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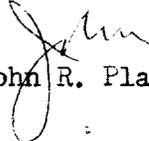
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Dear Josh:

I don't know if a Department of Microbiology exists at Wisconsin, but I figured if it didn't, it should, and you should be in it. Your piece stimulated me to emit the enclosed. I was going to thank you and Cowie for the stimulation, but then I decided the pieces were quite independent speculations and it might be better not to couple them in people's minds, lest the fall of one (but of course they won't fall !) might unnecessarily damage the reputation of the other. However if you or Cowie are willing to run this risk, I'll be glad to put the credit line back in.

I would like a copy of your piece for myself, if you have another; and also the extended references I asked you for a few days ago.

Yours sincerely,


John R. Platt