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Dear Josh:

I shall be at the Center for Behavioral Sciences from August 12 to September 3. I hope you will be there sometime during those three weeks, because I'd like to talk with you about the origin of life and about citation indexes.

I want to know of any developments you can report along the lines of simple code-carrying polymers. I also want to know more about your objections to my own hypothesis. If you think my system could not accumulate information, or would not provide for reproduction of mutations, I hope to show you how it can do both of these things. Since NIH will not support my experiments, I am planning to use my sabbatical a year from now to get something started.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Allen

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