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Dr. Matthew Meselson
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Dear Dr. Meselson,

This is a difficult letter to write. I am sure you were aware that for many years my father suffered from renal disease. On June 11 after several months of hospitalization he passed away.

Dad was aware of your latest publications on "Yellow Rain"-- I personally gave him copies of some of the coverage your work received in the Wall Street Journal. I believe that to the end he was convinced that you were wrong and he was right. Still, he respected you as a scientist and thought of you as his friend.

My mother, sister and I thought that Dad would have wanted you to be contacted this way. And we have a favor to ask. Our contacts with his friends and colleagues are understandably a bit weak, so we hope you will pass the message of his death along to others who knew and cared for him.

Warmest Regards,



Sheri Hoptman