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> To: Carus, Seth

> Subject: Meselson & Pribbenow

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> Seth,

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> Everything Pribbenow said I can confirm. I too questioned the

> Vietnamese chem corps officer and later a Lao major. However, I felt

> that Meselson only added a red herring to the whole process with his

> bee feces.

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> The "positive" samples were all from one Khmer Rouge autopsy without a

> history of exposure to "yellow rain" or any other attack. I reworked

> and re-interviewed most all of the most creditable "eyewitnesses" to

> "yellow rain" including Amos Townsend's and Hamilton-Merritt's cases

> and no one actually ever saw "yellow rain." Stories were started by

> someone and then spiraled into fact. It didn't help that Voice of

> America was broadcasting the details to the refugees who were then

> repeating those facts back to us.

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> Kit Green (previously of the poisoned umbrella fame) was the person

> who got honored and then went to GM. Sharon Watson was the fresh out

> of graduate school who proposed mycotoxin since her PhD was on that

> subject and her prof got paid \$1000 per sample to analysis samples for

> such.

> Once mycotoxin was being considered samples (including the Khmer

> autopsy) were split into thirds - Aberdeen, Porton Down, and her prof.

> All US and British samples were negative. Her professor was letting

> grad students to the extraction in the same space they were doing

> natural product extraction of mycotoxins. Thus, in my view, this whole

> affair was due to cross contamination and an over anxious Haig.

> Everybody else joined the bandwagon or divorced themselves from the

> proceedings.

> NOBODY would say the emperor had no clothes until the scientific team

> was sent. Mike Sauri as the first physician took the heat when he came

> back and briefed the "believers". He left the Army medical corps soon

> after and has been in private practice north of Rockville ever since.

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> You can tell Matt that I and Don Stader (our State Depart member) have

- > no problems telling our stories as long as the truth gets told and the
- > info is not used for political bashing. I think Mike Sauri will
- > express his feelings. Steve Waugh (2nd chem officer) is retired in
- > Texas near Don but still has some connections with the powers to be.
- > Ron LaGrone (3rd chem officer) is retired but as a SF officer I doubt
- > he will open up. Dave Lambert (1st chem officer) was worthless in the
- > field and also a "yes-man" bureaucrat.
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- > Steve