Memo/Reply From
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TO: Dr Cappé
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Health uses of "DNA"

I am in full agreement with your remark (Gene Watch 1 #5) that not enough of the extraordinary promise of "DNA" is directed to the world's important problems. You are echoing what I have said for many years (cf. enclosures) from the perspective of one inside the development of that technology.

But your beating on industry satisfies only an emotional or doctrinal need to do just that. How can investor-supported enterprises support public needs (besides the taxes they pay, no mean part.)

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TO:

Won't you put your energy behind getting more govt. support for problems of diarrheal and parasitic disease. I absolutely agree about their priority!

Yours,
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