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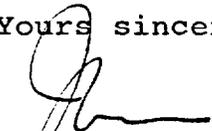
Professor Stanford Moore
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Dear Stan:

As we had a brief opportunity to discuss before, the development of defensive measures (prophylaxis and anti-dotes) for organo phosphate cholinesterase inhibitors has become a matter of high priority for national security. The appropriate offices recognize that this is a very difficult task, which will require far more fundamental knowledge about the biology of cholinergic transmission than is now available. I thought it would take longer than it has; but I'm now informed that the Army Research Office already has substantial funds which can (and indeed must) be allocated on fairly short notice to deal with some of these very fundamental issues. In particular the detailed structure of acetylcholinesterase is a matter of high priority; and I am sure that they would be very receptive indeed to funding a research proposal from you if you would be interested in assuming such a responsibility.

If you have any interest I would be glad to discuss it with you further; alternatively you can call Dr. Shirley Tove as indicated in the enclosure: I had a brief opportunity to discuss the background of this already. Time is, however, of the essence.

Yours sincerely,



Joshua Lederberg

Encl.