Personal Memo from
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I was intrigued at your comment on "synthetic antibodies", cited in Serafini's biography.

I'm pretty hard on Linus & Campbell in the enclosed; but I've always had enormous admiration for his vision. (But that paper, besides being wrong, was a lousy experiment!)

I am fascinated that you were there at the time! Can you reminisce further about what was happening? Did he not see what a bad experiment it was — what kind of controls were needed... Why did he concede?

What happened to Dan Campbell? His name has dropped out of the literature since 1970. Yours,

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P.S. The idea of molecular imprinting is a good one, even if that's not how the body makes antibodies. I've been waiting years for Dickey's work to be confirmed. I did a couple of expts. myself with silica gel in the 1950's. But it's happened! (See Wulff's review).

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