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Dr. Herman W. Lewis
Division of Genetic Biology
National Science Foundation
Washington 25, D. C.

Reference: Grant No. G-6411

Dear Herman:

Since my first arrival at Stanford our work has been supported by the referenced grant. It is due to expire on December 31, 1965.

In this time we have, of course, made many tactical changes, though the main theme of our work is much the same. We have been able, more than I had the right to rely upon, to share the resources of the Biochemistry Department, particularly in major equipment items. Together with the availability of funds from other sources, this has enabled us to husband the referenced grant so that we still have a substantial balance in it.

Next year should be a propitious time to recast our financial support. We are on the way to a substantial growth of our use and development of instrumentation, particularly where this involves computers. New senior staff is joining the department and my own research group. A contract for our new building, which will incorporate the Kennedy Laboratories for Molecular Medicine, has just been let, and it should be completed by fall, 1965.

For these reasons, it would be especially helpful if we could have a twelve month, or if permissible, an eighteen month extension on the expiration date of our current grant, without additional funds to continue to implement its original purposes. This will help fill in the interim; within the next few months I will be preparing proposals for our further long-range support, and will be sending them on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics