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Dear Dr. Waksman:

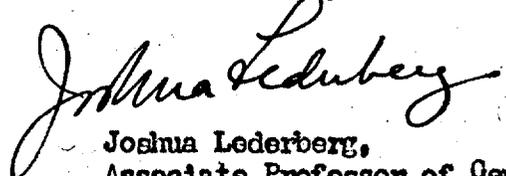
Thank you for your letter of November 4. As I had indicated in my previous letters, I was looking forward to finding an opportunity during this coming spring to visit your department.

I am happy to accept your invitation to participate in the symposium "Frontiers in Microbiology." I hope, however, that your invitation does not request that I speak on the subject of actinomycete genetics, as I do not feel that our work on this subject has progressed to the point where it should be publicly exposed. If it would be appropriate to the general makeup of your symposium, however, I would be more than happy to deal with the general role that genetics is likely to play in the further development of microbiology. If, as may very well be the case, however, you have several other speakers in mind on the subject of bacterial genetics, it might be more appropriate for me to confine my remarks somewhat to our particular work on genetic recombination in microorganisms.

I will look forward to hearing from you at a later date as to the makeup of this symposium so that I may more accurately plan my contribution.

I am looking forward to meeting you and having the opportunity to discuss with you several topics of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,



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