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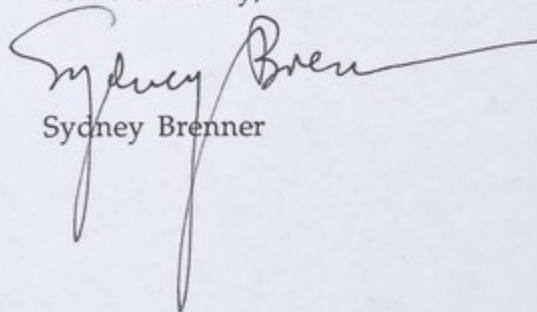
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Dear Georgina Hickey,

I initiated the work on the genetics of *C.elegans* nearly thirty years ago. Sequencing of any genome was not possible then and had to wait until the mid-seventies for the invention of the technique of DNA sequencing by F. Sanger and also W. Gilbert. Sulston and I initiated the DNA mapping programme in the nematode in the mid-eighties and he has continued that project which has evolved into a genome sequencing project. Olson initiated a DNA mapping project in yeast in the mid-eighties and that has evolved into genome sequencing projects as well. Mapping of the human genome has evolved together with these projects but is of course a very much larger undertaking because there is much more DNA

Your second paragraph is O.K. My statements refer to the human genome.

Yours sincerely,



Sydney Brenner

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