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Dear Professor Meselson,

many thanks for taking the time and care to comment in detail on my manuscript on 'yellow rain'. Using it along with a number of other responses from friends and colleagues I should be able to turn a rough first draft into a much more focussed and precise piece of work. I am beginning work on a re-draft now.

Arthur Wang's comments are very depressing as I expected the topicalness of the subject of yellow rain to be a selling point. I would appreciate it if he could give me further advice on publishing possibilities in the US. I will try to get it published as an academic monograph before I consider a magazine format.

I hope to be returning to Laos in mid-September with a television team from the Australian Broadcasting Commission to advise them on the making of a documentary on yellow rain. One of the things we hope to do is to interview refugees in the Thai camps who claim to have been gassed in the last month for e.g. and then cross into Laos and go to the places of the alleged attacks and interview people there. We also hope to visit the area around Phu Bia and other places regularly named as the sites of attacks. Let's hope the Lao government doesn't suddenly get cold feet.

You ask about the Thai evaluation. As far as I can tell the Thais are divided, which was brought out at a panel discussion of the Science Society of Thailand in March this year. Certainly some elements of Thai intelligence believe it is happening and have given selected journalists a look at their evidence. The Australian journalist who bought the 'mycotoxin rocket' for e.g. was shown what Thai intelligence had but he was sworn to secrecy about it. Not very useful. Maybe I will get closer to it this next trip.

Thanks for the Cullen contact. I shall send you the re-draft when its done.

yours sincerely

Grant Evans ✓