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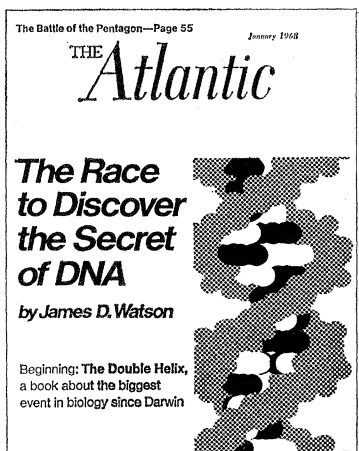
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I wish to confirm Middlebrook's warning on the use of rubber tubing ("Chromatography warning," 17 Nov., p. 855). We have experienced interferences in the 200- to 230-m μ range and trace the source to the tubing in our deionized water storage bottles.

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Social Sciences Report to DOD

Inquiries addressed to our offices indicate that inadequacies in Greenberg's story, "Social sciences: expanded role urged for defense department" (17 Nov., p. 886) have created some misunderstandings. These should be corrected.