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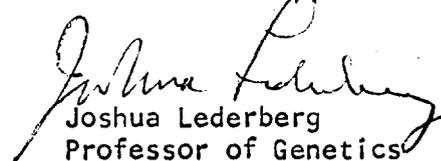
Dear Mr. Shriver:

Dr. Kretchmer and I were delighted to receive your letter of January 4, outlining your affirmative response to our proposals for the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Laboratories. Together with those of our colleagues that we have been able to discuss this with since this morning, we are very pleased and appreciative for your constructive reaction.

The documents have been submitted to Dean Alway and are being forwarded by him for review by the Stanford University administration. We will, of course, promptly bring your attention to any detailed issues that may require further adjustment. Unfortunately, I understand that President Sterling will be away from campus for a few days, but I hope it may still be possible to clear the administrative handling of these proposals in time to submit them to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stanford University on January 18. In fact, I expect to be in Washington on that same date for a meeting with Dr. Kety's research section of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation, and this might furnish an opportunity to get together if this is indicated at the time. In Washington I can usually pick up any messages most conveniently care of Mr. Charles Tyroler at District 7-1960, and on this occasion I will be in town, though not quite so conveniently available, also on the 16th and 17th.

I am deeply appreciative of the personal confidence indicated by your letter and will make my best effort to justify it.

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

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