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Dean A. E. Sevringhaus,
College of Physicians and Surgeons,
Columbia University.

Dear Dean Sevringhaus,

The Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for "medical research has renewed my fellowship for one year from this date, so that I can continue my research here for that time, after which, of course, I hope to resume my medical studies at P+S. At Professor Tatum's suggestion, I am registering in the graduate school, in the department of Microbiology, so that this work can be regarded as a dissertation, and it is possible that I may be awarded a doctorate before I return. I have received no~~y~~ formal notice that my request for a leave of absence has been approved, but have gone ahead with these other plans on the tacit assumption that it would be. I would greatly appreciate your reassurance on the matter.

In addition, I had been awarded a N.Y. State War Service Scholarship which should be held in abeyance. Finally, could you find out for me the status of my 'Eligibility Certificate' under the 'GI Bill+' I hoped to be able to use that for my medical education.

The research has led to the almost irrefragable conclusion that there is a sexual process in some bacteria (notably *Escherichia coli*), and we are now expanding our program to survey organisms of medical importance, in which this finding would have an obvious bearing on epidemiological and chemotherapeutic problems.

With sincerest respects and regards,


Joshua Lederberg.