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Representative Melvin R. Laird  
House Office Building  
Washington 25, D.C.  

Dear Representative Laird:

May I just take one minute of your time to express my sincere appreciation and gratification for the splendid support given by you during the past legislative session to the furtherance of our national programs of medical and scientific research.

Serving on the one hand as a research worker in these fields and on the other as an advisor in the machinery for allocation of these funds I can assure you of the deep sense of responsibility shared by my colleagues and myself to make certain that these public funds will be spent in the most productive and responsible fashion. As you well know these moneys represent an investment that will be repaid many times over in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Medical Genetics

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