Memo from JOSHUA LEDERBERG

To: Pres. Handler NAS

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Handler-Kistiakowski-Edsall corresp./ 12/71
re NAS/NAE

Phil-- Having just read this exchange, I am more convinced than ever that the NAS cannot credibly take corporate responsibility for the substance of any NRC report. It can and should establish a process by which reputed scientists(and engineers) can enter their critical judgments about an imputed consensus, and do this pluralistically, and on a parity of timing and implied authoritativeness with the committee pronouncements,

I agree with you (or with what I think you believe) about the futility of NAS refusing to attempt a collaboration.

Yours,

Josh