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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

Your patience with my procrastination is outstanding. My personal affairs have been a trifle complicated but at last everything has been sorted out and I can say how thrilled I am at the thought of spending a year at Stanford.

As you suggested I went to see the U.S. Consulate re. visas. I gave them full particulars and was advised to apply for an Exchange Visitors Visa. This involves your sending a DSP-66 form and the rest is up to me. It seems so easy I am inclined to be a trifle suspicious. They did not seem at all keen on issuing the visa at such an early date but if you think it best I shall press the point and see if it can all be arranged before you leave for Italy. Enclosed you will find all the data you requested.

I also explored the possibility of a Fulbright Travel Grant but my educational qualifications are not sufficient, which does not surprise me. Many thanks for your interest in finance for the trip. I had been planning on a trip overseas in 1960 so should be able to manage on my own.

Although it is rather late in the day should like to congratulate you on the Nobel Prize Award. It must have been a wonderful thrill.

This past week I have seen the Boss more often than I did in the whole of last year. He is sick of being tied to his office and has been dabbling in the lab. He is mainly concerned with perfecting a technique of identifying cells under phase contrast. Has Gus told you that his phase equipment has finally arrived. Dr. Gottschalk retired to Canberra at the end of January and from all reports is very happy with everything about the place. Ian Mackay was married last year and his wife has just presented him with twins- a boy and a girl.

We have had one of those summers we boast about. Several days at a stretch with temperatures above 105°. Some-time when you are writing to Gus would you mind giving us some idea of what the weather is like in California.

Just as well you are not employing me as a typist or come to think of it, as a summary writer,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.