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Jonathan Piel
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Oct. 2, 1985

Dear Mr. Piel,

I received the copy you sent of the one favorable letter on the Yellow Rain article. Now that the Wall Street Journal has printed our letter of response, some readers of both your magazine and that newspaper may have softened their reactions a bit.

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For your information, I enclose a copy of a brief review of the autopsy report referred to so extensively in Mr. Kusewicz' unfortunate editorial. I also brought a copy of the autopsy report over to a pathologist at Massachusetts General Hospital, someone who didn't know yellow rain from acid rain. He, too, had serious questions about the quality of this one account and the methods of analysis and interpretation.

Your support in all this controversy is much appreciated. I'm working with Matthew meselson to answer the unfavorable letters personally and with enclosures that may be enlightening. I really don't know how the bits and scraps of the Kusewicz et al. case could possibly be propped up to look like science. At least your magazine did the American public the favor of seeing what is hard fact.

Sincerely,

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