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Dear Dr.Lederberg:

I have written to Dr.Torrey and hope that you will hear from him soon.

Dr.Demerec does not, at the moment, have any forms for the WARF Research Assistantship. They have evidently been sent to him routinely in the past and he told me he would be glad to sponsor me if and when he gets these forms. There are certain other Fellowships I could persue. I had thought in terms of applying for a Public Health fellowship. The trouble with these is that one has to have definite plans as to where and under whom one will work before one can apply. Could you possibly give me some idea as to when you will decide whom to accept and whom to reject?

Since Wisconsin in obviously my first choice, I have done little in the way of making other plans, but, as a safety valve, will now try some other places.

If I were to receive a WARF Assistantship, would this assure me of a place in your laboratory? I mentioned in my last letter that I am doing a project now in the evening. Under such an arrangement, if the project seems promising by that time, I might be able to bring it along as a thesis problem. Briefly,

the project is to find out if there is or is not a phenotypic lag after recombination. I am still in the stage of working out methods to attack the problem, which is turning out to be much more difficult than I had anticipated.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Cahn.