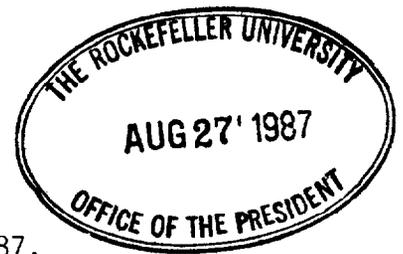


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President Joshua Lederberg,  
Rockefeller University,  
66 St. and York Ave.,  
New York, NY.

Dear Josh,

If you can spare the time I would be very grateful for your comments and suggestions concerning both the topics and the authors proposed in the enclosed description of a project to be sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. It would be most helpful to have your reply by Sept. 15, since I leave the country for two months before the end of the month. ✓

In addition, you will note that I have ~~you~~ suggested you as an author for a topic. My outline was drafted to try to convince a committee that there are ideas worth supporting in this area, but not to tell authors what to write; in particular, I did not have you in mind in drafting the section where I added your name, but would rather ask whether you see in the whole project a topic that you would like to carve out for yourself.

Finally, the Academy would have to apply for funds to pay for this project, and I presume the amount required would be increased if we are to pursue the goal of publishing the product in both an issue of Daedalus and a hard-cover book. I would be grateful for your suggestions about funding. I have been in touch with Howard Schneiderman in the past year in connection with the obstacles to field-testing engineered bacteria, and I suspect Monsanto might be interested in supporting an enterprise that so closely parallels their efforts at public education in this area. I would hope Howard could also encourage some other industries to help us. But to minimize accusations of bias it seems important to include other sources.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernard D. Davis".

Bernard D. Davis  
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