

## Resources for the Future

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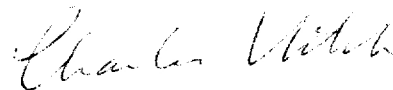
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Your 1971 article has reached me just as I am about to take off for the IIASA conference in Vienna and a couple of weeks in Europe.

I am in no sense an expert on the rather unsatisfactory literature on the valuation of life and health, and passed your paper to my colleague at RFF, Eugene Seskin, who has been working with me (and Dorfman, Raiffa, and others) on an Academy committee dealing with this and related aspects of environmental decision making. I attach a copy of his comments, and will also send you a copy of Chapter 10 of the Lave/Seskin manuscript to which he refers.

Please let me know if there is anything else you would like for me to follow up on after I return from Europe. We expect to have some written material by summer from the NAS Committee.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Hitch

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cc: Eugene Seskin