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Professor Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

I have learned that you have recently complained about the impure state of vaccines. I fully agree with your statement and enclose copies of some of our work with influenza virus vaccine. Besides of being an extremely impure product, the efficiency of this vaccine has not been established beyond doubt. Although the U.S. Public Health Service confirmed my findings (Influenza Surveillance Report No. 73: Influenza vaccine and ABO incompatibility. Communicable Disease Center. U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service. IV, pp. 12-14, 1962), they harassed me a great deal. Furthermore, I was forced to publish most of the clinically important aspects of our work abroad.

I enclose copies of our work in this area and would not only appreciate your comments but would also be grateful to learn about your endeavors in this direction.

Very sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

This is getting to be the worst scandal in history!

* Have you communicated directly to Sen. Gardner about this?
If you get no satisfaction there, I urge you to write to
Mr. Howard Simais, Washington Post. They ought to run some
provocative stories on this in the most effective paper for the purpose!
J.C.

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by whom?