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Dr. E. L. Tatum
Department of Bacteriology
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Dear Dr. Tatum:

On behalf of our Department I am nominating Dr. Joshua Lederberg for the Eli Lilly Award in Bacteriology and Immunology. Today I have sent the necessary nomination letter together with other material to Dr. Geoffrey Rake, Director of Squibb Institute for Medical Research, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City 22. Although the instructions in the "News Letter" did not mention seconding letters, I know this has been customary in the past and I believe it would materially forward the candidacy of our nominee. I am therefore writing to a number of people who have known Dr. Lederberg and are aware of the significance of his work, asking them to write seconding letters. I have been informed that these are more effective if they are brief, probably not more than a page long. My own nominating letter covers most of the relevant material and is two full pages in length.

Since these letters should be in early in January, it might be desirable to send them before the rush of the holidays. I would appreciate if you would drop me a post card informing me when such a letter has been sent.

Kindest personal regards,

Perry W.

P. W. Wilson
Professor of Bacteriology

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*Ed - hope you will help - even if we
don't make it this year he should
be a good bet next year. I stressed
that he has accomplished much for one
so young and his age should be
held against him.*