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Dear Alfred

I haven't yet seen the book in which my mss of 1966 has finally appeared. I'm grateful for your letter. I suppose I inserted the reference to your Scientific American paper in the last proofs. If you consider that my statements appear to implicate you I can so state elsewhere since I don't suppose this book will be read soon if, ever.

I haven't source material at hand (except your paper) but I suppose "isolated a nucleic

acid" is what you object to. You state that he referred to the substance as nuclein which later was called by Altmann (with Miescher's agreement) nucleic acid.

This is only to thank you for your letter & to say that when the text comes I'll read it and try to correct any impression that any errors of time can be attributed to you.

I saw your vigorous son Jonathan in Hanover. I think he feels a little like "vox clamantis in deserto" the college mutt. With best wishes to you both from

Louise & Duncan