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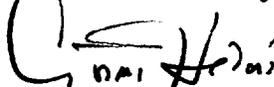
Prof. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Prof. Lederberg:

After receiving your last letter I wrote to Prof. V. D. Timakov who is the chairman of the microbiology session of the SSSR Medical Sciences Academy in Russia to sound him out on the prospects of a round-table discussion on problems of space-microbiology. I have now received his answer dated April 28 where he states "The question raised by Prof. Joshua Lederberg inadvertent contaminations of the moon and planets is not quite clear for me, but general aspects of microbiological research of space might be useful for a closed discussion. I hope that I and my colleague Professor Zhdanov should be able to participate in this discussion, however we cannot give now certain proposals."

I think this looks promising and suggest that you go ahead with your plans. I will be able to provide a room for two 2-hours sessions (Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th). This should give the possibility to prepare a recommendation for IAMS' Wednesday meeting. Perhaps you should also contact Prof. Timakov (chairman Vsesojuznoje Opschthesto mikrobiologov epidemiologov i infekcionistov, The SSSR Medical Sciences Academy, Soljanka 14, Moscow.)

Yours sincerely,



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