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Dear Pongthep:

In comparison to our trip with you in Thailand, life here has been dull. Here are slides of two of the more momentous experiences during our mutual investigations.

I was glad to hear that the U.S. Embassy yellow rain team went with you to Khao Yai and Chaing Mai and was able to repeat some of our observations. I would like to know the parameters of the yellow rain shower you observed during that trip. How long did it last, what area was covered and what was the spot density? What do you think is the reason that the bees defecate in large groups instead of individually? Is foraging also done by bees moving in large groups rather than individually?

Tom and I intend to write a short report on what the three of us did last March. When we have a draft we will send it for your comment, hoping that you will join us in authorship.

Tom and I wanted to send some kind of equipment that might be of use in your research but we could not think of something we were sure would be useful. Therefore, please use the enclosed funds as you think best. I also enclose a copy of the article by Nowicke and me describing our palynological analysis of yellow rain.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson

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