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Dr. Richard Young
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Dear Dr. Young:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of my colleague, Elso Barghoorn. I am interested in obtaining information on the total concentration of air-borne organisms in the atmosphere. In particular I would like to know how low the concentration of bacteria and fungi gets to be in the troposphere over the open sea. I am interested in total organisms whether living or dead. I would be most grateful for whatever references you can supply on this or closely related subjects.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biology