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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I am writing to you hardly daring to hope that you can still help me at this late hour.

I have just completed my first year at Harvard Medical School, having received my B. A. from Goucher College in June 1957 with election to Phi Beta Kappa. The year I spent at Harvard has convinced me, however, that I made a mistake in selecting medicine and, although I have been awarded a full tuition scholarship for this coming year, I want to change over to basic research.

This summer I was fortunate in obtaining a job at the Johns Hopkins University working in Biochemical Genetics for Dr. S. Siskind.

genetics, especially bacterial genetics, had already been a subject of intense interest to me in college and my present job in addition to some reading in the literature has strengthened my conviction that this is the field in which I would like to work.

I have been offered a job as research assistant for next year, but would really prefer not to lose another year before starting graduate study. I wonder, therefore, what the opportunities are for starting graduate school under your direction this fall.

I will be happy to forward recommendations and transcripts immediately upon request.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Elke Jordan