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DEAR DR LEDERBERG —

THANX FOR YOUR NOTE —

1. REPRINT ENCLOSED

2. I AM PUBLISHING MORE ON NERVE
AXON — ALSO ON OXYGEN-HEME ASSOCIATION.
ONE PUBLISHED PAPER IS ENCLOSED — ANOTHER
IS UNDER REVIEW^(Biochemistry) — ANOTHER AXON PAPER
WILL APPEAR IN BIOPHYSICAL JOURNAL IN
SEPT 1977.

3. THIS IS MY FRIEND & COLLEAGUE. HE
HAS A PAPER WITH ^{SOMETHING LIKE} THIS STATEMENT IN
J. AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN
PRESS.

4. TO MY TASTE, THE WORK DIRECTED
TOWARD FOUNDATIONS OF BIOLOGY IS
MISDIRECTED. IT PLAYS WITH MATHEMATICS
AND THEORIES WHOSE AXIOMATIC BASES
ARE MIDWAY BETWEEN $F=ma$ AND
"GOOD", "TRUTH" AND "BEAUTY"! SEE
FOR EXAMPLE, "TOWARDS A THEORETICAL
BIOLOGY" IUSS SYMPOSIA WASHINGTON D.C. —
STUFF LIKE THOMAS AND ZEEMAN ON
CATASTROPHE THEORY — (LIBRARY # QH301.T737)
I'D LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH ...

MWP STRANDBERG (PTO)

P.S. — IS BROWNSKIS IDEA^{CORRECT} THAT MENDEL
WAS NOT LOST, BUT WAS SUPPRESSED
BECAUSE HIS WORK HAD AN A PRIORI
THEORETICAL BASIS? I FEEL
THERE IS SOMETH TO SUPPORT THE CASE —
FOR A DECADE AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY
BIOLOGY LET PHYSICS IN, THEN THE FLOOD
OF EXPERIMENTAL EMPIRICISM TURNED PHYSICS
INTO A LAB TOOL AND NO LONGER A
SENTIENT PARTNER.....

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