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Dear Ken:

In the course of trying to think through our strategies for our own search in parasitology I had occasion to look closely at the brochure that you distributed for your fellowships in Geographic Medicine.

It seemed to me that the brochure was somewhat ambiguous in its appeal to the more basic sciences. On the one hand, the Purpose stresses the diseases and the more pragmatic approaches; it puts "properly qualified clinicians" first. On the other hand, the section Means does indeed talk about a very broad mandate with a lot of emphasis on the most basic approaches. But I have a hunch that many students, who are very sophisticated in their basic sciences, are less so when it comes to reading brochures. You may be missing an attraction to a significant part of the community that you would like to address. The blue poster was even less informative with respect to your interest in basic science approaches. Again it talks about the diseases and then it refers to the departments of medicine, pharmacology and immunology as the network. The name Geographic Medicine is not necessarily going to be fully informative even to some of the people that you might like to rope into exactly that field.

My only suggestion is that you examine the advertising material with a fresh eye and make "basic approaches to the cultivation of molecular biology, biochemistry and immunology" more visible than it is at the present time.

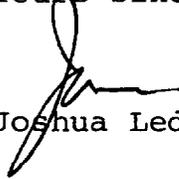
Our own committee finds it hard to identify the one person of senior stature that we feel it both desirable and feasible to go after and so we may be marking time for a little while, with the particular intention of looking for

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one or more people at a younger age group, perhaps overlapping those who would be applying for your fellowships. That of course was the reason that we were taking a close look at the solicitation. If you have any further thoughts of your own for possible candidates we would be more than eager to have them. Some of the same might well be identified as applicants to the course next summer; and Dick Krause has also told me of a forthcoming meeting on the genetics of parasites that might also be evocative.

Yours sincerely,



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