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Dear Miss Marsh:

Thank you for sending the material from the $\underline{\text{Tampa Tribune}}$ dated 4/30/80, and a copy of the Hillsboro County School Board Resolution, and alcopy of the Florida Creationist Bill.

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I am dismayed to learn of Hillsboro County's school board's decision to include creationism in its curriculum. It will be touted loudly throughout the land as a victory for creationists, and used to pressure wavering school boards. The danger, of course, is that creationism is being made equal to scientific study of evolution, even though both are based on radically different assumptions, and cannot possibly be compared to each other.

If you have not already done so, I'm sure you will want to pass this material on to the Florida Academy of Science, for what good it may do. I in turn will pass it to other people who are interested in this problem.

I'm enclosing some material that we have prepared for our members, and an editorial which appeared in our journal. I will be glad to inform you from time to time of our activities. Thank you for your interest.

Cordially yours,

Wayne A. Moyer

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