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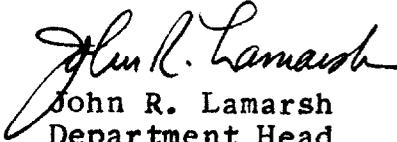
Professor Joshua Lederberg
Stanford University
Palo Alto, California 94305

Dear Professor Lederberg:

I recently read an article quoting you as having said that the genetic damage from background radiation was costing the United States the order of \$10 billion per year.

If this statement was in fact made by you, would you kindly send me a reprint or report which elaborates on the statement. It is an important remark which I would like to follow up.

Sincerely yours,


John R. Lamarsh
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