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Dear Cyril,

Here is a copy of a new monster. The evil lurks not in the work as much as in the extensive misuse that can be expected when it appears. I'd have sent this to you sooner, but the extra copy did not arrive until today. It was in the mail for four weeks!

As soon as I first saw it, I wrote a lengthy and I think total destruction of it. As we have learned, these things are often without influence. Hoch's entirely out-of-character reply was that he would not argue with me out of deference to my ulcer. That nonsense, after he sought my criticism, required a month.

I plan to ask Physics Today for equal and simultaneous space. I have deferred only in the apparently vain hope Hoch would escape his Frankenstein, for I would not hurt him willingly. The idea is not his. It is Alvarez' (under whom Hoch is taking his doctorate).

I do hope you can find the time to provide me with your comments, especially as they relate to your discipline, so that I may use them in response, in this magazine or any other possible forum.

The timing of this business is rather remarkable. Quietly we have been making real progress toward establishing truth. The self-seekers and the wretches have required that this be done in silence, for public credibility is lacking and must be restored. This we can do only with the most credible, the most thoroughly proven fact. I think it is self-deception to believe that those I've used unkind words about have not destroyed everyone's credibility.

With Alvarez' name on that dreck, it will get considerable attention. It will again be greeted as further scientific validation of the Warren Report.

Sincerely,

Larold Weisberg