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Dear Dr. Lucas:

Thank you for sending me the Curtiss' application for research on *M. leprae*.

This is a first rate team and I am glad to see them recruited to work on leprosy. I strongly recommend approval.

My only caveat is that the jump from *Mycobacterium* to *E. coli* may be ambitious, especially for the expression of antigens which would be the most immediately important practically. For that reason, I would hope that more attention be paid to efforts to cross *M. leprae* with other Myco-bacteria.

Perhaps this was discussed at the Workshop on Genetics of *M. leprae* (Boston, September 29-30, 1977) mentioned on page 20 of the proposal. If so, I would be grateful for a copy of the summary proceedings thereof.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. Your office evidently still has my Stanford address.