Dr. Willis E. Lamb  
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Dear Dr. Lamb:

I was very happy to receive your letter and its implication that you were likely to remember such a poor student of physics, or is that perhaps what was so outstanding! The only regret I had was that your postscript might have tempered my pleasure in answering your note. I certainly do remember the opportunity of attending your lectures very well indeed and I'm only sorry that I am about to move to Stanford at a time too late to be able to have you as a nearby colleague.

I knew that you were in England but had forgotten just where or I might have been presumptuous enough to try to look you up when we passed through Oxford last August. As it was, I'm afraid we did not wander very far from the Mitre Hotel and a quick tour of the colleges in the company of some friends from London.

I hope that the course of events is going to bring you back to Stanford some time and if so that you will remember to give us a chance to show off the new Medical Center there to you. This development at Stanford promises to be an architectural gem as well as an exciting center for biological research.

Yours, as ever,

Joshua Lederberg

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