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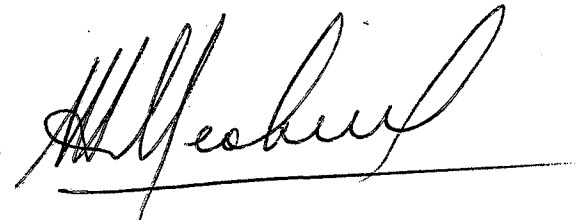
Dear Prof. Meselson,

Thank you very much for your letter of August 28, 1985 and a reprint of your and your colleagues excellent paper on "Yellow Rain", which I have read with great interest. I hope that the whole detective story will be now over. I have seen a very positive comment on your article in Soviet newspaper IZVESTIA. However, I am very curious about Russian language edition of Scientific American. There was a contract about two years ago which gave the Soviet Union the right to publish "cover to cover" Russian reproduction of Scientific American in the Soviet Union and the journal was a great success in the Soviet Union. However Soviet censorship could find unacceptable some parts of your paper and it most probably be published in Russian version of the journal with many cuts of not published at all, or be doctored. The US office of Sci. Am must get a Russian version. If you want to find out in what form the Russian version of this journal publish your paper, please ask Editor of Scientific American to send you (or me) a copy of this issue of the journal and I will compare the two versions and tell you the difference.

I most probably visit the USA in 1986. I got an invitation to take part in the Congress on Physiology in Canada (symposium on aging) in July and my wife and I also travel some places in the United States. If my programme include Boston area, I let you know

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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