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PRESIDENT

Mr. Edwin C. Whitehead  
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Dear Jack:

I was very pleased to hear from Paul Marks about your interest in the possibility of establishing a major research institution in our area. We would certainly welcome such a development with great enthusiasm. I would want to do everything that I could personally to facilitate such an important and constructive development, which could greatly enrich not only our local scientific community but the entire domain of biomedical research. You hardly need urging that we are at the point of the most exciting challenges both at the most fundamental scientific level, and in the potentialities for applications, that could have a revolutionary impact in the prospects for healthy life.

You are, I know, aware of the study that we are undertaking with our neighbors about the needs and feasibility of a regionalized research library, which should both be more economical if not indispensable to cope with the burgeoning increase in scientific publication. We are still very much in the midst of this study and I estimate that it will take from 4 to 6 months to complete it.

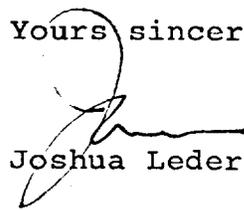
Meanwhile Rod Nichols and I will consult with Dr. Marks, as soon as it is convenient for him, to explore a range of possible options which might relate our respective institutions with your own further plans. I assume that he will be telling you himself about these discussions. After our preliminary meetings I imagine it will be to mutual advantage if all of us could get together directly to review the options that would be worth exploring more deeply.

Mr. Edwin C. Whitehead  
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Meanwhile, I look forward to your remaining in touch  
with the Rockefeller University through the R.U. Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joshua Lederberg', written over the typed name below.

Joshua Lederberg

cc: Dr. Paul Marks  
Mr. Rodney Nichols