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Dear Art

enclosed some papers on a toxic impurity present in 245T. From other British evidence there is reason to believe that the impurity has a high activity - i.e. it is comparable to the nerve gases. It is likely removed from the 245T by recrystallization. Otherwise, use of the 245T impure can mean a serious toxic hazard. Do we know how pure the 245T used in Vietnam is? Can we disclose? This could explain the discrepancy between the Vietnamese data on the animal toxicity of the chemical sprays & the US claims. I spoke to Bert Pfeiffer before he left for Cambodia & he's looking at the data there with this in mind. I have also written to Jo Newland & Peter Newland. Please use this data discreetly at present - don't pass release it yet as it should wait till Pfeiffer returns.

Let me know what you think

Best wishes

Verena Rose