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The Nobel Committee for
Physiology and Medicine
Karolinska Institute
Stockholm 60, Sweden

Gentlemen:

It is my honor to have the opportunity to nominate Dr. A.D. Hershey for the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for 1962. His principal discovery is the separation and identification of deoxyribonucleic acid as the genetic material of a bacterial virus, a discovery which has had enormous implications both in virology and in genetics.

I have had the opportunity of forwarding supporting material in behalf of this nomination on a previous occasion, and it should be readily available to you. In addition to the named discovery, Dr. Hershey has made preeminent contributions in the fields of genetic recombination in bacteriophage and the isolation of the intact DNA genome of the virus particle.

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg
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