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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your note. I agree that the fine book of my old student and friend Buchner should be translated. As a matter of fact I think it is a disgrace that the run of American biologists never heard of this the outstanding morphological work of the last generation, with all its general consequences. (Symbiology, I think no, except may be for lichens; Symbiontology would at least be correct)

Unfortunately I cannot think of doing the translation myself. First I am writing myself a book, which will keep me busy for some time. Second I am not very strong having been sick for 6 months, 2 in hospital with heart trouble and still working only at home. But there should be many potential translators (if it is not yet made way, which one would have to find out from Buchner, Via San Alessandro, Porto d'Ischia, Italy) Pätau, next to you, might be willing, or Hrs. Schauer, the Schauers being possibly students of Buchner (?), other candidates von Brand in Washington Bethesda.

Best regards

Yours sincerely

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