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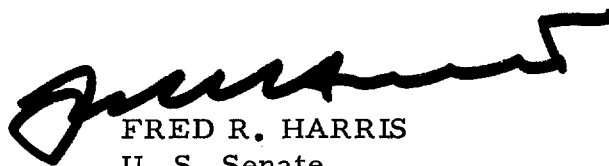Palo Alto, California 94304

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thanks for the kind words you had for me concerning my unsuccessful efforts to fend off the damage wrought by the excessive cuts in NSF appropriations late last session. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Inspite of President Nixon's welcome move of restoring some $10 million to NSF, I am afraid we are in for difficult times again this year. Plans are already being formulated to keep this issue before the Senate, possibly through hearings in the Subcommittee and positively through speeches on the floor of the Senate and through organizing what forces there are available on behalf of more adequate funding.

If hearings are held I will call on the New York Academy of Sciences to be of assistance, as you suggest. I appreciate your enclosing the transcript of your remarks concerning the principle of a fixed annual growth rate for the federal support of science. I find these remarks to be most helpful.

You can count on my continued efforts on behalf of more adequate research and development support. Any suggestions you may have will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED R. HARRIS
U. S. Senate

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