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Professor L. D. Epstein
Chairman, Committee on All-University Lectures

Dear Lee:

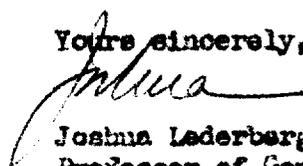
I would appreciate your bringing the following request to the attention of the committee.

The Department of Genetics, by resolution of this date, proposes a lecture by Dr. Kimball C. Atwood on the general topic of the biological mechanism of radiation damage to living cells. It is also hoped that Dr. Atwood will use the occasion for other discussions on his genetic studies of fungi. He holds a position as research biologist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, operated for the Atomic Energy Commission, and has made important contributions to radiation biology and genetics. His topic is, of course, most timely and notwithstanding its special technical treatment, should evoke the interest of members of other departments as well as Genetics. Dean Bowers, of the Medical School, has also expressed his particular interest.

As Dr. Atwood would have to travel to and from Oak Ridge (Knoxville, Tenn.) an honorarium, in lieu of expenses, of about \$100 would be appropriate.

Dr. Atwood has not yet been consulted as to his availability, pending action of the Committee. If possible, we would hope to have him here during October, sometime next month.

Yours sincerely,



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Professor of Genetics

CC: M.R. Irwin, chairman
Dean Bowers
Professor Stauffer

P.S. I have also consulted Professors Hans Ris, G.W. Keitt, and F. Stauffer to learn of their interest in this proposal, of which they assure me. There was not time for formal action, but proposals will be made for co-sponsorship by the Departments of Zoology, Botany and Plant Pathology.

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