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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am delighted to hear from Dr. Hugh Dryden that you have decided to transfer from the Botany to the Biochemistry Section of the National Academy of Sciences. Naturally you will be very welcome among the biochemists, and I hope that we will make you feel at home.

I enclose some material for your information about the two ballots which have already been taken this fall among the members of the Biochemistry Section. In the first Caucus Ballot we considered 14 candidates, and as a result of the vote then taken the list was narrowed to 7 candidates in the Informal Ballot, plus Michael Doudoroff who has been proposed as an inter-sectional nominee by members of the Biochemistry and Botany Sections.

I am now preparing a statement which is to be sent out with the Formal Ballot; this will probably go out to all members of the Section about the end of this week.

I enclose copies of the biographical material and selected lists of bibliographies for the candidates who are now under consideration in the Informal and Formal Ballots.

I hope I have provided you with all the material which is likely to be useful for you as a member of the Section, now and in the immediate future. I may have easily overlooked something, however, and I do hope you will tell me if you are lacking in some kind of information that you would like to have.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*John Edsall*

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