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Dear Josh:

I appreciate so very much receiving a copy of your thoughtful letter of October 27 sent to Phil Handler.

Most certainly, the problem you raise concerning possible conflict of interests is an important one, and one that will take a great deal of thought and wisdom in order to handle it properly.

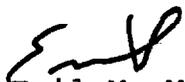
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I would say that most people own stocks, and many have had contact with industry in one way or another. Drawing lines through the gray zone is what is going to be hard, but I agree with you that it ought to be looked at.

I am certainly glad that I was not involved in the cyclamate thing. I would like to think that the DDT situation was more clean-cut, although I can see problems arising with respect to other chemicals.

Thanks, again, for your thoughtfulness in sending me this.

Kindest personal regards,


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