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Dear Paul,

I would like to tell you

(A) that two opinions have spread, among others, in Europe:

(1) that Stanford asked for "safety limitations" to block others from working in genetic engineering

(2) that Stanford tries to keep for itself the possible economic advantages of scientific discoveries in a whole new field.

(B) that, back in France, I have been telling that not only (1) has no meaning but also that personnaly you, Paul Berg, went to this safety business only when, in 72 or 73, someone put up to your mind as a scientific problem the possibility of a potential danger. About (2), after I asked your opinion in October 76, you told me clearly that personnaly you were against most aspects of a patent covering the applications of a whole new scientific field and that you would send to me a copy of the letter you wrote to the NIH to present your opinion on the matter.

I have never said that (1) was true or that you were pushing for (2). I keep all my admiration for

your teaching and I am very respectfully yours,

Alais