

Memo/Reply From
JOSHUA LEDERBERG

TO: Prof. Ptashne

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Thank you for your note

(1) Hiroshima. There is no doubt of the sharp rise in leukemia. I said that the mutagenesis (though firmly predicted from other studies) could not be demonstrated in human populations

(2) The most cautious and fair minded review of XY is Watkins:

Science, 193:547 (1976)

I don't think that "mental slowness" quite captures the behavior pattern. Nor, let it be said, does the "callous aggressiveness" that the media asserted.

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TO:

If there were less public fascination it might be possible to do the prospective studies needed to clear up the etiology; that seems out of the question now.

Sincerely,

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