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We do, of course, have alternative means available to deal with the article, most especially its slanderous description of Professor Hastings. As you may know, this Institution has in the past successfully sought legal redress when one of our committees was slandered in the public prints and we would not hesitate to so commit our resources again, should that be necessary. However, in the hope of being more positive and of extracting something of value from this episode, we have prepared the enclosed article for publication in the Saturday Review. It has several purposes: to rectify in part the grievous injustice done to this institution and to several reputable scientists; to outline the actual scientific knowledge relevant to the issue treated in the article; and to inform SR readers who have been misled by Ms. Schiefelheim's article as to how the episode occurred.

I request that you give the enclosed manuscript your prompt attention, and that publication of the article be scheduled expeditiously.

Sincerely yours,


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