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Mr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

We want to publish a volume of writings by Nobel Laureates in which they express their thoughts on the motivations, the adversities, and the philosophies which made possible their universally recognized achievements possible. We feel a book of this nature will be unique, and will offer guidance and inspiration to the many who possess talent and capacity, yet lack the type of vision and resolve which catalyzed your abilities and led to superlative achievements.

More specifically, we think people would be interested in the human side of your experience: How you persevered in exploring the frontiers of knowledge; how you overcame discouragement or the lack of encouragement; how you tapped into the inner drive which is the prerequisite of any successful undertaking.

What we would like from you are your reflections on your work and success, in whatever form and at whatever length you find appropriate. The ideal length of each essay would be from 4,000-5,000 words, but we realize that the determination of such a detail lies in large part with the writer. We intend to leave control of content in the hands of the contributors, and plan to donate the original manuscripts, following publication, to a major college library. ✓

There also exists the possibility that a Laureate Scholarship fund might be established from some portion of the royalties. In this matter, of course, we must await the opinions of the contributors.

If an undertaking of this nature appeals to you, we ask that you contact us, so that we may begin to work with you and your other fellow Laureates to produce a work and a program of quality and benefit. We ask only that you consider this idea, and if you have any questions, that you write to us for clarification. We are convinced of the ultimate success of this venture, and we hope that you will give us your personal statement for inclusion in this book.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wyman N. Bravard".

Wyman Bravard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nobel Pr" with a checkmark to its right.

Handwritten initials "na" in cursive script, underlined.