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Dr. Clark T. Randt  
Executive Secretary  
Bioscience Advisory Committee  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
1520 H Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Randt:

At the suggestion of Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Chairman of the WESTEX Committee, Space Science Board, I am pleased to provide the enclosed 'Material Developed by WESTEX', for the use of your Committee. The first part of the document is a draft report of the activities of this group. The second portion consists of references and material relevant to contamination of celestial bodies and possibilities of extraterrestrial life.

It is planned to incorporate much of this information in the biology chapter of the Board's interim report, "Science in Space", now scheduled for publication shortly after the first of the year. Since the material in its present form is unedited and highly preliminary, wide distribution of the document outside the immediate family is not planned nor desirable.

The Board hopes that your Committee will find the information useful.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. Derbyshire  
Space Science Board Secretariat

Enclosures

cc: J. Lederberg  
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