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Dear Conner:

We are pleased to report that our Life Sciences and Public Policy Program is now fully underway. Several specific accomplishments of the last year can be noted (relevant documents are enclosed):

- --Our first public activity, a <u>Symposium on assessment of health effects at chemical disposal sites</u>, is being convened on June 1-2, 1981. This symposium, which will be attended by well-placed members of industry, government, special-interest groups, academia, and the press, will address the prospects and problems in studying human effects from chronic exposure to waste chemicals.
- --Dr. William Lowrance prepared an extensive report,

 Choosing our Pleasures and Poisons; Risk Assessment

 for the 1980's, which is being published as part of
 the Five Year Outlook in Science and Technology. This
 report is being developed for the U.S. Congress by the
 Administration, the American Association for the
 Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of
 Sciences.
- --Dr. June Goodfield published her chronicle of five years in the research life of a biomedical scientist, An Imagined World: A Story of Scientific Creativity (Harper & Row, NY, 1981).
- --Dr. Goodfield also published <u>Reflections on Science and the Media</u>, an essay commissioned by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS, Washington, DC, 1981).

Both Dr. Goodfield and Dr. Lowrance have given numerous presentations to a wide variety of audiences.

Dr. Lowrance continues to work on his major book project, provisionally entitled <u>Technological Conscience</u>: Human Values and Modern Science, <u>Technology</u>, and <u>Medicine</u>. He is also working on numerous issues in risk assessment and serves as a consultant on reactor safety to the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The revised budget for the current year of the program is \$160,000. This is the minimum requirement for the core activities of the program; additional outside funds are sought for conferences and special projects.

We will greatly appreciate your renewing your grant to the Program, at the same or an increased level, so we can continue our efforts. Dr. Joshua Lederberg, president of the University, and I will be glad to provide any further information you may request. Also, in making plans for next year we will welcome any suggestions for projects.

We continue to be grateful for Clairol's support.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Enclosures

cc <u>Dr. Joshua Lederberg</u>
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