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Dear Ms Breedlove, Thank you for your message of the 24th. I would like to make it clear that on my part correcting any factual differences was not the problem, although it may be that of the reviewers. My major objections concerned the political and ad personem innuendos by the reviewers, and the time and effort involved in trying to take them into account and to rewrite a personal memoir on what I thought were interesting aspects of post World WarII history of biological and chemical weapons not generally known. As to the length of the article, I had thought that a previous answer from JAMA stating that my submission might better fit the JAMA "In Retrospect" series would be followed by a suggested abbreviated version which I would have been glad to consider, but that seems to have been forgotten. I hope this clarifies the matter for you as well as for my colleagues who have expressed dismay. On Thu, 24 Apr 1997, Charlene Breedlove wrote:

> I'm terribly sorry to learn that you are withdrawing your paper and of  
> your complete disagreement with the reviewers' comments, though I can  
> well understand that some differences of historical interpretation may be  
> irreconcilable. Perhaps these events are best reported in a book. Thank  
> you for the opportunity to consider your work. I shall return the  
> manuscript.

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