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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

Please let me take this opportunity to thank you for the information which you sent me regarding the Dendral Program. It is very helpful, and I am sure that Professor York will be grateful for the additional articles to add to the ones which he already has on this topic.

Unfortunately, you are right in your supposition that the IBM 1130 System does not support a LISP compiler, but I am still interested in attempting to create some sort of a system for the generation of structures whether it is written in FORTRAN, or in the only other alternative which I have, 1130 Assembler. I feel sure that I will be able to manage something, though it will undoubtedly not be anywhere as efficient or as comprehensive as a LISP program.

I will send you a printout of anything which I accomplish on this program. Who knows, maybe there is a way to do this in FORTRAN. As I said before, thank you again for the additional materials.

Sincerely yours.

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