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Mr. Harry Schwartz
The New York Times
Times Square
New York, New York

Dear Harry,

I wonder if you would be able to help me straighten out a situation concerning the rights for reprinting the enclosed article I wrote for the Times earlier this year. Very much more as a personal favor to me than for any hope of pecuniary return Current Contents has been reprinting various of my short articles as a way of letting various scientists in various locations have a chance to look at and give me some feedback on my comments. These have, of course, routinely come from the Washington Post (which I would have placed second only to The New York Times as a vehicle for this kind of writing).

The question was probably put the wrong way but their request for permission to reprint was met by a demand for \$100 (which is not all that large but is rather above their tolerance for extending themselves on what is essentially my own behalf). I guess I would be willing to pay for this myself out of pocket or as a rebate to The Times but I wonder whether it is really very much of an imposition for me to ask you to smooth the way for a gratuitous approval, by courtesy.

The same question is possibly going to come up more seriously during the next year when I assemble my various articles, (and it is to be hoped ~~for~~ this one also) for a collection in book form. I have an ancient contract with Doubleday that they may renege on if I do not hurry up and put the compilation together. I would hope that would not oppose any equally great difficulties either.

I have usually made the rules to reserve rights of republication of such articles and I have exactly this arrangement with the Washington Post. I thought I had included such a reservation in sending my piece to Mr. Lieberman but this must have been an oversight since I can find no record of it.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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