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Dr. Warren Weaver
Rockefeller Foundation
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Weaver:

I am happy to enclose a summary of the work we have done during the past year with the assistance of a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in support of research on the genetics of bacteria.

I have always been grateful to the Foundation for its enlightened policy which minimizes the red tape, and leaves me the more time in the laboratory. The enclosed report is an attempt to consolidate similar obligations into a single piece of work; I hope it will meet your needs. If not, I will be happy, of course, to make up any deficiency.

We were very happy to be visited this fall by Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Cavalli, from Milan, who travelled with the assistance of the Foundation. I have marked off sections of a second copy of the report which are relevant to his fellowship, in anticipation of your interest. We were greatly stimulated by this visit, the value of which should be measured better by its facilitation of our continued collaboration, rather than the limited experimental work that was projected and executed during his actual visit. You may be interested that we also took the opportunity to make definite plans for the coauthorship of a small monograph ("Genetics and Chemotherapy") dealing principally with the biology of drug resistance. We have already had several firm contract offers for its publication, early in 1956, if we are as diligent as we are optimistic.

With best wishes of the season,

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics

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