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Mr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

I hope you'll forgive my not having answered your letter sooner. As you will have heard through Dr. Ryan, I am hoping that it may be possible for us to work together on some of the problems here at Yale. The questions you raised in your letter have been in my mind for some time, and I have tried to test some of them out in a preliminary way with single mutant strains, with rather ~~definitive~~ results.

Perhaps the best course would be for us to explore some of the possibilities independently until you know whether you will be free from your medical program for a few months. Then if you are still interested in coming here for a time, I'm sure that it can be arranged in some satisfactory way.

I'm sorry to have missed you last week and will let you know in advance the next time I get down to New York and shall be glad to discuss these matters in more detail then.

Yours sincerely,



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Associate Professor of Botany

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