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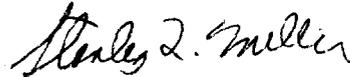
Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you for your invitation to the meeting of the Exobiology Committee of the Space Science Board on Saturday, October 29. I will be able to attend on this date.

I heard several months ago that the Mars Probe in 1962 will not take place for the lack of eleven million dollars. While this probe would not give us a decisive answer as to whether life is present on Mars or not, I felt it was important as a preliminary. I therefore had a former colleague at Columbia bring this to the attention of several politicians. The reply to the inquiries of the politicians was to the effect that since the probability of success was marginal, it was not worth the expenditure of time and effort to make the attempt. I do not agree with this conclusion. Is it appropriate to take this matter up at the meeting, on October 29, and to have the Exobiology Committee put some pressure on NASA?

I am looking forward to meeting you and to the discussions of the Exobiology Committee.

Sincerely yours,



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