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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your note requesting reports mentioned in the New York Times. Enclosed is a copy of the General Accounting Office Report, "Need to Improve Administration of a Carcinogen Testing and Carcinogenesis Research Contract." I am also enclosing the Report of the ad hoc Review Committee of the Virus Cancer Program and comments developed by the staff of the Virus Cancer Program in response. I believe these are the documents to which the New York Times clipping referred.

I read your postscript about peer science not solving all problems and the sentences you quoted from the Summary Statement on your grant application. Taken out of context, those sentences lose their meaning. If you reapply, it would be best to take all of the Study Section comments into consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Upton, M.D., Director
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Enclosures