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It is a pleasure to respond to the interest you expressed in further material about some issues in Cell Biology. I was delighted that my colleague, Professor Choppin, was able to produce the enclosed photographs showing the very act of fusion of a virus particle with the membrane of the cell which it is attacking. You may recall that you had asked whether it was possible to observe such processes at this level. We often get a great deal of information by indirect methods from which we draw mental models that resemble this photograph. But in this case we are lucky enough to actually observe the process in flagrante delecto with the help of the electron microscope.

I have been only partially successful in finding other explanatory material, namely there is an excellent booklet enclosed: but it is in English. I will continue to look for French language material of the same kind, and bring it to your attention if this is discovered. The only further suggestion that is immediately obvious is to look at the monthly journal Recherche which is published in Paris and which has occasional articles that deal with cell biology. However, they are rather technical and I just do not, at the moment, know of more suitable alternatives.

Finally, my wife Marguerite has asked me to respond to your suggestion with the enclosed visiting card. We would, of course, be delighted to have the opportunity to continue our discussions in a more informal vein than was possible during your official visit.

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It was most gratifying to meet Albert and yourself,  
and I speak both for the institution, and from our own  
hearts, in renewing our welcome to you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Joshua Lederberg

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*Lab. of P. Chappin - report*

*Res. Profile*

*Inside the Cell*

*Photograph of P. Chappin*

*Newsmag article - insert of Heron cell*

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