John

Prof. Laughnan

Personal Memo from
JOSHUA LEDERBERG

Dear John

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The McClintock-rejection myth.

I was really pleased to see your corrective book review in Science. I am misquoted somewhere as having described her as "mad genius": not my style of remark about anyone, and nowhere in my recollection of feeling or utterance about Barbara. Recall I was at Wis. while RA Brink was following her path.

But I fear the myth is too good a fairytale to be dispelled by facts; and of course it is being assimilated into feminist/scientific politics.

Do add an honorary Sc.D. from Rockefeller University a few years ago to the roster of recognitions.

Yours,
Joshua.

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