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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I am most grateful for your enthusiastic and very helpful response to my letter describing our interest in syndicating a column written by scientists. Since receiving your reply I have spoken, as you suggested, to Howard Simons, and have also aired the topic at a recent meeting of the AAAS Committee on the Public Understanding of Science. Reactions have been favorable, Simons being convinced, for instance, that a major syndication service (perhaps even the service the Post itself is now putting together) would be only too pleased to handle the column.

I have today written to about a dozen potential contributors to such a column (including some of the names you suggested). Hopefully a good proportion of them will express an interest, after which I will be able to discuss with each of them our precise intentions and plans, and then formally approach a syndication service with a proposal and perhaps a few sample pieces. I am naturally assuming that we can count you as the founder member of the team. I will telephone you in a few days, when I have talked to some of the others, to let you know how things are going.

Yours sincerely,

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