may have doubts as to the identity of his samples.

Goldman suggested that investigators should "report such incidents promptly to their colleagues and forcefully to their suppliers." We have now done both.

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Nonhuman Primates

A simian virus reference center has been developed at this laboratory to provide assistance for individuals working in biomedical research with nonhuman primates. With grants from NIH and the World Health Organization [*WHO Chronicle* **23**, 112 (1969)] we propose to develop a working repository for simian viruses, provide reagents such as certified reference seed virus strains and specific antiserums, furnish diagnostic services and serum survey data on viruses of both human and simian origin, act as an information exchange with other primate centers, and train students in virological laboratory procedures associated with primate investigations.

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Desalination of Cold Seawater

In "Dry lands and desalted water" (23 Jan., p. 339) Young suggests that a maximum cost of about 20 cents per 1000 gallons for desalinated water represents the limit below which irrigation agriculture using this water source can begin to be economical for certain crops. The cost of water from presently operating desalination plants is discouragingly higher. A recent study (*1*) of water production costs of the 59 largest of these plants, operating around the world, reveals that 57 percent of them cannot produce water below $3 per 1000 gallons and only 5 percent show costs below $1. Although Young points to the hoped-for cost reductions expected through engineering advances and the development of atomic reactor powered dual-purpose plants, it will be some time before these improvements can lower the cost of desalinated