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Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Joshua:

I received your letter of November 2nd, and I am mortified.

You did your best to sugarcoat the pill -- and it is a pill and there is no getting around it.

To attribute something to a person so distinguished as yourself, when you had not said it is pretty darned bad.

I wish you could be more explicit as to how future editions should be worded. I want to set the record straight and repair the damage.

I am wondering if perhaps I misunderstood something you said on the phone. For the life of me, I can't understand how I might have picked up erroneous information and put it in your mouth. I am extremely scrupulous when it comes to matters as this one and I hope you will set the record straight.

Again my warm thanks for your generosity and my apologies for the gaffe.

Sincerely,

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