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Dear John,

For the last several years I have been sitting on the Advisory Committee for Medical Research at WHO. This time Mahler has nabbed me to try to get me to look at some more "relevant" issues and better means and ways of using technological insight for world rural health problems. So, I am trying to educate myself a little more deeply into a set of problems about whose complexity you could tell me a great deal!

Sometime I hope we might chat about this, but meanwhile my purpose in writing you is to ask whether I might have copies of the publications in the Foundation's series on medicine and public health in China.

One specific thing that has occurred to me is to take a closer look at the scientific basis of the composting of human excreta before developing a WHO position of advocacy of this approach to rural sanitation.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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