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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The AAAS Committee on Nominations would like to propose your name to the membership this coming fall for possible election as the Association's president-elect. The term of office will begin on January 1, 1974, and runs for three years—the first year as president-elect, the second as president, and the third as chairman of the Board of Directors.

If you are elected (there will be two names on the ballot) you will find your duties increasing somewhat during the three-year period. The president-elect serves as a member of the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Committee on Council Affairs, which meets two or three times a year, usually for one-day meetings. During the second year, the president, in addition to serving on the Board, is presiding officer at the AAAS Council meeting and is the Association's representative at the annual meetings of the British Association, the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division of AAAS, the Pacific Division, and the Alaska Division, or as many of these meetings as he cares to attend. The third year calls for duty as chairman of the Board and for presentation of the Retiring Presidential Address at the annual meeting.

The Board meets four or five times a year. Four of the meetings are normally held in Washington, starting on a Friday and concluding at lunchtime or sometime during the afternoon on Saturday. A fifth, short meeting may be held at the time and place of the Association's annual meeting. Your expenses in attending all meetings will, of course, be borne by the Association.

Dates of Board meetings are always set a year in advance to suit the convenience of the members. Attendance is high and discussion is good. Present and past members have enjoyed serving on the Board, and I think you would too. The first meeting of 1974 will be held during the AAAS annual meeting in San Francisco, February 25-March 1.
I called your office today to discuss this invitation with you, but learned that you are out of town. I will call again on May 17 or 18, so that I can answer any questions you may have. I do hope you will agree to stand for election.

Cordially yours,

William Bevan
Executive Officer

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