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Dear Adriano

I am here briefly for a meeting of the Committee on Disarmament to discuss biological warfare arms control. The book by Roszak is almost out of print, but I did locate a copy in Washington and dropped it off to you at Orly on route. It is not very satisfactory in many ways, but it does give some measure of the new anti-intellectualism we have to cope with these days.

If you would give me some more details of the extent and focus of your interest, I would be glad to reply with more thoughtful suggestions on contemporary literature.

For my part, I am starting on a project with the Center for behavioral studies at Stanford (the "think-tank") on various aspects of science policy -- I am looking for some analytical (contra polemical) approaches to the understanding of "technopathy", the injury to human welfare that may be associated with science (knowledge) and with technology; ie., the basis to understand how to civilize the latter. I am not very happy with most of the formulations I know, but there are useful fragments by many authors, e.g. Dubos (Dreams of Reason); Ferkiss; Herbert Muller (Children of Frankenstein); Mumford (Myth of the Machine) and Barber (Science and the Social Order).

But let me have some cues for a more efficient response on my part.

May I ask you a favor-- to find for me, if possible, a copy of Julian Huxley's personal manifesto that was his initial definition of the aims of UNESCO (and which, I believe) caused some storm when it was first issued.

Please do not neglect to visit us again the next time you're in California.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg