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Dear Dr. Meselson:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 2 with the copy of the letter from Globe, Arizona. This is a most interesting sort of report and certainly deserves extensive examination from the biological point of view, also the fact that it may be an impurity in the defoliants which is the real cause of the trouble.

Certainly if these stories prove to have a real basis in fact, this is an area which ought to have extensive biologic investigation by a team of experts since elucidation of a problem like this will require so many people from different disciplines and the misfortune of this relatively small group of people in a narrow area might be turned to the advantage of the country as a whole.

I hope you will keep me informed and let me know if there is anything that we as a Department of Pediatrics can contribute.

With best wishes,

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*An excellent article in last New
Yorker on defoliation in Viet Nam!*