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Dear Martin,

You probably know of the amazing eighty to three vote in the planary session of the General Assembly last week. The three nations voting against the Swedish and neutral nation resolution were Portugal, Australia and the United States. There were approximately thirty-five abstentions but many of the abstainers disagreed only with the procedure, not with the substance of the resolution.

The 2,4,5-T manuscript has still not been accepted by Science Magazine. There are rumors that Dow Chemical thinks that its 2,4,5-T may be relatively free of a particular impurity alleged to be present at much higher concentration in the bionetics sample. Dow Chemical is said to be conducting animal tests to see if it is possibly the impurity rather than 2,4,5-T itself that causes the effects.

Unless something solid appears in the scientific literature, I see no reason to alter the careful present wording of the WHO report regarding 2,4,5-T.

With best wishes, for the New Year and love to all,

As ever,

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