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Dear Dr. Gamowi

To avoid the risk of your characterizing us as perhaps discourteous in delaying so long to thank you for your reprint of Possible Mathematical Relation Between Dioxyribonucleic Acid and Proteins, I want to say that this is being dictated from a hospital bed in George Washington where they tell me I am getting along nicely from a coronary occlusion.

Had it not been the case that I was in Europe at the time, I would have been in the audience to hear your recent talk on the cryptology of the protein molecule, a title that intrigued me no end. Now I understand what you meant by the title of that talk.

Thanking you on behalf of both Mrs. Friedman and myself, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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