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TO: R. Porter

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These comments are almost irresponsibly remote; but I try to respond to yours of 9 July.

The general directions and recent leadership of the department are commendable, not beyond the possibility of still higher aspirations.

It is impossible to put too much emphasis on DNA and protein structure, and their variations qua genetic polymorphism and disease. All the more as you do not have Genetics as a separate program. I do note the MMBU. On the other hand you might reexamine the logic of a separate Physical Biochemistry department. (I do not ignore a logic of opportunity for special leadership

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provide the premise is sustained.)

At this distance, perhaps I've already spoken beyond my credentials.

Sincerely,

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toxicology?

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