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Dear Josh,

What a memory -- to remember Elicora Ron's paper, which has not received much reinforcement, as attested by the omission from the Georgopoulos paper.

I've delayed replying until a visit from Elicora, a couple of days ago. She was delighted by your note. Her contact with Georgopoulos at a meeting leads her to conclude that she would not be interested in communicating with him; and I must say that I didn't find his paper very elegant. But the finding that excess intracellular cystine slows growth at elevated temperature is interesting, even though he missed the key connection with its already known interference with methionine synthesis.

It would be very nice if you feel like sending him a note. I am enclosing a reprint for your convenience.

Have you seen the recent Year Book of the Carnegie Inst.? Maxine Singer's introductory essay contains a forthright, thoughtful statement on the misconduct issue. It reinforces my feeling that she might be an excellent President of the NAS -- which I think has been handling that issue in an excessively timid way. If you agree, would you talk with other members about supporting her nomination to the committee that is now soliciting suggestions?

** I'm pleased to be able to report that physiotherapy -- simply several hours a day of using my leg muscles -- has resulted in extraordinary restoration of strength. A couple of months ago I had to lean on a walker after each pair of steps, and now I can climb a flight of stairs and am even beginning to walk with canes. More important, I've been free of pain and able to continue to work, so I can be cheerful about this phase of my life as a dividend. And I was fortunately able to complete an autobiographical essay for Ann. Rev. Microbiol.

Cordially,

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*Especially pleased at ** news,
and I look forward to *.*

Josh

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