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Dear Ronald Fox:

Thanks much for the note about the mistaken polarities of the tRNA molecule. I was most surprised when I looked up the several figures, since not only had I never noticed the errors, but yours is the only letter I have ever received about the matter even though almost a quarter of a million copies have already been distributed. I'll see if it is easily possible to correct the errors in the next printing, and if not, I'll certainly see that the errors are expunged in the 4th edition.

Between rewritings I find it impossible ever to look at the book critically, and only during rewritings do I reread the old words. This, however, does not in any way excuse my initial sloppiness, and now I'm most grateful for your most helpful comments.

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Watson
Director

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