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Professor Matthew Meselson
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Dear Professor Meselson:

Thank you for the extremely interesting presentation of your work on "yellow" rain. Unfortunately, I've not been successful with the Hmong. They are quite distressed about the yellow rain controversy and are reluctant to give any interviews that might be unfavorable to their stories.

I would suggest that you form a neutral social science group to develop a research protocol to address the question of the validity of the Hmong reports. This group, I think, could gain access to the Hmong community. This community, as you know, is very sophisticated when it comes to protecting their own self-interests. Also, they have had considerable experience dealing with American social scientists. In addition, I hope you will be successful in obtaining the original State Department interviews. I believe the Hmong would help you in reviewing this material.

I wish you success in your important investigations. You have certainly raised the chemical war issue to a much needed level of scientific scrutiny.

Thank you for your interest in our clinic's work. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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