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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I'm sorry that I haven't written to you since I left Stanford but the last few years have whizzed by for me. Congratulations on your appointment to Rockefeller; I was excited to see your picture in the "New York Times" and I then realized that I should catch you up to date on what I've been doing.

As you probably remember, after my work for you concerning Beijerinck and my failure to isolate the unknown virus that Hela and I thought we saw, my wife (Nancy) and I left for Columbia -- Nancy in Middle Eastern history and me in Physiological Psychology. Manhattan was certainly a change from Palo Alto and it took a bit of getting used to.

Nanc found herself in an elite group (mostly Israelis), fluent in Hebrew, Arabic, and some Western European languages. She decided that such a life of scholarship was not for her after the first year of grad school. She is now a second year law student at Columbia and she loves it.

I came to Columbia planning to work in physiological psychology. After talking with a number of faculty members, I chose (& was chosen) to work for Stanley Schachter. That decision has turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made. Schachter's brand of social psychology with reductionistic explanations seems to be my niche. I'm being trained in both social & physiological psych and last year I was given an NIH research service grant to study Pharmacology too. I'll never forget that you advised me ~~that I should~~ to try psychology.

Nanc and I now live north of the city in Croton-on-Hudson and commute to the city. If you or your family have any questions that I could check out for you before you come east (for e.g., a good friend teaches at the Dalton School) please feel free to drop me

a note. Also, if you need a place to stay at first or need to ship things here, we live in a large house with plenty of room and are glad to help out in any way.

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Good luck with the new position and please give my regards to anyone at Stanford who might remember me.

Sincerely,

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