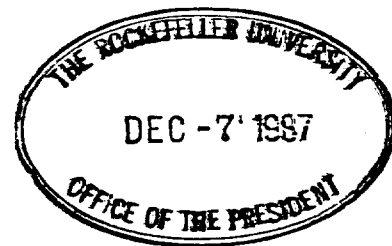


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December 3, 1987

TO: Professor Edward Feigenbaum
✓ Professor Joshua Lederberg
Dr. Dennis H. Smith

I am herewith enclosing some self-explanatory material which requires a prompt response. As you can see, I have been asked by CHEMOMETRICS AND INTELLIGENT LABORATORY SYSTEMS, a new journal, to review a paper by Neil Gray entitled "Dendral and Meta-Dendral - The Myth and the Reality." All you really need to read is the abstract and pages 35 - 41 dealing with the section "Lessons from the Dendral Project." As you can see, his conclusions are quite devastating, and I would like to know which one of you is prepared to referee the paper. I will then forward the entire manuscript to that person. ✓

Cordially,

[Signature]
Carl Djerassi
Professor of Chemistry

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Dear Carl - I should think you are best able to deal with his criticisms that "Dendral is useless to chemists".

He has made a strawman of Dendral ≡ AI, which of course is easily knocked down.

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