Dr. J. Lederberg
Department of Genetics
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

June 1, 1950

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We are pleased to inform you that Allen G. Marr has applied for a pre-doctorate Research Fellowship from the Public Health Service for research studies in bacteriology under the sponsorship of Dr. J. B. Wilson. He has given your name as a reference.

From its inception, the Research Fellowship program has had as its major aim the support of promising young investigators in the medical and allied sciences. It has been our belief that through this program a substantial increase in the number of highly qualified scientific research workers would arise who would later be leaders in their chosen fields. All Research Fellowship applications are selected in the face of severe competition of national proportions.

The Fellowship Boards will be greatly interested in your opinion of the candidate's qualifications in the following categories:

(1) Research ability and promise of future research development;
(2) Originality of ideas;
(3) Adequacy of the applicant's professional background;
(4) Personality as a factor significantly influencing research promise;
(5) Any pertinent facts concerning the applicant that, in your opinion, will aid the Boards in forming their decisions.
(6) On the basis of your knowledge of the character and loyalty of the individual to the Government of the United States, do you recommend the applicant for a Research Fellowship from the Public Health Service?

We appreciate your cooperation and kind indulgence in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick L. Stone, Ph. D.
Chief, Research Fellowships Branch
Division of Research Grants and Fellowships