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Dear. Dr. Droessler--

I would be grateful to you for information you may have available on:

The Conference on Weather Modification -- reported by you in Science for 11 October.

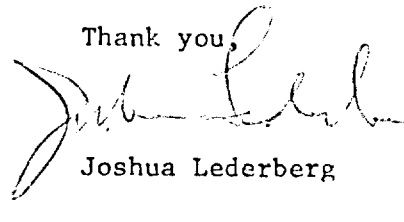
Were any of the papers distributed? I would be particularly interested in an amplification of discussion of the issues of public policy, and as you mention, the requisite development of public understanding. If the papers were not distributed, I would be ~~xxx~~ grateful to you for literature references covering similar ground. I would be eager to scan fairly comprehensive reviews covering the technical feasibilities now foreseen, and explicit steps now being taken or contemplated for legislation and for public recognition.

Your comparison with 'space' is obviously over modest.

I was talking recently with some of my friends interested in desalination and water-reuse. Large capital investments are, obviously, at stake. Has there been any serious discussion of the implications of technological forecasts on weather-modification for the most effective patterns of investment for water supplies?

At any rate, I would be grateful to have as wide a range of material as is available, and I would urge you to be overgenerous.

Thank you,



Joshua Lederberg

NOTE: I write a weekly column on "Science and Man" for the Washington Post and affiliated newspapers. Your information may be helpful to me in drafting future columns.

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