

The Urban Coalition

1819 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006
Telephone: (202) 223-9500

CHAIRMAN: John W. Gardner

CO-CHAIRMEN: Andrew Heiskell / A. Philip Randolph

June 11, 1969

Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Chairman
Department of Genetics
Stanford University
School of Medicine
Stanford, California 94305

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 2, which was extraordinarily thoughtful and helpful. I'm glad you liked this draft better and with the editing that's going on now, I'm sure you will like succeeding drafts even better.

Let me take up some of your points and react to them.

First, I think that your comments about community participation are arguable but again you make a good case particularly with reference to the pencilled comments in the notes attached. I think that we can make the changes you recommend and that the manuscript will benefit from them.

In regard to the bias against medical research, again, we can make changes in the language which should modify the strong and as you say "unjustified bias" so as not to leave the reader with the impression that we are supporting health services at the expense of medical research.

Your thoughtful listing of the various areas in which more research rather than less is required persuades me that we should make a statement in this connection and I will pass this along to the editors. Actually because we want this to be an action document and hope that local communities will concentrate on getting something done, I had eliminated making comments about additional research altogether. I think, however, that this does leave a false impression and we will change it.

Again, let me thank you for your very helpful letter.

Sincerely,



George A. Silver, M.D.
Executive Associate

Gas:cmw

SILVER, G.