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Dear Martin,

Could you let me have three more copies of the WHO report in its final format? I shall attempt to order more from the Columbia University Press but I need a few very soon.

The 2,4,5-T story goes on and on. It is still not clear whether 2,4,5-T itself was the teratogenic substance in the bionetics tests. Courtney has her manuscript back from Science along with comments from reviewers. It is now up to her to return the manuscript for publication. Science has indicated its willingness to publish.

You probably know about the mad leap I took in accepting an assignment from the AAAS to design a study of the effects of defoliation in Vietnam. I enclose a copy of a letter to the Board of Directors of the AAAS that will explain just what I am up to. Any help you can provide would be most appreciated. At a later date, I will come to you for special help in getting information on the consequences of defoliation from Hanoi. Meanwhile, if you come across anything on human health problems, I would be especially interested.

With love,

As ever,

Matthew Meselson

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