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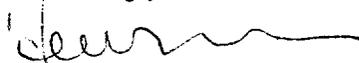
Dear Josh:

This is a belated note of thanks for your extensive and much appreciated letter concerning the information problem. I was extremely interested to read about your SCITEL program and its possible miniaturization at the level of individual societies. This is very much the kind of thing I had in mind for our society, and I have tried my best in the past couple of committee meetings to encourage some creative and long range approach to the problem of publication by the American Society for Cell Biology.

For the time being I am sorry to report this has had virtually no effect. Everybody is most conservative and most anxious to make the same mistakes that others have made. At least so far we have not planned to start a new journal but are merely trying to take over and revamp an existing publication. I will keep pushing, however, whenever the opportunity arises, for some intelligent approach such as yours concerning the role of scientific societies in combating the information explosion.

With kindest regards, and thanks for your help.

Cordially,



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Dr. Swift was chairman of a publication
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