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20th June 1989

Dear Dr Fahy,

I hope you've received my letter of 14th June - I now have a few moments in which to deal with accumulated mail, and hopefully start work on the new novel which has been untouched for many months (see my schedule!).

The enclosed has also come in, and may be of interest to you. Perhaps you know the people concerned - they publish "Longevity Report" and their address is: Longevity Books, West Towan House, Porthtowan, Truro, Cornwall TR4 8AX. Incidentally, I flew to England from Colombo with Kilroy-Silk a few years ago.

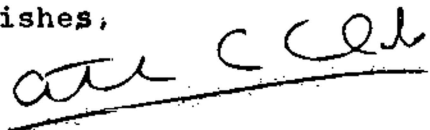
Needless to say, I have not had time to read any of your material, but I hope to do so in the course of the year, as much of it looks fascinating.

However, I can answer your request without further ado:- I recognize that cryonics involves many moral and legal issues on which I am not competent to speak and I sympathise with those who are opposed to it on religious or moral grounds. I myself have considerable reservations on the entire subject.

However, as far as the scientific issue is concerned, the statements (a) cryonics has no chance of working and (b) cryonics does not advance scientific or medical knowledge, are both obviously wrong, as is amply proved by expert testimony. Although no one can quantify the probability of cryonics working, I estimate it is at least 90% - and certainly nobody can say it is zero! The statement that it does not advance scientific knowledge is absolutely ridiculous, because whether it will work or not, research in this area will obviously be of great medical value.

I would go so far as to say that anyone who maintains positions (a) and (b) is not only incompetent but guilty of doing grave damage to society - like the doctors who opposed anesthetics, and even aseptic, in the last century, because they were "against Nature"!

All good wishes,



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