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Dear Sam:

I am writing to inquire if you can supply me with any information or references regarding the concentration of micro-organisms in the atmosphere. Specifically, I am interested to know the concentration under various conditions and at various altitudes in locations remote from population centers. I would like to know not just the concentration of viable organisms, but the total concentration of both living and dead micro-organisms. Furthermore, I am interested in learning the particle size distribution of this material. I know this is a very tall order, but I would appreciate help in obtaining any information at all.

With best regards,

Matthew Meselson