

January 5, 1970

Congressman Richard D. McCarthy
House of Representatives
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max,

I thought you might like to see my review of your book as it appeared in Book Week for January 4.

In case you do not already have a copy, I enclose the resolution passed December 30 by the council of the AAAS urging the Defense Department to cease the use of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T in Vietnam. The vote was 114-51. I also include a copy of the AAAS press release announcing the study of the effects of anti-plant warfare that I shall attempt to design in coming months. I hope that in less than nine months we can design a set of alternate studies with different degrees of completeness and different price tags. Then it will be up to the AAAS or some other body to conduct the study. I interpret the work "ecological" in the press release as including effects on plants, animals, the land and human beings. When we next meet, I'd like to get your advice on a number of points.

Sarah and I had a great time seeing you here last week and regret only that Gayle could not come.

With warm regards,

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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