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To Dean Alway

Dear Bob:

Herewith the last installment of grant applications for pending deadlines: this one is the rest of the material for the training grant to NIH. You already have the first two (formal, fiscal) sheets. The final deadline for receipt on this is December 1; it will do no harm at all if it can go in earlier.

The main formality I can think of is the amount stipulated for tuition; I put down the current general rate for four quarters— but the university may have negotiated a specific agreement.

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The executive secretary for the training grant study ~~needs~~ may send you some additional blank forms for your use in case some serious revisions are necessary. I am sure Lyle Cook must have some blank continuation sheets to use if any other pages have to be retyped, and I am sure, in fact, that these could be used in place of any of the printed forms by typing in the relevant text.

Mainly on account of the space arrangements here in the old Genetics building the secretarial work is not too well organized, but I don't think the indifferent typography on the applications will hurt their chances any.

I am beginning to have some qualms about the size of the ~~ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION~~ ~~about~~ the program, and its staff, and the time it will take to administer. However, if we are lucky to get it on a sound financial footing, and if I am not pressed to fill the vacancies until just the right people turn up, and in the right mood, it should work out all right. For example, Jim Crow and Avrion Mitchison may both be ripe about 18 months from now, and the same might be true of Willys Silvers. If I can get men like these as associates, administration will be ~~now~~ <sup>by</sup> no means suspending the search meanwhile; however, I am hopeful I don't have to be frantic about it. I am also keeping my eyes wide open for an 'administrative assistant', perhaps someone who might be shared with Art Kornberg. (If we are furnishing apt case material for Parkinson's law, perhaps it might be best to admit that this is a law, and one that's pretty hard to buck, //: at least, the more people we have to deal with, the more help we need to do the job, and so it goes!)

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As ever,  
*Joshua Lederberg*  
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P.S. Thanks very much for your telegram. I've meant to reply to it (and some few others) from Stockholm but that won't be till December 10. I'm sure Stanford must be particularly gratified a/c Beadle and Tatum. PPS— I am vain enough to be at least amused by the awful picture that was sent out over the press wires; to forestall this happening from your office I will send some rather better (and I hope more characteristic) prints that the UW News Service made up more recently.)

*P.S. further: I assume that the program will come from Wilton to Johnson's office. It means he has been doing the book he can give my father of September 22. Amidst other responsibilities. Without disturbing him will you verify that he has received those plans? (This is just the best thing that motivates my money out there.)*

*item (4) of my letter of Oct. 29*