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Dear Matt -

You asked me what I thought after reading the article on Yellow Rain which you and your colleagues wrote for Scientific American.

I think you demonstrated conclusively that many of the samples collected by alleged victims of chemical warfare in Southeast Asia were bee feces.

I wish we could be as certain about the other indicators. In addition to the oral testimony, the blood samples, blisters and other physical symptoms need convincing explanations. In light of the accumulated evidence I'm sure that something happened in the form of chemical warfare in Southeast Asia and that the whole thing is not a gigantic hoax or the product of the overwrought imaginations of primitive people.

On the issue of the production of binaries, Jim Leonard and I had a moderately gratifying day last week lobbying some congressmen picked as targets by John Isaacs. The finding in the body of the Stoenke Commission Report

that the current stockpile was not in the horrendous state that the army has been claiming was, as you mentioned to me, an eye-opener to some of those with whom we talked. We'll be back at it during the second week of October when the vote on the appropriation bill will be closer to the Congressional horizon.

Best regards,
Chuck Floservo