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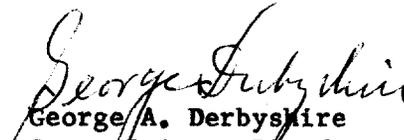
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Dear Joshua:

As a result of new developments within the NASA, discussions at the Space Science Summer Study, and the passage of time, the Board has been formulating a position paper on space probe sterilization for NASA's use and, possibly, to be issued publicly. A draft of this statement is attached. We would very much like to have your comments on this document. Unfortunately there is some pressure on us to have it available for issue soon; hence I would hope that you could telephone me collect on Friday with your reaction. In addition to the members of the Board, we have also asked Carl Sagan and Ernie Pollard for their reactions.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,


George A. Derbysire
Space Science Board
Secretariat

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cc: Dr. A. H. Brown