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Professor Joshua Lederberg  
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STANFORD, Calif. 94305.

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In 1900, the Nobel Foundation was established, and the next year the Nobel Prizes were for the first time awarded to "those ..... who have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind".

The Nobel Foundation and the prize awarding institutions have decided to celebrate the 75th anniversary by inviting all previous Nobel Laureates to come to Stockholm and to participate in the Nobel festival of 1975. Besides ~~the usual ceremonies and festivities~~, which this year will have a special splendour, the Nobel committees are planning to organize scientific meetings and discussions. It is therefore my great pleasure to ask you to be the guest of the Nobel Foundation while in Stockholm during the Nobel Week from 7th-11th December. The wives of the laureates will also be the guests of the Foundation during the same period, should they wish to accompany their husbands.

If it is not possible for you to give a definite answer now, it would be most appreciated to have at least your primary reaction before May 15th.

While the Nobel Foundation cannot cover the travel expenses for the invited laureates, efforts will be made to reduce the costs by coordinated travel arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



U.S. von Euler  
Chairman  
of the Board of Directors