a meteorologist, and an economist); continuation of the space effort (two astronomers, a geologist, a physicist, a chemist, and an economist); the needs for atmospheric research (two aerologists, a meteorologist, a geographer, an agriculturist, a forester, and an economist).

Such reports would have considerable educational value—students might even find them "relevant"—and the studies should become valuable inputs to government from the scientific community. Eventually they might speed up government action to use our advanced technology.

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Interdisciplinary Science

The general conclusions of Baram's article "Social Control of Science and Technology" (7 May, p. 535) raise in my mind a specter of problems of a greater magnitude than science and society now face. No responsible scientist would disagree that our judicial system has been slow to respond to needed change and that problems relevant to the needs of a complex society are better solved by teams of experts drawn from many fields of endeavor. However, Baram dismisses the current efforts of scientists, and especially biologists, toward these goals, using quotations which are about 180 degrees from most statements I have heard expressed by fellow biologists. Even more surprising is the cursory dismissal of the very real dangers of social control of science and technology as exemplified by Soviet genetics during the Lysenko era.

Baram appears to espouse the oft-heard admonitions of the instant experts of "interdisciplinary" science, who are distrustful of scientific peer groups and perhaps also of man's basically just nature and desire to understand the world he inhabits. I fear that the construction of non-peer, social "do-gooder" agencies specifically given the mission of regulating the range of man's curiosity will do irreparable harm, and may ultimately result in restricting man to the level of the lowest common denominator.

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