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Dear Dr. Bahadur:

I was delighted to receive your letter, but saddened to read about your political incarceration. I regret there is little I can do. I am no longer with NASA and have not thought much about the problems of the origin of life for more than two years. The questions you pose are difficult ones for which I have no answers. I am enclosing the reprint you requested; it contains my ideas as of 1974.

I sincerely hope that your situation will change and that you will again be able to contribute your valuable ideas on the origin of life.

Sincerely yours,

Keith A. Kvenvolden