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Mr. Joshua Lederberg  
Washington Post  
1515 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lederberg:

Your recent editorial "Atomic Risk Hard to Rate In Terms of Electrocution" is very perceptive. I suppose it is not a coincidence that an editorial on the opposite page "Areas of Important Ignorance" spoke to the same issue.

If you would like to discuss the ideas in your article, I would be pleased to meet with you. There are too few people working on the problem of public risk taking, and I should like to hear more of your views.

Sincerely,

*Myron Tribus*  
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- ① It probably is a coincidence,  $p = .85$ .
- ② Perhaps the easiest way to continue a conversation is to let you eavesdrop on my correspondence with Chauncey Starr. I trust you will be discreet about any personal attributions from this.
- ③ Any comment or other material from you on this would be welcome.
- Sincerely,  
*Joshua Lederberg*