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Dr. Joshua Lederberg, President  
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Dear Josh:

Many thanks for your letter of March 13 inviting me to the Symposium on Criteria for Assessment of Health Effects at Chemical Disposal Sites.

Since I cannot attend the meeting myself, but have a great interest in the subject, I called Bill Lowrance as you suggested and he very graciously accepted a substitute, Dr. Richard D. Mullineaux. Dick Mullineaux and Bill Lowrance met each other when Bill visited our Toxicology Laboratory here in Houston last Fall. Dick is General Manager, Health, Safety and Environmental Support and he has taken a direct and personal interest in the entire question of hazardous waste. He has been very much involved with the Keystone organization in their project on this subject and recently gave a talk to the local League of Women Voters which describes our views on the subject in clear, qualitative terms. I am enclosing a copy of his talk since I think you will find it interesting.

I am also enclosing a copy of a draft I wrote a few months ago on the threshold controversy. It is far from being a developed paper and, unless I get more time to devote to it, it may never become one. Still, it asks some very fundamental statistical questions which are not always remembered by people writing or speaking on the subject. I would appreciate your comments, if you have any. ✓

Again, I'm sorry I won't be able to come to the Symposium myself, but I think you will find Dick to be a most active and extensively knowledgeable participant.

Enclosed is the acceptance form for Dick. *Sent to WX*

Sincerely,

*Paul D.*

Enclosures

cc: Dr. W. Lowrance  
Dr. R. D. Mullineaux

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