Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you for your letter of 9th March. I was very glad to meet you and your wife last week. After leaving Ann Arbor I thought I had better head straight for Pasadena to try to get some work done in Professor Luria's laboratory in the short time available.

Under separate cover I am sending you three reprints which should help you to keep in touch with my work on the genetics of sickle-cell disease.* I have suggested to the people in West Africa that it would be helpful while looking for abnormal haemoglobins in the blood of malaria patients, some of which are parasitized by severe forms of Plasmodium falciparum, that investigations are being undertaken in which animals are destroyed and the sera collected for neutralization tests. It may prove impossible to obtain permission from the government to kill a large number of primates. In this case, the local people are aware of the problem and have the facilities to undertake screening tests. I doubt whether an expedition from abroad is justified at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

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* I shall place your name on my mailing list, and hope that you will reciprocate this by sending me your publications.