

Memo from

To:

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Notwithsatdning my objections at the innuendoes  
SCIENCES plans to publish Simring's letter,  
(and my correct response.)

The editor, Ubell, wanted to have any  
reply by Friday, or at least a FIRM statement  
of how long it would be, and I felt I needed  
much more time to think through the issues.

This is such an oblique forum, and no way  
of predicting who the 'judges' are, or the  
ground rules of the debate, that it does not  
seem to be the right place to air out the  
complexities of conflict-of-interest. I thought  
I had been leaning over backwards; but nothing  
short of supine will satisfy every critic.

As it will refer to Cetus, I thought you  
would want to know how I had dealt with it;  
I just took it for granted you would not  
want to add anything yourself, which would  
only add seeming substance to the assertion  
that Cetus was somehow involved in what was  
going on here.

Josh.