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for at least 12 days. No "Reed scholar" I encountered believes Lazear could not understand his own notes.

Lazear is certainly not the first junior researcher who did key work for which the head of the research team is remembered. Reed's supporters maintain, however, that Reed helped plan the experiments and provided the definitive proof with his controlled studies. In his firsthand account, for example, Truby says that Reed and the board discussed mosquito studies with two visiting English researchers in July and showed them the board's facilities for raising the insects. This was some time before Reed left for the United States. The board also discussed human experimentation and the need to volunteer themselves before Reed departed.

Franklin and Sutherland build up their case against Reed by vividly reconstructing events with telling details. When asked the sources for some of these details, Sutherland said they did not go back to documents from the period but relied on other accounts, including del Regato's, and used some "extrapolation." As I said in my article, it is sometimes difficult to tell where established fact ends and imaginative reconstruction begins.-COLIN NORMAN

Formaldehyde Risk Assessment

The published version of our response to William R. Havender's comments on formaldehyde (Letters, 11 May, p. 556) contains two inadvertent misstatements that should be corrected for proper interpretation. The "further argument on linearity" (second column, first full paragraph) is inappropriately attributed to Havender. It is we who make the argument that the "best estimate" dose-response functions for genotoxic carcinogens may well be linear at low doses, not he. Further, the formula for saturable Michaelis-Menton enzyme kinetic and transport processes is incorrectly stated. The correct form of the second line of this equation is as follows:

 $(\sim \text{low } [S]) V_{\text{max}}[S]/K_{\text{m}}$

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