I find it very hard to comment on the hypothesis that yellow rain is really bee faeces.

Rather than the argument on whether chemical weapons have ever been used in Laos (post 1975), I am interested in the belief among certain Hmong that they are the subject of an extermination campaign. For the maintenance of this belief, chemical warfare is certainly a more powerful stimulant than bee faeces.

Yours sincerely,



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