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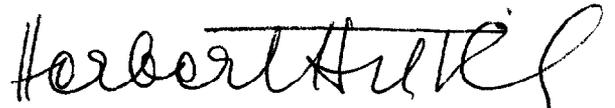
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We are thinking of sending the enclosed letter either to Science or to Dr. Leroy Burney, Surgeon General, Public Health Service. In view of your recent and very thoughtful discussion of possible contamination from other planets we thought we would get your reaction to such a letter concerned with terrestrial contamination. In case that you agree with its contents, would you be interested in signing it together with us? We feel the letter would carry more weight and conviction if somebody of your standing in the field of genetics would join us in this.

Sincerely,



Dr. John J. Bittner
Professor and Director
Cancer Biology



Dr. Herbert M. Hirsch
Associate Professor
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