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Dear Josh,

The pen writes beautifully and I am very grateful to you for your gift.

I certainly agree with you that it would be wiser to wait for the perfection of the system of immune hemolysis of cattle RBC than to conduct preliminary experiments with Salmonella and then shift to another more satisfactory system. We are playing, in the meantime, with the technique itself and we hope that we will be ready for preliminary trials using any type of antigen and Fagreus' technique to test the system itself. This would involve immunization of mice, production of the tumor, and preliminary study on antibody content of the tumor cells.

I have talked to Silvers in regard to your proposal; he told me quite emphatically that he is not interested. He said that he is very happy at Wistar, that he has just learned during the past year (his initial year at Wistar) the techniques of transplantation work from Billingham, and that he would like now to apply this knowledge to cooperative studies with Billingham. Apparently, he is not interested in the financial aspects of the appointment and I frankly do not see much hope in considering him as a candidate for the position at Stanford.

The problem of histogenetics is, of course, of enormous interest to us at Wistar Institute. I shall write to you more extensively about it within a month or so describing the results obtained in PRI mice in studies of their genetic resistance to Group B encephalitis.

Christopher has asked several times for your whereabouts. He extracted a solemn promise from me, given him in your name, that you will always see him when you come to Philadelphia.

Doctor Joshua Lederberg

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Sending my best personal regards to you and Esther,

Sincerely yours,

Hilary
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