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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I note in your recent admirable review the following: "Recent writing has tended to assume the accidental production of the first living protein molecule (13,20,139), discounting the improbabilities with the stipulation that life has evolved." I note that my book, "Time's Arrow and Evolution" has been included with reference to this statement.

Since I have taken some pains to point out the improbabilities of this I was somewhat startled by your statement. Might I suggest a rereading?

Sincerely yours,

Harold F. Blum