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Mr. Benjamin C. Bradlee
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Dear Mr. Bradlee:

On page S 17420 of the enclosed CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for December 20, 1969, you will find a reprint of an article by Mr. Joshua Lederberg, entitled "Air Pollution Ingredients Are Suspect for Mutation," which appeared in the October 18, 1969, edition of the WASHINGTON POST. The article so clearly and forcefully discussed the possible dangers of peroxides as causes of genetic mutations that I requested that it be included in the RECORD.

Because the commitment of this entire nation will be required to combat the environment crisis, the vital interest displayed by your newspaper in educating the public about this problem is to be highly commended. A nation capable of sending men to the moon will unquestionably, now, want to preserve its own environment, and I am deeply appreciative of the efforts of the WASHINGTON POST to gain such a commitment from its readers.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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