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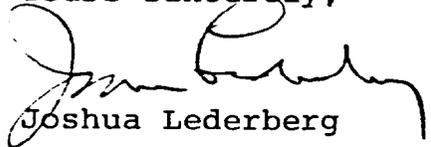
Professor Kao Shang Yin  
Wuhan University  
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Dear Dr. Kao:

It was so thoughtful of you to write to me on the very date of my coming into this office. Having very much enjoyed our discussions at Stanford, I would certainly look forward to the opportunity to meet you again, especially knowing your warm recollections of your earlier relationships to The Rockefeller University.

Together with a number of my colleagues here, we are certainly eager to do everything possible that would facilitate effective scientific relationships between workers here and in your own country. For example, Dr. Norton Zinder is Chairman of a committee of the Genetic Society of America having exactly that purpose.

If you have any suggestions about concrete steps that we can take that would be of any benefit to that end, I hope you will not hesitate to suggest them. Conversely, it had occurred to me that it would be important to know how to identify centers of special interest with respect to particular research topics. Besides the difficulty of keeping up with all of the scientific literature from Chinese universities, there is the problem of locating particular individuals who may have moved since publications first appeared. I hope that I may call upon you in future to be a reference source for such information when particular circumstances arise. Of course, I would be more than happy to reciprocate.

Yours sincerely,  
  
Joshua Lederberg

cc: Dr. Norton Zinder

Note: Dr. Kao is a virologist who worked with Wendell Stanley awhile ago.

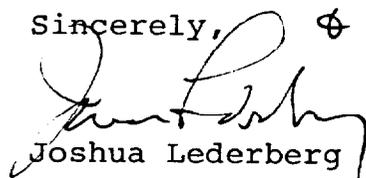
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Finally, we do not have the facilities to accommodate a large number of visitors at any time. For all of these reasons, I would ask that you formulate specific programs and nominate particular individuals, and then we will assist in considering whether the next steps should be on our campus, at another institution, or in a larger framework of Chinese-U.S. cooperation.

Under separate cover, I am mailing copies of our current catalogue and a recent report on the research in progress among our laboratories. We would appreciate receiving comparable material on Wuhan University so that members of our faculty could learn about potential opportunities there.

Sincerely,

*& best wishes*  
  
Joshua Lederberg

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