

Constable

January 22, 1986

John Constable, M.D.
177 Coolidge Hill Road
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear John,

My friend in Cairo is Major-General Dr. Esmat A. Ezz, M.B., B.Ch., D.M., Ph.D. The Ph.D. is in toxicology from the University of Chicago. Until his recent retirement, he was Head, Scientific Research Branch, Egyptian Armed Forces. He was also Chairman of the U.N. Group of Experts to Investigate Reports on the Alleged Use of Chemical Weapons. His address and telephone are:

Major-General Dr. Esmat A. Ezz
43 Misr Hellwan Road
Maadi
Cairo, EGYPT

Home #: 635-899
Work #: 828-992

I would appreciate it if you would ask General Ezz for two reports of trichothecene analyses of samples from Southeast Asia he said he would send to me. One is from Australia and the other from Canada.

If I were fortunate enough to visit Cairo again, I'd head for the Institute of Papyrology, to learn about untranslated ancient texts on mummy wrappings. I understand that mummified bodies of children and animals (crocodiles, etc.) were often wrapped in cloth or papyrus upon which texts of all sorts were inscribed. The Egyptian authorities have been reluctant to let scholars examine this material, of which there are literally tons. I wonder what condition the material is in, what problems there are preparing it for examination and what programs are in progress or planned for doing so. Among the laundry lists, are there complete poems of Sappho, plays of Sophocles?

Bon voyage,