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Mr. Sargent Shriver
The Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation
1411 K Street, N. W. Suite 402
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shriver:

We were indeed sorry that you could not attend our dedication, but of course fully understand the difficulties you must have in keeping up any schedule in the face of your public duties. I know you would have been pleased to participate in this realization of the Foundation's essential contributions. I will certainly do all I can to vindicate your confidence in our capabilities and in the style of our own approach to the problems posed by mental retardation.

Besides the dedication, this has been Mental Retardation month in our public lecture series. The turnout has been astounding - we've had to turn dozens of people away from the evening lectures after the auditorium was absolutely packed.

May I close that our regrets had to be tempered by your shrewdly sending Mrs. Kennedy to represent the Foundation. She charmed everyone, and there is a certain self-interest in hoping that you recruit her for even more active work in public relations for the Foundation and the cause it represents.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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