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Tasmania, Australia.

Mr. Emilio Q. Daddario,  
Representative from Connecticut,  
House Office Building,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Daddario,

Allow me to introduce myself as an American citizen of long standing, conducting scientific studies at this remote place. I try to keep in touch with affairs in U.S.A. by correspondence with my friends and through the pages of SCIENCE magazine.

I think some national leadership in science policy is long overdue. However your concept of a revised National Science Foundation seems to be based on a misconception. The staff at N.S.F. are mostly clerks quite uninterested and incapable of imaginative scientific leadership. This quality should be looked for in the National Academy of Science. You could profitably shake it out of its lethargy and demand positive leadership instead of mere basking in renown.

Enclosed is a short reprint from SCIENCE which you may find interesting. I will have more to say on these matters in person at various levels when I return to U.S.A. next year.

Yours faithfully,

Grote Reber.

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