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Miss Phyllis V. Parkins
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3815 Walnut Street
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Dear Miss Parkins:

As your records will indicate, I accepted responsibility some time ago for abstracting the Annales de l'Institut Pasteur (Paris) for Biological Abstracts. Actually my wife, Dr. E. M. Lederberg, has done virtually all of the work on this.

I regret to have to report that the press of other duties in our university positions has left less and less time for us to devote to the Abstracts, to the point where we must now ask to be relieved of this responsibility. We would be especially sorry if our futile efforts to keep up with the task have discouraged you from assigning anyone else to it.

May I suggest that it might not be impossible for you to establish a connection with one of the local editors of this journal, say Dr. M. Lwoff, or Dr. A. Lwoff, or Dr. J. Monod, at the Institut Pasteur (28 rue du Dr. Roux, Paris 15^e, France) by which they might furnish abstracts for you directly. The particular individuals mentioned are scholars in English, and might be of direct assistance in translating authors' abstracts.

Yours sincerely,

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