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To: Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
Department of Biophysics

Re: Westex Committee on Planetary Biology

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I think it will be best if I resign from the Westex committee. The subjects under discussion are far removed from my major interests in geochemistry, and I haven't felt that I could make any significant contribution to the committee's work. I had hoped to find time to build up a background in planetary geology, but time for such extracurricular activity is just not available. I have so many irons in the fire right now that I am not doing justice to any of them, and I think my best move is to get out from under those projects where I am contributing least.

This resignation is submitted with considerable reluctance, because I have found the discussions of your committee most interesting and the members very congenial. But so far the benefit has all been to me rather than to the committee, and I hardly feel that I can continue to ask NASA to finance my education in planetary biology. If the committee needs geochemical (or astrochemical) advice, I am sure that Dr. Urey is in a much better position to help you than I am.

Thank you for giving me the chance to serve on the committee.

Sincerely yours,

*Konrad B. Krauskopf*  
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