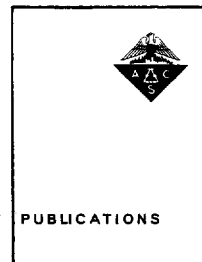


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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thanks for your letter of May 20. I've based a short piece on your remarks and enclose a carbon for your comments. I'll hold the item until hearing from you.

Incidentally, I had considered the misinterpretation of the Delaney amendment to be part of the burlesque in the earlier story. Since you raise the point, however, I have dredged up a recollection that the amendment applies to "incidental" food additives as well as the intentional kind. I mention the point only to be certain to exclude all loopholes from the attached item, since, unlike the earlier one, it is only partly burlesque.

I deduce from your comment on the phrase "cause cancer" that you think a change in wording in the Delaney amendment might be useful. Again, I am working from memory, but if you do think a change in the amendment is desirable, I could add the thought to the story.

Sincerely,

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Contributing Editor

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P.S. Should you wish to telephone, my best number
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