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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

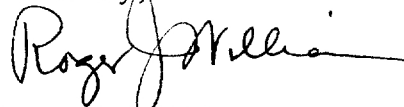
The Clayton Foundation has made it possible for me to give to each member of the Biochemistry Section of the National Academy a copy of my little book NUTRITION IN A NUTSHELL.

I think it will be agreed that this is not exactly a pedestrian effort. Aside from promoting an awareness with respect to the importance and far-reaching potentialities of nutrition (when viewed biochemically) it is hoped that the book may contribute a small bit to the improvement of the status of biochemistry in the eyes of the public. Parts of Chapter VII are particularly pointed in this direction. Scientifically I think biochemists are well thought of, but in the public eye they are often either nonexistent or else are given a seat far back behind that of physicians who can write and sell widely such books as FOLK MEDICINE and CALORIES DON'T COUNT and can get a hearing because they are "doctors."

I think biochemists need to do some promoting so that they can get a hearing when, as in the field of nutrition, they are the qualified experts.

Hope you find the book worthwhile.

Sincerely,



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