

Memo from
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To:
Jane Olson

To yours of Dec. 18.

Our correspondence is helping to clear away the underbrush, but I think we will need a more relaxed and personal conversation to clean up the tag ends of any remaining disagreements. Something (unintended) in my style may make me appear more argumentative or provocative than I mean to be; or perhaps I am misreading yours.

I am very pleased that you are running my BW piece. The Bull, of Atom. Sci. will do the one I wrote on arms control, so perhaps the dust is settling in the right ~~places~~ places.

I am really too weary of the subject of biological engineering to want to rework it. However, do you want to make something of this one, which will not have been widely circulated (though Biosciences is looking it over.) I make a point of retaining my own rights to reprint, whenever feasible, so the question is mainly whether you want to run it despite its having appeared before.

Needless to say, I could evade that problem by an elegant variation of the text; but I abhor this when I encounter it as a reader. I much prefer an honest statement that some present text really is no different from another that had appeared elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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