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Department of Biology

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Mr. Frederick H. Murphy, President Holden-Day, Inc. 728 Montgomery Street San Francisco 11, California

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Many thanks for your letter of 18 November stating Holden-Day's interest in publishing "Biology in the Exploration of Mars." I have delayed in responding to your several questions in the hope that the matter of publication would be settled shortly. The decision as to whether to publish through a commercial house or to have the Academy itself publish is one which I am not able to make. It is a question in the hands of the Academy itself at the moment and unfortunately there is still no clear decision. I have decided to drop you this note now rather than postpone any further answering your kind letter,

It is my hope that the whole matter of where and how to publish will be settled by the appropriate authorities within the Academy in the next few weeks and I assure you that if the decision is taken to publish through a commercial house, you will hear promptly from us.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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