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Dear Dr. Posner:

Many thanks for your letter of August 23 and for the copy of the interesting "Tampa Bay Skeptics Report."

In answer to your question, Eric Burgess and Richard Hoagland did no more than suggest to me that a message be put aboard Pioneer 10 and 11. Frank Drake and I, with an assist from Linda Sagan, did the design, and I was responsible for getting it through the NASA and White House approval process. To the best of my recollection he did not contribute one bit of data towards the message design.

I thought the enclosed article on a related subject might be of interest.

Thank you for writing.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



Carl Sagan

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Enclosure