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Dr. Fredrick Seitz, President
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Dear Dr. Seitz:

As a bystander, my respect for the Senate went up several points when it turned down the Mohole. The reasons given were political. They should have told the truth, namely: The financial manipulations involved were irresponsible to the point of being corrupt. You covered yourself with no distinction when you lent your name to that affair, which has been a black eye to all of science. The magnitude of the debacle may be gauged by the speed it arrived here. You must inculcate responsibility into the hierarchy of NSF and upon the members of the Academy.

Stay away from these technological monstrosities perpetrated by scientifically bankrupt people overconscious of, and impressed by money. Look around and try to find some interesting, worthwhile, important scientific experiments which can be performed on a sensible scale. Then get the hardware organized so that real costs can be assessed. Surely, science can be prosecuted with the same acumen as the construction of a gas station.

As a positive contribution, I suggest that you try promoting something like is described on pages 7 & 8 of the enclosed reprint. You will get more for your money.

Sent JFI, Jan 66

Yours faithfully,

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