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Dear Dr. Edlin--

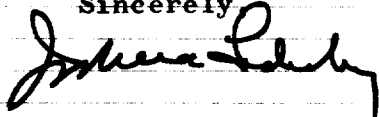
Now I'm afraid we're both confused. Are you aggrieved because I under-or over-emphasize the hazards of radiation? Or neither?

My main purpose was to point out the methodological difficulties we face in trying to formulate reasonable policies for the regulation of an innumerable variety of environmental "additives". I am concerned that chlorine may be as portentous as radiation; it is astonishing how little investigative work has gone into it. (In fact, we are finding that DNA is readily chlorinated by dilute aqueous hypochlorite, and the chemical and genetic consequences of this, in microbial test systems are quite fascinating.)

I am also rather confused about your own position on LSD & cyclamates.

Perhaps you would consider giving me a call, and we might clear up some of the confusion more quickly. I am also enclosing some of the other columns in this series, in case you missed them. The Chronicle runs rather behind the Washington Post, and it inverted the sequence of 170/171. Please note that I have no influence on the headlining.

Sincerely



170-174, LSD, etc.