Mr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

I read in the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner a very interesting article entitled, "Good Science and Bad Politics."

It is interesting to find that now some of the scientists see our environmental problem and also see the cause. In the third paragraph you stated, "The problem is often too little science; always one of poor balance." I agree with this statement because we find that nature is constantly seeking a balance. It is man and his advanced technology and human nature that hinders nature from maintaining a balance. In the eighth paragraph you stated an incident about a colleague of yours who had done some research on chlorinated water with ONA. I find it almost frightening that the branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had precisely "zero" dollars for new research in water safety. I have heard so much information on water pollution that it seemed almost natural that research

was being done to help the problem

I want to compliment you on a very ~~clear~~ clear and informative article. I hope others will read it and maybe it will stimulate someones thinking as well as action.

Sincerely yours.

Robbin Bennett