Dear Dr. Lederberg:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee of the EPRI Board of Directors, I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you to serve for a four-year term on the Advisory Council of the Institute. Dr. Chauncey Starr suggested that the enclosed material describing the activity of EPRI and the Advisory Council be sent to you. Dr. Starr stated he would be, of course, very pleased to personally discuss the activities of the Council with you.

Although the four-year term of office of new Council members does not begin until July, should you be interested in joining the Council, we would like to invite you to attend the next meeting in New York on April 27-28. In particular, you might be interested in the review of EPRI's programs by our technical division directors. The program review will be held on April 28.

EPRI was organized seven years ago by the nation's private and public utilities to develop and administer a coordinated national electric power research and development program. The programs, funded at an annual level of about $270 million, are directed from EPRI Headquarters in Palo Alto, California. The enclosed material describes the activities of the Institute in more detail.

In a programmatic sense, the Institute staff plans and manages the various programs with the advice and counsel of a number of technical advisory committees and task forces whose members are drawn from the electrical utilities. Based on the recommendations of these technical advisory committees and the Institute staff, projects are subject to final approval by the Board of Directors.

From the inception of the Institute, it was recognized that this internal program planning and approval procedure had primarily an industry focus. There was a need for an Advisory Council consisting of leading citizens who could view the programs in a larger social and economic context, and who could advise the Institute and its Board of Directors on broad program priorities, as well as specific matters. In carrying out their responsibilities, the twenty-five members of the Advisory Council meet three times per year. I am enclosing the schedule of Council meetings for your information and convenience.
If you have any questions please call. If I am not in the office, Gloria Stokes is familiar with the affairs of the Council and would be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Loftness
Secretary, EPRI Advisory Council
Director, EPRI Washington Office

Enclosures 7
(1) Organization Chart
(2) Paper on Activities of the Advisory Council
(3) Council Meeting Schedule
(4) Council Roster
(5) Bylaws
(6) EPRI Brochure & Information Sheet
(7) Current EPRI Journal

cc: J. Kopelman