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Dear Milt,

Thank you very much for your draft report on anti-plant warfare. Please keep sending me anything on this subject you think I should see in connection with the AAAS study.

Here are some items that you may not yet have seen. The first is the Department of State report on defoliation in Cambodia. Six months after the inspection by the Department of State team, Bert Pfeiffer and Arthur Westing accompanied by a French scientist and a French lawyer made another inspection of the area. I will send you their report when it becomes available. Generally speaking, they agreed with the assessment of the State Department team. However, they did find somewhat more severe damage and less regrowth of species. Their report emphasizes the impact on the population whereas the State Department report does not go into this question. I also include a copy of an article in German concerning a possible contaminant in 2,4,5-T. There has been some speculation here as to whether the teratogenicity found by bionetics is actually caused by 2,4,5-T or, alternatively, by some contaminant, possibly 2,3,6,7-tetrachloro-dibenzodioxine. Finally, I include an updated bibliography on CS. Do you have any papers regarding the antigenicity of CS and its action as a skin sensitizer? Additional references four and five on the last page of my bibliography concern this subject but I do not have copies.

With best wishes,

As ever,

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